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W. C. T. U. OBJECTS TO SPECIAL FUNDS

Believes Regular Appropriation is Sufficient to Provide for Adequate Enforcement of Prohibition Law and All Others.

For some time past there has been some difference of opinion between representatives of the W. C. T. U. and District Attorney Robert D. Lytle relative to the best method to secure a 100 per cent enforcement of the prohibition statute. The district attorney expressed his belief in a letter to the officials of the W. C. T. U. that a special fund was needed but the women of the organization apparently do not think so.

This difference of opinion is set forth in the following correspondence which passed between them. The first letter was written by Mr. Lytle as follows:

"Mrs. C. E. Bingham, Ontario, Oregon:—Dear Mrs. Bingham:—I was in Ontario yesterday and called your residence hoping that I might have a talk with you but was informed that you were out.

"Mr. Noe and I, for the past year, have been using every effort and facility of our officers to enforce the Prohibition Statute, but, as you no doubt know, we are greatly handicapped because we have no funds with which to work. In spite of that difficulty in the year 1921 we had some thirty-four or five convictions for violation of the Prohibition Statute, collecting some twenty-five or twenty-six hundred dollars in fines and in almost every instance required the person, convicted to serve a jail sentence. I have endeavored to prevail upon the county court to set aside a fund to be used in enforcement of this statute but with so many unpaid taxes on the tax roll the county has been reluctant to spend any money except for the usual expenses of the county. I am, however, convinced that if the county court could be shown that it is the will of the taxpayers that some money be appropriated for this purpose the court would, in that event, quite willingly make the appropriation.

"The grand jury, in the January term, recommended to the court that it set aside a thousand dollars to be used by the District Attorney and the sheriff in the enforcement of the Prohibition Statute, and I am convinced that if you ladies, either by petition or resolution, should signify to the court your desire for the appropriation of this money for the purpose mentioned we could get that sum set aside to aid in the prosecution of offenders.

"Will you not take this up with your associates and ascertain as to whether or not some action can be taken?"

"Assuring you of my desire to strictly enforce the prohibition as well as other criminal statutes in the state and that I, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, have used every effort tending toward such enforcement. I am, very truly yours, Robt. D. Lytle, District Attorney."

To this letter a committee of the W. C. T. U. replied as follows:

"Mr. Robt. D. Lytle, Vale, Oregon: Dear Sir:—Answering your letter of Jan. 25, 1922, in relation to your request for a resolution or petition of the W. C. T. U. of this county to be addressed to the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, asking that court to appropriate \$1000.00 of the public moneys of this county, the same to be placed at your disposal to be used in enforcing the prohibition laws of this state, and having duly considered your said letter and request the said organization believes that the enforcement of these laws should not have precedence over other criminal laws of the state and that these laws are no more difficult to enforce than the laws against horse stealing and other crimes, and that you have taken an oath to enforce, not only the prohibition statutes, but all criminal laws. We therefore think it is your duty in conjunction with the Sheriff of this county, to enforce all criminal statutes of the state without other compensation than you are receiving at this time and which compensation has been increased since you took your oath of office by the addition of liberal expense allowances and assistances.

There is another good and sufficient reason why this resolution should not be adopted by this organization and the County Court asked to appropriate this money and that is the one of precedent; should the County Court appropriate \$1000 for this purpose at this time, you will be the sole disbursing source thereof and the duties of your office would be passed to others, so far as diligence is concerned, and the accumulating effect of such a proceeding, when taken in connection with this and other criminal statutes is too great to be considered at this time when one-half of the tax payers are unable to pay their taxes and their homes and property are jeopardized and being taken from them. It is little beginnings that have placed the country in its present financial condition and an appropriation of \$1000 to be used as you propose has too great a possibility for this organization to approve its adoption and for the reasons stated we decline to become a party to your suggestions, but shall expect that you will justly and firmly enforce the prohibition laws as

MANY NEW ORCHARDS BEING PLANTED ON WILLOW CREEK

A. A. Reed and W. B. Eaton of Brogan, who were in Ontario last Saturday boosting Brogan's blossom festival, which takes place Saturday, declare that conditions in the Willow Creek valley are excellent and give promise of record breaking crops. Not only will there be a good crop, from all indications, but there will be many more acres given over to orchards.

"At least 100 or more acres have been set out to apple trees and other fruit trees," said Mr. Reed, "and the orchard men are very optimistic over prospects for this fall. The only orchards that today do not indicate record breaking crops are those which bore so heavily last year that the trees were weakened."

"We do not have many chances to entertain the rest of the people of the county, but right now the valley certainly looks fine, and we folk up Willow creek hope that all Ontario and all the folk in the Snake river valley will come to Brogan next Saturday—we will endeavor to make it worth while," declared both visitors.

OFFICIALS ARREST BOOTLEGGERS AT VALE

Search of Premises Discloses Up-to-Date Still and Much Homebrew

Last Wednesday evening Sheriff H. Lee Noe and Deputy Sheriff Glenn paid a visit to the L. J. Hadley place near Vale where they had suspicions that a still was being operated. Upon entering a cave upon the premises they discovered an electrically equipped still in operation and a quantity of home brew and wine on hand, as well as a preparation of mash ready for distilling.

Mr. Hadley was placed under arrest and brought before Justice Percy Purvis of Grange District. He pleaded guilty of manufacturing liquor and was given a fine of \$300 and a suspended sentence of 30 days.

ROAD OVER BEN DIER IS OPEN FOR TRAVEL

H. W. Tilton Starts Shearing Plant at Beulah—Stockmen Optimistic Over Improved Conditions

Advice from Beulah this week reports that the road to Burns via Beulah and over Ben Dier mountain are at last in condition for travel and that a number of cars have already made the trip.

Another indication of spring-like conditions in that section is the report that H. W. Tilton has opened this shearing plant for operations. The plant started its first clip on May 6 and is now busy separating the sheep from their 35 cent wool and adding to the joys of the stockmen who are elated over the advance in wool prices.

REID-TURNER

As the culmination of a romance which began when the parties were attending the Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis, a pretty wedding was held at the St. James Episcopal Church of Payette Sunday April 7th, at 1 o'clock when Miss Marjorie Turner of Ontario became the bride of Ralph Reid of Portland.

Miss Turner is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turner of Ontario. She is a high school graduate and spent two years in the Oregon Agricultural College where she met Mr. Reid. During the past winter Miss Turner was employed as bookkeeper with the Malheur Home Telephone Co.

Ralph Reid is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reid of Portland. He is a graduate of the Chemical Engineering course of the O. A. C., graduating in 1921 and belongs to the Sigma Tau National Honorary Engineering association. Mr. Reid is at present connected with the Long Bell Lumber Co. of Kelo, Washington where they will make their home until fall at which time Mr. Reid will enter the Massachusetts Technical School at Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid left Sunday afternoon for a short visit in Portland before going to their home in Kelo.

well as all other criminal laws of the state, and thereby fulfill the obligations of your office and the promises you made this organization when you were seeking our support for your election.

W. C. T. U.

TOURIST BUREAU TO OPEN OFFICE HERE

M. E. Bain to Represent Oregon Tourist Bureau—Work to Be Done to Interest Visitors in Entire State

Ontario having been selected as the location of one of the six district offices of the Oregon State Tourist bureau by the directors, the office here will be open on June 1. E. M. Bain of this city, will be in charge of the office.

It was first intended that the office be opened on May 15, but owing to the late season and that the tourist travel has hardly started, the directors of the bureau postponed the opening for two weeks and will maintain it two weeks later in the fall.

Already there is a mass of state literature, maps and other interesting data on hand for the opening of the local office. Through Mr. Bain the tourist will be able to get data, not only on the condition of the highways in various sections of the state, but also on practically any industry in the state. The service here will not be for this section of the state only, but for the entire state.

The Commercial club has had a number of signs prepared directing attention to the tourist office here and directing the tourist how to locate it. Every effort will be made to facilitate travel for the tourist, to give him a proper welcome to the state and directing on the way he wants to go, so that when he leaves Oregon he will become a booster for the state, and if he decides to stay, to direct him to that section of the commonwealth which offers the best advantages for the particular field of activity he desires to enter.

Beside the office at Ontario the Tourist bureau will have offices at Ashland or Medford, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, and of course, at Portland. Sydney B. Vincent, manager of the state bureau is expected in Ontario prior to the opening of the office here.

NEAR EAST RELIEF CALLS FOR YOUR AID

Thousands of Children Will Die Unless America Aids—Ontario Has Its Share to Help—Will You Aid?

May 24th will be Bundle Day for Near East Relief throughout the United States. Last year America sent 1000 tons of clothing to the Near East. President Masanian of the Armenian Republic says that one-fifth of the present population of that section have been clothed in cast off American garments during the year. New clothing wears out fast enough, the supply of half worn garments is now completely exhausted. Numberless men, women and children are destitute of clothing and thousands have no covering whatever save the thinnest rags.

Inside the Near East Relief orphanages, much of the clothing is manufactured by the children themselves under the direction of the relief workers, but the majority of them, and almost the entire population of Armenia will have to dress in American second hand clothes again next year.

"With the exception of food there is no greater need than that of clothing," says J. J. Handsaker, State Director of Near East Relief, who traveled extensively in the Near East last summer. "Therefore I am asking the people of Oregon to respond to the appeal for warm clothing and shoes that comes to us from the Near East and Southeastern Russia."

It is planned that the appeal for spare clothing be spread in schools, churches, clubs and lodges through speakers, illustrated circulars, motion pictures and the press, that every organized group in the state may have opportunity to make collection of clothes, and that it also be presented to clothing concerns whose shelves and store rooms may be cleared of shop worn garments that are too poor or out of date to sell and too good to throw away.

Miss Mary Bervin returned home this week from Beulah where she taught school the past winter.

BROGAN'S BLOSSOMS WILL DRAW THROGS

Picnic Parties From All Sections of County Contemplate Spending Saturday in the Orchards of Willow Creek

There will be a general exodus of Ontarians for Brogan on Saturday. With the weather perfect for picnic parties, the invitation of the Brogan folk has proven the one thing needed to spur those who just wanted an excuse to get away from town for a day—they will all be in Brogan Saturday.

Some of the men will not be able to spend all the day and evening in Brogan, for someone must take care of the business that comes to the city; but Ontario will be well represented in the gathering at the various events at Brogan, and everyone is counting on a big time, for that is what everyone has who goes to the festivities they have had in that section.

J. E. Phelan has been secured to barbecue the beef for the big picnic, and is preparing to feed an army, and that is undoubtedly the task he will be called on to perform.

CHALLENGE

To the would be and has been baseball players residing on the west side of Oregon Street in the city of Ontario, Oregon. Whereas it has been called to our attention that certain otherwise reasonably responsible and mentally competent business men conducting various lines of business on the west side of Oregon street have indicated that they possess mental skill and physical strength sufficient in quantity and quality to stage a "come back" on the baseball diamond, we; the busy merchants and professional men residing on the east side of said street hereby challenge you to cross bats on any field you select, date to be agreed upon, proceeds to go to the maintenance of an auto park, losing team to furnish refreshments and all beverages for the winning team. Batter up!

EAST SIDE COMMITTEE

ONTARIO WINS ANNUAL TRACK MEET AT VALE

Boys and Girls From Grade School Furnish Lion's Share of Points—Vale Second, Only Two Points Behind Winners

With weather conditions ideal, and before a large crowd, not of school boys and girls only, but many of their parents; Ontario was returned a winner in the annual county track meet at Vale last Friday. The margin on which Ontario won, was only two points and this in itself indicates the closeness of the contest. Vale was second.

The meet started in the morning and when noon time came the county seat boys and girls were leading Ontario by ten points. The excitement was intense as this margin was reduced and finally Ontario passed. It took a close check up of all the scores before the officials at Vale relinquished the silverware and let it come to Ontario. The cups are on display this week in the McCraith Hardware Store window.

Miss Viola Husted left Tuesday for Corvallis for a two weeks' visit and will attend Junior week end at the O. A. C. while there.

Mr. Frank Rader has been quite ill the past week with the "flu."

Mr. Donald McKenzie of Beulah is spending a few days visiting in Ontario.

Curtis Smith has gone to Jamieson where he has work.

Frank Scott of Westfall is visiting in Ontario this week.

Mrs. Paul Van Petten has been quite ill the past week.

Calvin Keller and Howard Griffin of Payette, were business visitors in Ontario last Tuesday.

Mrs. M. J. Neece is visiting in Wendell, Idaho, the guest of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin spent the first of the week in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrum and Miss Evelyn Schrum accompanied by Miss Gladys Franklin, motored to Emmett Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Cayou of Emmett, visited friends in Ontario Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Courtney returned last Tuesday from an extended visit in Baker City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Oakley of Boise, were guests of Mrs. N. O. Bedford over Sunday.

The Catholic Ladies Altar society will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. J. Gallagher.

BODY OF DROWNED BOY FOUND FIFTEEN MILES DOWN STREAM

The young man, Oliver Howland who was drowned in the waters of the Owyhee river April 21 while attempting to cross the river on a horse, was found this week fifteen miles below the place where his body was last seen. The body was brought to Ontario to the Peterson Chapel, and from there taken to Cambridge, Idaho for burial on Tuesday.

GIRLS CLUB ENJOYS HIKE

One of the most enjoyable events of the season of parties given by the Ontario Girls club was the hike and Weiner roast Tuesday evening. The girls met at the home of Mrs. W. L. Turner, after working hours attired in hiking clothes and equipped with a tin cup and spoon, with the new cement bridge on the Oregon Trail Highway, over the Malheur River as their destination. On the green and mossy bank of the Malheur a cheery bon fire was soon started over which weiners were roasted and coffee made. Then by the light of the moon, the whispering of the wind and the crackle of the fire, a number of startling, hair-raising and breath-taking tales were told. Members who were not present, indeed missed a wonderful time.

DR. R. A. MOON HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Early Monday Morning Fire Completely Destroys Residence of Dr. R. O. Moon in South-western Part of City

A blaze which was caused by the falling of the stove pipe after a fire had been made in the kitchen range, completely destroyed the home of Dr. R. O. Moon early Tuesday morning when Mr. Moon laid the fire and went out to milk. Mrs. Moon and little son were still in bed, when the smoke came pouring into the bedroom. Mrs. Moon ran out of the house and called her husband, in her excitement leaving the boy in bed, and had scarcely time to get the child out of the burning home thru a side window.

When the fire men reached the scene, which was only a matter of ten minutes from the time the alarm went out, the entire inside of the house and the roof was in flames, and nothing could be saved. The house was insured for \$1500, but the furniture was an entire loss, and only a few garments were saved.

Mr. Moon expects to erect a small garage on the back of the lot, in which they will live until arrangements can be made to build a new home.

PRODUCERS UNION TO ELECT OFFICERS

Territory Divided and Election of Directors Set for May 20th—150 Members in Ontario District

The organization committee and incorporators of the Idaho Producers Union, the new cooperative organization which is being formed to market head lettuce and potatoes, have divided the territory and set the date of May 20th for the election of one director for each district by the members residing in each. The districts which were decided upon are eight in number, being the Upper Snake River district with headquarters at Idaho Falls, the Southeast Idaho district with headquarters at Preston, Twin Falls district with headquarters at Twin Falls, the Nampa district with headquarters at Nampa, the Wilder district with headquarters at Wilder, the Ontario district (comprising all of Malheur county and Washington county in Idaho) with headquarters at Ontario, the Ada county district with headquarters at Eagle, and the Owyhee district with headquarters at Homedale.

The meeting to elect a director to represent the members of the Ontario district will be held at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, May 20th at Ontario. All lettuce and potato growers who have signed marketing agreements or will have done so prior to the hour of election will be entitled to one vote each. As there are about 150 members of the Union in the Ontario district, considerable interest will no doubt be taken in the selection of a representative. The conduct of the election will be in the hands of the following persons who have been elected community chairmen in the different locals: On lettuce, G. W. Lattig, O. E. Carman, M. L. Parsons, G. W. Dean, and Welser W. Claggett, W. L. Schafer, Jake Russell, J. L. Brown and Welser representatives.

L. R. Breathaupt, County Agent.

OLCOTT LOOKS LIKE SURE WINNER NOW

Efforts Being Made to Secure Withdrawal of Some of the Candidates—Fight Between Olcott and Hall With Patterson Close Third, Apparently.

Portland, May 10.—In contrast with the apathy which exists in Malheur county, for example, the political situation in Portland is fairly sizzling. Here the fight is a real battle, but the turning point has apparently been reached and everything will be anti-climax from now on.

Right now the Ku Klux Klan is making a last valiant effort to ward off defeat, which is now apparently upon them. Their hope is to save a rout.

The change in the situation has come in the past few days with the realization of a number of the candidates that they cannot win, their followers are now seeking new favorites and the indications are plain that the trend is strong now for Olcott. The governor's forces are being increased from every camp, save that of Hall, whose strength coming from the Ku Kluxers is of course unknown, due to the character of the organization. But it is sufficiently strong that the anti-Kluxers were worried badly early in the week and as the result have secured an amalgamation of some of the previously anti-Olcott forces, and thus centered the fight between Hall and Olcott. This practically means the nomination of the Governor.

It must be understood that much of the new strength which the Governor has received was not originally for him, but the Ku Klux debacle at Los Angeles has awakened the public to the danger of Ku Klux and the menace it would be to Oregon to have the inviolable "empire" ruling the destinies of the State. For that reason based on the principle of free government Olcott's election is deemed imperative. Whatever personal opinions one may have of the man his platform of "Americanism" is winning support from those who under other circumstances would have been for other candidates.

Efforts are now crystallizing to secure the withdrawal of one or two of the candidates who are admittedly now out of the race. Among these are Senator Louis E. Bean. His friends here realize that with the lines drawn as they are that he can not win and are going to ask him to release his friends from their pledges of support. If this is done Mr. Bean will probably not be asked to indicate whom he would bequeath his vote. All that is asked is that he release them, and let them make their choice. The belief is however that this support will go by a large majority to Olcott.

Senator Patterson's friends have not yet given up hope, but their protestation of strength is fathered by their hope for victory. Undoubtedly with the fight untrammelled by the menace of the Ku Kluxers Senator Patterson would if in the field alone against the Governor, be the favorite of many here who are now espousing the Olcott cause. One of these leaders said to the editor of the Argus today: "We know Olcott, we don't know what to expect of Hall, and Patterson has no chance now. Therefore we are for Olcott."

The Olcott situation demonstrates anew the old saying: "politics makes strange bed fellows." There are some of the strongest men in powerful and well known Protestant organizations, united with prominent Catholics to defeat Hall and his Ku Klux Klan. To Oregon's shame it must be candidly admitted that this issue is a religious one and the big men of the state, deploring that fact are united in an effort to teach the men who introduced it into the state a lesson that they will not forget. All this means Olcott.

Fithian Portland Favorite

In spite of the endorsement of Williams for the National Committeeman, it appears that O. L. Fithian is the Portland favorite for the position, especially with those who are not actively connected with any of the campaign headquarters. Fithian's fight for a new deal in Oregon politics is making its appeal, and that altogether with the oft repeated story that Williams as committeeman was not enthusiastic in support of R. A. Booth in his fight for the Senate, is adding to Fithian's strength every day. This fight, in many ways is overshadowing the governorship scrap and offers the possibility of marking a real crisis in party politics. At the present time, from this viewpoint, it looks as though Fithian will be the winner.

On Thursday, May 18 Mrs. Harrison's pupils will give the final recital of the season at the residence of Judge Dalton Biggs. Each student will be asked to sing and an elaborate program is being arranged. This recital is to be semi public, each student being allowed to invite two guests. A complete program will be published later.

Miss Florence Bach of Kingman Colony, visited Wednesday at the Franklin home, stopping off on her way to Emmett.