

WILL IT PASS?

The Local Option Law—Some of its Provisions—They Discuss it.

There is considerable discussion of the proposed local option law, and opinions vary on the question of whether or not it will pass. It is expected that by the time election day comes, a considerable fight will have developed for and against the measure, and both sides are preparing for battle.

Some people are under the impression that the adoption of the law at the coming election means that thereby prohibition of liquor selling will have become a fixed fact. This, however, is not the case. A law will merely have been adopted that will give to any community the right at intervals of two years to vote upon the question of whether or not sale of intoxicants in that community will be permitted. That is to say it gives to any precinct, town or county a complete right to settle by majority vote whether or not there shall be liquor selling in the territory involved in the election. Some of the specifications of the law are as follows: Section 1 of the law provides "that whenever 70 per cent of the registered voters of any county, precinct, or subdivision of a county petition the county court, said court shall order an election to be held at the time mentioned in such petition, to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in such territory." A subdivision of a county means any precinct or two or more contiguous precincts desiring to join together for this purpose. No subdivision less than a precinct can hold this election, but a subdivision may embrace the whole or part of any incorporated city or town.

Section 10 provides that if a majority of the people of any subdivision have voted for it, the court consisting of the county clerk and two justices of the peace, shall immediately make an order absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the prescribed limits. If prohibition carries, no subsequent election can be had before the first Monday in June of the second calendar year following.

Section 14 provides that when prohibition has been carried at an election held for the entire county, no election on the question shall thereafter be held in any subdivision or precinct thereof until after prohibition has been defeated at a subsequent election for the same purpose, held for the entire county; nor in any case where prohibition has carried in any subdivision of any county shall an election on this question be held thereafter in any precinct of such division until prohibition has been defeated at a subsequent election held for such entire subdivision.

Thus the petition may be for a whole county or for any subdivision one or more contiguous precincts at the option of those desiring prohibition.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked not paid for want of funds up to and including those of March 19th, 1904. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

Dated Corvallis, Mar 23, 1904.

W. A. Buchanan,

Treasurer of Benton Co, Or.

Lost.

A pair of gold rimmed spectacles and a steel thimble. Believed to have been dropped on streets of Corvallis. Finder please leave at TIMES office.

The contrast between the simplicity of the old time entertainment and the luxury and extravagance of today is nowhere more strikingly presented than in the profusely illustrated article on "Modern Banquets" in the Cosmopolitan for March. Gorgeous dinners at which guests dine on horseback, or in huge Easter-eggs and kettles constructed for the occasion in great ball rooms, banquets in cellars, and on roof gardens, amid bowers, and flower banked grottoes make up a striking series of pictures showing the mad rush for the novel which the wealthy American host has entered upon.

The Best Cough Syrup.

S. L. Apple, ex-Probate Judge, Ottawa Co., Kansas, writes: "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and that I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wells.

For Sale.

Best Plymouth Rock or Brown Leghorn cockles or eggs.
J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.

FOR RURAL PHONES.

Local Company Organized—Two Outside Companies Make Bids for the Business.

A temporary organization of an independent telephone company for the purpose of building and operating rural lines in Benton county, was effected at a meeting of citizens at the county court room Saturday afternoon. The meeting was attended by about 30 farmers and half as many Corvallis citizens, and the proceedings occupied about three hours. A tentative plan of organization was agreed upon, and is incorporated in constitution and by-laws, the terms of which, however, are subject to change at any time. The general management under the arrangement is vested in a board of seven directors, consisting of the following citizens: County Judge Watters, A. J. Johnson, J. R. Smith, Z. H. Davis, Robert Johnson, Ed Wiles and George Linderman. A meeting of stockholders is to be held in the same room at one o'clock next Friday, when the board of directors will make a report, and further matters of important interest will be disposed of. Enough developed at Saturday's meeting to indicate that the movement for rural phones is deep-rooted, and that extensions of lines under some plan, and their wide use in adjoining farm homes is almost a certainty.

A feature of the proceedings at the meeting was a very favorable offer by the Pacific States people to enter into an arrangement with reference to the rural lines, and a similar offer by F. H. Stow, late manager of the Columbia Telephone line in Portland. Mr. Thatcher, for twenty years manager of the Bell telephone in Portland, was present in person, and made the offer for the Pacific States people. He said his company proposes that if farmers will build their lines to the city limits of Corvallis, he will rent them Bell phones at \$6 per year and give them free switching on all Corvallis lines and rural lines connecting with Corvallis. Or he will sell the farmers Bell phones at \$8.50, and give them switching in Corvallis and over rural lines, for \$2 per year. F. H. Stow, representing the Empire Construction Company, who desires to construct and operate a new system in Corvallis, made a similar offer and with reference to city lines, added that he would make rates in Corvallis for residences at \$1, and that not more than two phones would be placed on a party line. The offer of Mr. Thatcher, for the Pacific States people stated that the arrangement he suggested might be made for a period of one year, and if at the end of that time it was found to be unsatisfactory, the contract could be terminated. Both offers at the request of the meeting were submitted in writing to the board of directors.

A spirited dispute in which plain words were used was a feature of the proceedings. Mr. Staats, a Polk county farmer, and Mr. Merrill of the Pacific States Telephone Company, were the star performers in the wordy war. Mr. Staats had a distinct hostility to the Bell phone people, and did not mince words in stating his position. He asserted that the phones supplied by the company on a rural line in Polk county were not satisfactory. In the course of his remarks he advised the meeting to beware of an entangling alliance with that system. Mr. Merrill took up the defense of his company, declaring that wherever complaints had been made proper and satisfactory instruments and service had been supplied.

The plan under which the new telephone company is organized provides for a capital stock of \$5,000, divided into 200 shares of \$25 each. The stock is non-transferable, except after being first offered to the company. No member can hold more than three shares of stock. The company can equip and operate its own lines, or it may if deemed best, effect arrangements with other companies. The board of directors has power to form sub-companies for the construction of their own lines. The officers of the board of directors are, V. E. Watters, president; E. F. Wiles, vice president; Robert Johnson, secretary; and J. R. Smith, treasurer.

Though both the companies that are competing for the business made bids at the stockholder's meeting, each is to present a corrected bid at a meeting of the board of directors to be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning. It is expected that one or both of these bids will present phases even more favorable than in the former offers. The offer of the Empire Construction Company, to make a dollar rate on all phones, residence, business and otherwise, and to have no more than two phones on any one

line strikes a popular cord in Corvallis, where a multiplication of phones on a party line is popularly accounted a nuisance. The offers made by the two companies at 10 o'clock Friday morning are to be embodied in a report to stockholders at the meeting at one o'clock the same day.

DATES FIXED.

For Primaries and Convention of Democrats—Central Committee met.

The democratic county convention for Benton is to be held Saturday April 2nd. That will be two days after the republican convention which is to occur Thursday, March 31st. The democratic primaries are to be held Tuesday, March 29th, which is three days after the republican primaries, which are to be held next Saturday. The dates for the democratic primaries and convention were fixed at a meeting of the central committee, held at the Court house Saturday.

The convention will consist of 111 delegates. The representation is on a basis of one delegate for each eight votes or fraction thereof cast in 1902 for Chamberlain. The number of delegates for each precinct will be as follows:

- Corvallis No. 1, 9; Corvallis No. 2, 12; Corvallis 3, 11. Corvallis No. 4, 7; Soap Creek 6, Willamette 8, Monroe 10, Kings Valley 5 Alesa 8, Summit 3, Philomath 13, Blodgett 3, Bellfountain, 6, Wren 3, Fairmount 7.

The committee recommends that the polls open for the primaries at the usual voting places in the county precincts at one o'clock p. m., and close at such time as those precincts may determine. In the four Corvallis precincts the voting will begin at one o'clock and continue until five p. m. The voting for precincts number 1 and 2 will be in the county court room, and for Corvallis precincts 3 and 4 at the city hall. The committeemen for each precinct is as follows:

- Corvallis No. 1 J D Wells, Corvallis No. 2 C L Heckart, Corvallis No. 3 S. L. Henderson, Corvallis No. 4 T. H. Davis, Soap Creek J. C. Smith, Willamette J. C. Irwin Monroe C. J. Ralls, Kings Valley W. S. Alcorn, Alesa A. L. Clark, Summit Fred Duncan, Philomath W. T. Bryan, Blodgett J. A. Wood Bellfountain C. E. Banton, Wren Jas. Robison, Fairmount Henry Hector.

FIFTY YEARS MARRIED.

Their Wedding Celebrated—Mr. and Mrs. Abram Underhill.

Last Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Underhill celebrated their 50th anniversary at their home at Philomath. The groom of 50 years was born in Cambridge, Vt., May 26, 1825, and at the age of two years moved with his parents to Burtis, Cayuga county, New York, and 12 years later removed to Prophetstown, Ill., where he engaged in farming. March 16, 1854 he was married to Olive Marvel, a native of Genesee county, New York, who was born July 14, 1837. At the age of 8 years she came with her parents to Prophetstown, Ill. In 1866, they moved with their family to Brooklyn, Iowa, where they lived until the spring of 1875, when they came to Albany, Oregon.

In 1877, they moved to Summit, Oregon, where they lived until 1886, and then moved to Philomath, where they have since resided.

Five children were born to their union, four of whom are living: Horace Underhill of Summit, Oregon; Mrs. Emma Hulbert of Albany, Ore.; Mrs. Annie McFarland, of Summit, Oregon; and Mrs. Jennie Bogue of Gold Hill, Ore.

Their friends wish them many happy years.

Notice of Publication.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Corvallis, Oregon, March 23, 1904

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Benjamin F. Totten of Corvallis, county of Benton, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 627, for the purchase of the S. E. 1/4 of Section No. 30, in Township No. 13 S. Range No. 6 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber, or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor F. Moses, County Clerk, Benton county, State of Oregon, on Friday, the third day of June, 1904.

He names as witnesses: John L. Baxford, of Corvallis, Oregon. Martin Butler of " " Abraham Oon, of " " Thomas Oon, of Inavale, " " Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3rd day of June, 1904.

Algerona S. Dresser, Register.

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MUD RUINED 'EM.

A Dallas Newspaper's Story of Horror—And the Villain Still Pursued her.

The recent visit by Dallasites by special car to Corvallis is made occasion for a tale of woe in the Dallas Observer. The story runs thus:

"The only cause of regret among the Dallas people who visited the game is the rough and ungentlemanly treatment to which they were subjected as the train was leaving Corvallis. Not content with stealing the signal lanterns on the train, cutting the bellcord and piling cord wood under the car wheels, a band of hoodlums lined up along the track, and, as the train began to move, threw mud upon the passengers by the handful. Several persons standing on the platforms were struck by rocks, and many suits and overcoats were ruined by the volley of mud that was thrown. At every street crossing from the depot to the north end of town this disgraceful performance was repeated, and when the train reached the suburbs many of the passengers who had been unable to crowd into the coaches had their clothing ruined by mud and their arms and bodies bruised by flying missiles."

The above is so grossly exaggerated that it is silly. Mud does not ruin clothing. If allowed to dry, it is easily brushed off. To say that the train was thrown at from every crossing is an old woman's gabble. The statement that arms and bodies were bruised by flying missiles and stones is nonsense. The wonder is that the paper didn't go on and say the "moans of the dead and dying were heartrending." The editor might as well have added that as not while he was "seeing things" in the preparation of his article.

It is however a fact that hoodlums in the vicinity of the Christian church, threw stones and mud at the passing car. There is no justification for the offence. It was ungentlemanly and cowardly. It was vile, and unpardonable. Every youngster who had a hand in it, ought to have been soundly thrashed. Had the small boys who did it been at home where they ought to have been it would not have happened. Likewise had the persons who guyed them from the car platform kept their mouths shut, as they should have done, it would not have happened. The occurrence has been widely condemned in Corvallis. The exaggerated and silly account of it in the Dallas paper is likewise condemned.

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OTTO F. L. HERSE, Corvallis, Or.

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E. R. Bryson,
Attorney-At-Law,
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