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ALL PARTISANS AT 'DRY' DEBATE

DR. WILSON AND COLONEL HOFFER DISCUSS PROPOSED PROHIBITION LAW

EVERY CHAIR IN HOUSE IS TAKEN

Loud Applause Greets Speakers on Both Sides as Points Are Made—Debate is Sixteenth Held in State

Saloon keepers, deacons, professional men, and laborers sat aside-by-side in the Willamette hall Monday night to hear Dr. Clarence True Wilson and Colonel E. Hoffer debate the prohibition amendment to the state constitution. Colonel Hoffer, who is a Salem newspaper man, took the negative side of the argument and Dr. Wilson, for years connected with Portland Methodist churches, debated the "dry" side.

Hall is Filled. Every chair in the hall was taken and many were forced to stand. The fact that both speakers received liberal applause whenever they made a point showed that the audience was composed of believers in both sides of the question. The debate was the sixteenth which the two men have made on the prohibition question and each declared near the close of his talk that the discussion was by far the warmest and best which had yet been staged by his opponent. W. S. U'Ren acted as chairman.

The two debaters used opposite methods of presenting their arguments. Dr. Wilson during the greater part of the time he spent in talking, was more serious than Colonel Hoffer although toward the last of his rebuttal he brought down the house several times with appropriate stories. Colonel Hoffer kept his audience in a state of keen attention and by sudden and clever remarks which at times grew slightly personal in their nature, kept up interest to the last.

Hop Argument Used. Colonel Hoffer based a large part of his argument on the alleged destruction of the hop industry in the state. "In Oregon 50,000 people are employed each year in the hop fields. Fifty thousand men, women and children earn money each and every year by caring for and picking the hop crop in this state alone. Oregon is the natural place for hops; soil, climate, and every other condition help make this commonwealth an ideal place to plant and harvest this crop and now the prohibitionists would destroy it. They would wipe away an industry which employs 50,000 persons each year and cry that they are benefiting the working man at the same time."

"I will put your drinking man up against your dry man any day in the week and I will put up your drinking friend's family up against your prohibition man's family any old time you wish. The people who are standing off the combined forces of Europe are drinking men."

Prohibition Found Wanting. "Prohibition has been tried out in many states in the country and in many counties in Oregon. I was in Ohio when that state went dry and I saw that state go wet again after the prohibition plan had been tried out and proven to be a failure. Texas turned a majority here recently of 50,000 votes against prohibition, that do you? There are now eight dry states in the union and that is only a small part of those who have tried it out. There are now three dry counties in Oregon which are dry while only a couple of years ago there were two dozen."

"Kansas is the pet state of the drays. The prohibitionists and Mr. Wilson's secretary can make more statistics about Kansas than any of you or I could figure out in a month. In Kansas they harvest a crop once in three years and then when they do get a crop they are unable to harvest it because they haven't got the laborers. We in Oregon do not want to copy after such a freak state as Kansas."

Wilson Answers Opponent. Dr. Wilson began his talk by answering several of the arguments of Colonel Hoffer. "Prohibition will not injure the Oregon hop industry or the Oregon hop growers. The hop growing counties are dry and the hop farmers will vote dry for it is only the brewers and saloon men who are lacking the hop association. The argument that prohibition will injure the hop business is only the best argument that the wets could find in their weak side of the case."

"I lived in Topeka, Kan., for the greater part of the last two years, and I have had a chance to study the prohibition as it actually is worked out in that state. Less than three gallons of liquor is consumed per capita in that state against 23 and 3-4 in Wisconsin which shows that prohibition does come near prohibiting. During the two years I was in Kansas I saw one drunken man and he was staggering up town from the depot. Colonel Hoffer cannot show me one town in the United States which has saloons and which can go two years with one drunken man. Recently when in Salem, I met a man who introduced himself as 'The day police man' and I realized that in that growing town they had two men on the police force, one for the day and the other for night."

"Saloons Keep up Jails." "Saloons keep up our jails, our insane asylums, our reform schools, our police systems, and our penitentiaries. All the people are taxed so that these institutions may be maintained for the drunkard. In Oregon, a wet state, the tax rate is 27 mills and in Kansas an even 10 mills. Yet Colonel Hoffer will tell you that prohibition raises taxes. "My opponent asks me to explain to you why many of the states and counties (Continued on Page 3).

COUNTY COURT GOES OVER W. V. S. WORK

GRADE CROSSINGS ARE ARRANGED—COUNTY ROAD TO BE CHANGED

County Judge Anderson and Commissioners Smith and Mattoon went over a large part of the right-of-way of the Willamette Valley Southern Friday afternoon to view several places where the new road will cross the county road. The three were emphatic in their praise of the way the new line is being constructed.

The Molalla road is crossed several times and in the Beaver Creek district near the farm of R. B. Beatie a change will be made in the county road so as to cut down the number of crossings. The court met in an adjourned session Friday morning and let contracts for the construction of bridges across Milk Creek and the north fork of the Clackamas to Ed Olds for \$1500. The structures are to be of the Howe truss type.

SAFETY RAZOR IS USED BY SUICIDE

TRAVELING MAN TAKES OWN LIFE AT MT. HOOD SUMMER RESORT SUNDAY

LOSS OF JOB THOUGHT TO BE CAUSE

F. J. Williams Was Coast Representative of Keystone Varnish Company of Brooklyn—Funeral Tuesday

Coroner W. J. Wilson returned late Monday from Aschoff where he held an inquest over the body of F. J. Williams, who committed suicide at 4:20 Sunday afternoon, by cutting his throat with the blade of a safety razor. Despondency is thought to have been the cause of his act.

Williams was employed as the coast representative of the Keystone Varnish company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and about a week ago lost his position because of his excessive use of liquor. He was a member of the United Commercial Travelers of 184 Second street, Portland.

He came to Aschoff hotel Saturday noon and rented a room. Sunday afternoon he wandered off in the orchard near the hotel and behind a screen of tall grass committed suicide. First he cut his wrist and then his throat. He was found about 15 minutes after death.

Coroner Wilson was notified Sunday night and arrived at Aschoff about midnight. The inquest was held Monday and the verdict of the jury was suicide.

From papers found on the body it was learned that Williams has a brother in New York, and Monday Coroner Wilson sent a telegram but no reply has been received. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon under the direction of the Timms Cress company, of Portland.

SECOND RAILROAD DAY PLANNED AT MOLALLA

The second big railway celebration at Molalla in a year will be held about October 1, when the Willamette Valley Southern hits that town.

Much of the grading has already been done on each end of the line, and work is progressing between Molalla and Liberal. Construction work will be started Monday on the road south and west of Molalla toward Mount Angel.

The opening of this road is expected to give another impetus to the growth of Molalla. About a year ago the P. E. & E. railway opened there and about 6000 people came in on special trains to participate.

HITCHING POSTS TO BE COMPLETED SOON

WORK BEING DONE UNDER SUPERVISION OF COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRADE

The Eleventh street hitching posts are nearing completion and will be ready for use the first part of next month.

The platform has been raised so that the lower portion is level and heavy plank have been laid to be used as standing places for horses. A shed will be built at the lower part of the platform to be used as a rest room and drinking fountains for both persons and horses will be installed near the Busch store. When completed the hitching posts will accommodate about 25 teams.

The work is being done under the supervision of a joint-committee from the Board of Trade and the city council and the business men's organization and the city will share the expense.

TAXES DELINQUENT AFTER AUGUST 31

ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS REMAIN IN WHICH TO SETTLE ACCOUNT WITH COUNTY

\$175,000 STILL OUTSTANDING HERE

Ten Per Cent Penalty Will be Added After September 1—Treasurer Tufts is in Doubt Regarding Law

Only a few days remain in which to pay taxes before they become delinquent and a penalty of 10 per cent is added. Taxes which remain to be collected in Clackamas county total about \$175,000, according to County Treasurer Tufts. Taxes become delinquent September 1 and all accounts which are not paid by 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, August 31, will be subject to an added penalty of 10 per cent.

Treasurer Tufts believes that between now and the end of the month the greater part of the \$175,000 unpaid taxes will be paid so that the amount left on the books will be comparatively small September 1. The total amount of taxes levied in Clackamas county is \$840,000 of which about \$665,000 has been collected. A large part of this amount has been turned over to the state as the county's share in the state taxes.

Treasurer Tufts has collected the one per cent a month penalty since April 1 as is required by the new tax law. Ten per cent will be added for taxes paid on and after September 1 and the usual 12 per cent interest charged.

Multnomah, Lane and several other counties have not collected the one per cent a month penalty because of injunctions which have been issued from the circuit court. In Clackamas county there was no injunction secured and if the clause of the law is declared void, County Treasurer Tufts said Thursday evening that it would be necessary to make a refund to every payment made since April 1. In some cases the amount is only a few cents while in others it is a large sum. Mr. Tufts believes that if the law is ruled out no refund could be made unless each taxpayer present a bill to the county court.

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SLIGHT RAIN AIDS IN QUENCHING FIRES

With a sudden drop in the temperature and slight rains in several sections of the country, all the timber fires are now under control and it is believed by those in charge of the work that within about a week all will have been extinguished. There are four fires burning.

The four are: The one south of Cascade Locks from which it is believed the Sidney-Smith Lumber mill caught; the one southeast of Estacada, on the north fork of the Clackamas river; the one east of Scott's Mills, in Clackamas and Marion counties, and the one in Linn county, northeast of Foster.

On the fire near Estacada there are still 50 men at work and there are about double that number checking the flames near the Cascade Locks. The other fires are being prevented from spreading by about an equal number of men.

WARRANT FOR MURRAY

A warrant was issued Thursday for the arrest of Pat Murray for using vile language Wednesday night on Main street.

WILL THERE BE A SECOND BATTLE OF WATERLOO?

WORLD WAITS FOR GREAT CONFLICT IN BELGIUM



THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

This picture is from a painting of the famous battle of Waterloo, one of the greatest conflicts in the history of the world. This great battle was fought between the English and their allies under the Duke of Wellington against Napoleon and his French troops on June 18, 1815. Will there be a second battle of Waterloo nearly a century after the defeat of Napoleon? Waterloo is situated nine miles south-southeast of Brussels. It is possible that the Germans will fight there or near it against the French and their allies.

RUSH TO PAY TAXES EXPECTED BY TUFTS

COUNTY TREASURER BELIEVES OVER \$50,000 WILL BE PAID IN NEXT WEEK

Over \$150,000 in unpaid taxes are on the tax books of Clackamas county, but County Treasurer Tufts believes that before the 10 per cent additional penalty becomes due September 1, the amount of taxes unpaid will be reduced below \$100,000. The rush to the courthouse to settle tax accounts will be made Saturday and Monday, according to the opinion of Mr. Tufts.

On taxes paid this month the interest charged is 5 per cent and many taxpayers complain. They base their arguments on the statement that no such interest is charged in Multnomah county and should not be charged in Clackamas county. In speaking of this Mr. Tufts said: "Multnomah county has been enjoined from collecting the interest but there is nothing to prevent Clackamas county from doing so. Until there is a court order, I must abide by the law which plainly says that the interest must be charged. The attorney general backs up my stand and I am waiting for a suit to be filed to stop the collection of interest."

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company is the heaviest taxpayer in Clackamas county. This big concern has paid half of its 1913 taxes, but the other half, about \$75,000, is unpaid. If interest is paid on this amount it would be raised about \$4000.

E. S. McCORMICK MADE SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

NEW AUTHORITY WILL HAVE CHARGE OF EASTERN CLACKAMAS DISTRICT

E. S. McCormick, of Eugene, is the new Clackamas county school supervisor to take the place of S. M. Lovelace who recently resigned. He was elected at a special meeting of the county school board Monday. Mr. McCormick will have charge of the schools in eastern Clackamas. Last year the work was done by N. H. James who has accepted the principalship of the Silverton schools. Mr. Lovelace was chosen late in the spring to take Mr. James' place but he was forced to resign owing to the illness of his wife.

Mr. McCormick is a man of many years' experience in school work. Last year he was principal of the Coberg school in Lane county and before that time was connected with Kansas schools. For a part of the time he while he was in the middle western states, Mr. McCormick was county superintendent and for a time a city superintendent.

A principalship of a California school will be resigned by Mr. McCormick who desired to stay in Oregon. The supervisor-elect has not appeared before the local county officials in person but Superintendent Calavan telegraphed Mr. McCormick word of his election Monday evening.

SEPTEMBER 19, TEST DAY

The examination day for the high school has been set at September 19 by City Superintendent Tooze. Pupils who are to take special examinations for entrance in the freshman class as well as those who were prevented from taking the regular tests last spring are expected to see Superintendent Tooze between now and that date to make arrangements for the examination.

SUES FOR NOTE

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FRANCHISE GIVEN FOR POWER LINE

P. R. L. & P. AND COUNTY COURT REACH AGREEMENT OVER TWO PROJECTS

NEW BARTON SPUR WILL BE RUSHED

Right-of-Way for Line of Poles Extends From River Mill to the First Substation of the W. V. S.

As a result of an agreement reached Saturday between the county court and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company the electric company has granted a franchise to the electric company for a power line from River Mill to Beaver Creek and the company will rush the work on the spur to the Barton gravel pit.

The power line from River Mill to Beaver Creek will be used to supply the Willamette Valley Southern when that road is electrified early next year. The local road has signed a contract with the Portland electrical company in exchange for certain privileges to use the power generated at the plant on the upper Clackamas river.

The first substation of the Willamette Valley Southern will be located at Beaver Creek and the second at Monitor. If the plans of the officials of the road to Mt. Angel mature the line will be completed or near that town by the fall and at least partially electrified by early next year.

The distance from River Mill to Beaver Creek is about ten miles and for a half of that distance the right-of-way is on the county road. The franchise covers the usual points regarding the placing of poles and the stringing of wires.

The action of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in offering to complete the Barton spur follows a delay of months. The Barton gravel plant was completed several weeks ago but only wagons and automobile trucks could reach the pit. A spur, leading from the Estacada line to a short distance of the pit, was built several years ago and the court attempted to secure the use of it but definite action was postponed from time to time until the franchise came up when they offered to rush repairs on the spur and extend it to secure the franchise.

ARDENWALD HOUSE ROBBED IN DAYTIME

Another one of the now common daylight robberies was committed in Clackamas county last Wednesday when the home of O. G. Walker at Ardenwald was entered between 3 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon and articles valued at several hundred dollars were taken. The case was reported to Sheriff Mass Friday and notices sent to sheriffs and chiefs of police through Oregon and Washington.

The list of articles taken is long and for the most part consists of jewelry. Included in the loot are two gold watches, a silver watch, several gold pins, rings and chains and a large amount of less valuable articles. There was no trace left which would lead to the identification of the robbers.

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SKULL FRACTURED; MAN IS FOUND IN HIS BED

FAKE NEWS GIVES SHOCK

Always ready to jump at conclusions, the Portland Journal broke into print Wednesday evening with the startling announcement that Mrs. Bernier had been arrested by Sheriff Mass about noon, and was held for an investigation. Such is absolutely not the case. Mrs. Bernier has not been arrested, in fact the officials saw her only early in the morning and then for only a short time. Mrs. Bernier spent almost all afternoon at her home and with relatives in Portland while the sheriff and Attorney Hicks were in Portland almost all day. There was a rumor in Oregon City Wednesday morning that Mrs. Bernier might be arrested and the Journal jumped at the chance to announce it, without waiting for the arrest to be made; without even verifying the report. It is needless to say that the story greatly increased the sorrow which hangs over the Bernier home and that many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bernier were deeply grieved to read that she had been "arrested" and was held pending developments in her husband's condition.

BEST PRODUCTS IN COUNTY GATHERED

EXHIBITS FOR CANBY FAIR ARE OF RECORD SIZE AND VALUE

12-FOOT CORN IS ON THE LIST

Publicity Department Looks Like Barn With "Biggest" Products in County Crowning Every Corner

Products of the farm such as would startle the most ardent Clackamas county booster are being gathered by O. E. Freytag, publicity manager of the Commercial club, for the county and state fair. Corn, twelve feet high; wheat which stands seven feet; and oats which will go over one hundred bushels to the acre are being gathered in the little building just south of the postoffice.

Secretary Freytag's headquarters looks more like a barn than the publicity building and through the windows the passerby can see giant corn, wheat, oats and fruit in large bottles, waiting for the shipment date. The exhibits will be sent to Canby about September 11 and the best of the collection sent on to Salem for the state fair later in the month. Then the Clackamas county exhibit will be returned to Oregon City to be prepared for the Panama Pacific exhibition next year.

The largest corn which Mr. Freytag has received is from Harvey E. Cross of Gladstone. It stands 12 feet high and the ears are of the proportion. O. A. Davis has sent in wheat which stands seven feet above the floor and takes the record for the collection although there are several other samples which near that mark. Alfred Merrick, of Clackamas, has donated oats which Mr. Freytag declares is the best he has ever seen and which will go over 100 bushels to the acre. In the displays of grasses and grains all dead straw must be carefully removed by hand and the grain tied into neat bunches. This work has been in progress for days at Secretary Freytag's office. Fruits are placed in large jars which contain a preparation.

CANBY FERRY READY BEFORE COUNTY FAIR

The ferry across the Willamette river at Canby will be in operation before fair time, if the plans of the business men of that town mature.

The ferry has been bought with money raised by popular subscription among the business men of Canby, and Saturday the county court ordered the road supervisors on the east side of the river to prepare the approach. The west side of the river in touch with Canby. The landing place on the west bank is almost ready for use now. The ferry will bring a large trade territory on

PROGRAM OUT

SANDY, Ore., Aug. 22.—The Sandy Fair association, which will be held October 2 and 3, has just issued the programme and premium list. Entries are to be in place by 9 a. m. of the opening day of the fair at the Oddfellows hall. All prizes will be paid in cash, including racing and athletic sports. The Sandy Boosters' band will furnish the music.

CHARLES BERNIER IS NEAR DEATH

TWO THEORIES, ACCIDENT AND ATTEMPTED MURDER, ARE ADVANCED

MUCH EVIDENCE BACKS BOTH BELIEFS

Sheriff Mass and Acting District Attorney Hicks Are Puzzled by Mysteries of Many-Sided Case

Attendants at the St Vincent hospital at an early hour Thursday morning announced that Mr. Bernier was still alive and resting easily. It was expected that he would live at least through the night although the attendant was unable to say whether or not his chance for life had improved. At no time up until after midnight did he recover enough to make any statement.

Mrs. Bernier is not guilty of assaulting her husband and inflicting injuries which may cause his death in the opinion of Sheriff Mass and District Attorney Hicks who completed a thorough examination of the house Thursday morning. In their opinion, Mr. Bernier was hurt by falling through the P. R. L. & P. trestle.

It was found that his watch stopped at 9:45 o'clock and that there is a large dent in his back. A small piece of his pipe stem was also located a few feet from the largest blood spot by Chief of Police Shaw and traces of dark gray hair was found on the rocks. The hat which was located Wednesday afternoon under the trestle has been identified as belonging to Mr. Bernier as has the pipe and bloody handkerchief.

The house was locked up yesterday when Mr. Bernier was taken to Portland and early today Sheriff Mass made a thorough search. Several small drops of blood, which were easily seen on the high carpet of the living room led from the side door to the lounge where the wife claims he was found.

Two theories, one of accident and the other murder, each backed by apparently strong evidence and each possible, were presented Wednesday night by the officials to solve the mystery which surrounds the serious injuries of Charles Bernier which were inflicted sometime early Wednesday morning or late Tuesday night.

At the present time Mr. Bernier is at the St. Vincent hospital in Portland under the care of Dr. Strickland and Dr. Sternberg and Dr. Strickland. An operation was performed Wednesday morning at the Portland hospital and the patient has not rallied sufficiently since that time to make any statement concerning the injury. He was found by his wife on the couch on the lower floor, according to Mrs. Bernier's story and first seen by neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Surber, between 6 and 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Bernier's forehead is crushed in, his nose partially torn loose, two fingers on his right hand broken, his knee badly injured, and several minor bruises inflicted.

First Theory Based on Fall. The theory that Mr. Bernier was injured by falling from the trestle which crosses the second culvert from Greenpoint on the track of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company is favored by many friends of the family and is backed by some of the strongest evidence which has been found. Wednesday afternoon a large blood spot on the rocks under the trestle, a trail leading of blood from the blood spot back upon the track and toward Greenpoint, a hat identified as belonging to Mr. Bernier, his pipe, and a bloody handkerchief were found and thoroughly examined by Deputy Sheriff Miles and Chief of Police Shaw. Both men are positive in their belief that Mr. Bernier fell from the trestle.

According to this theory, Mr. Bernier left his home at Greenpoint for a walk before going to bed Tuesday night. He went down the Portland Railway, Light & Power company track and while crossing the trestle fell headlong to the rocks below. The big blood spot is the place where he hit and laid until he revived enough to try to find his way home. Blood Trail Found. The trail of blood leads about eight feet toward the Parkside station, then back toward Greenpoint, over a barbed wire fence, up the steep embankment to the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's line then back toward Greenpoint. Advocates of this belief further argue that he reached his home, and after going around to the side door of the house went upon the front porch and inside where he lay down on the lounge. He secured a paper and placed his head on it so that blood would not ruin the pillows. To back this part of the theory, two small blood spots were found on the front porch and the newspaper covered with blood was found.

Story Backs First Theory. The story of Mrs. Bernier also coincides with the belief that he fell from the trestle. Her side of the case as she told it Wednesday afternoon follows: "My husband did not work yesterday (Continued on Page 3).