CITY STAGNANT IN PROHIBITION FIGHT

Walla Walla Paralyzed, With Promise of Worse if Town Goes "Dry."

PETITION TO BE ATTACKED

Saloon Element Alleges 300 Names at Least Are Irregular—Friends of Liquor Sellers Worried Over Source Opposition's Funds.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—According to many business men, especially the real estate dealers, business in this city is at a standstill, awaiting the result of the fight now on in an effort to put the 35 saloons of the town out of business. If the saloon men make good the boast of Alfred Bachtold, Councilman, wholesale liquor dealer and chairman of the Liquor Dealers' committee, appointed to wage the fight, the issue will never come before the people of this city on December 20, as prayed for in the petition filed with the City Clerk, T. D. S. Hart, to which were attached 694 names.

In his statement, Mr. Bachtold said that fully 300 names were irregular and the liquor men would prove it. This would reduce the figure far below the necessary number required, which is also in doubt.

After a meeting of the directors of the Washington Hotel Company, which was about to commence the erection of a new $125,000 hotel, it was announced that all work would cease pending the outcome of the fight and that if the town went dry no hostelry would be built. Following this came the announcement from Arthur Harris, proprietor of The Dacres Hotel, to the effect that he would make no improvements on his property if the saloons were voted out. Harris was having plans drawn up to build a fourth story on his hotel besides putting in a new front.

In the face of this there are many business men taking a hand in the fight against the saloon and today the forces seem equally divided. All are willing to admit the campaign will be the most bitter in the history of local politics. Both factions are determined and confident of victory and have entered into the contest with spirit.

Petition to Be Attacked.

Things have happened thick and fast in the ranks of the "drys" since their first meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Sunday, October 7. On the following day petitions were circulated and were filed with the City Clerk on Wednesday, October 20. Not until today did the saloon men make a definite statement that they would first attack the petition and if unsuccessful, would carry the matter into court, alleging the last general election was not the last city election, as is held by the "drys," but the last state and county election. If they are successful in the latter move, the anti-saloon element does not have sufficient signatures to its petition.

The law reads that the petition for a special election should be signed by 30 per cent of the number of voters voting at the "last general election." When the petitions were first circulated, the "dries" thought they were obliged to secure 700 names, 30 per cent of the number voting at the last state and county election in November, 1908. J. C. Hurspool, Assistant District Attorney, who is a member of the judiciary committee of the local optionists, held the last city election, at which only 1653 votes were cast, was the last general election. After the petition was filed, City Clerk Hart called on Oscar Cain, City Attorney, for his opinion, and he upheld the decision of his associate, who rendered his opinion as a member of the judiciary committee of the prohibitionists.

Names to Be Gone Over.

In an interview today Mr. Bachtold said: "At first we intended to let the business men of the city fight our fight. Several have requested that we assume this work and at a meeting of the liquor dealers' committee we decided to enter. More than likely our attorneys, Sharpstein & Sharpstein, will start going over the long list of names today. We expect that fully 300 will be stricken from the list, for I believe the irregular ones amount at least to that number. To my knowledge some did not know what they were signing when they attached their signature, and one name, that of W. B. Scrivner, was either forged or he was made the victim of a practical joker. Even if the last general election was the last city election and we succeeded in disqualifying 300 signers, there will be a shortage of 102 names. If we cannot reduce the list sufficiently to knock out the petition in this manner we will carry the matter into Superior Court and there fight it out on the grounds that the 'last general election,' as termed in the law, is the last state and county election. If we win this point, which would require 730 signatures, there lack 26 signers to put the issue before the people."

When asked what the saloon men would do if the petition was allowed to stand and the election called for, Mr. Batchtold said: "We will put up a fight, the like of which was never witnessed in this part of the state. Our fight will be a clean one and above board, but we will go in to win and win we will."

Minister Kept Out of Fight.

The opposition asserts it has struck the first blow and is awaiting action by the "Wets." An effort is being made to keep the ministers of the city in the background and not let them take an active part in the issue, but if necessary the "Drys" will carry the issue into the pulpits. Rev. M. H. Marvin, pastor of the Wilbur Memorial M. E. Church, "the man who drove the saloons out of Pullman, Wash.," as he is sometimes called, is taking an active part. State Senator D. H. Cox is taking the lead in the fight against the saloons. The liquor element asserts, he has an ambition to be Governor and is taking this means to attain his end.

It is understood a movement was launched today by several of those who are working shoulder to shoulder with Cox to start a newspaper in this city, to run until after the campaign. There has been considerable comment on both sides both against and in favor of the three local papers, as all have taken a disinterested stand. The new paper will contain no local news, it is said, except the local option side of the fight.

Councilman W. H. Whiteman and his wife have been two of the most active workers against the saloon so far. Besides Mr. Whiteman there are hundreds of representative business men identified with the movement. Whitman College, one of the greatest influences in the local political field, has not been dragged into the contest, although some dispute where that institution stands. Each meeting of the prohibitionists has been attended by hundreds of people, but to date there has been a strong tendency shown to avoid getting into the limelight—with one exception, possibly, that of State Senator Cox.

West Side Financing "Drys."

In a conversation Rev. M. H. Marvin let drop a remark that cannot be fathomed by the liquor element and is causing some deep thinking on its part. In commenting on where the local optionists would secure the necessary funds to carry on their fight he is credited with having remarked, "There is plenty of money on the West Side," meaning the western end of the state.

The Y. M. C. A. is headquarters for the prohibitionists. Robert Carey, secretary of the institution, is deeply interested in the cause and, it is said, will take an active part in the work. When informed tonight that the liquor people would probably contest the petition in court, one of the opposition said: "They do not dare carry this matter into court."

It is the intention of the saloon men, it is understood, to employ men to invade the principal dry towns of Oregon and write descriptive articles as to the conditions found. The opposition will also point to Milton, Dayton and Pendleton, alleging that conditions are much improved in these cities since the saloon has been driven out. It is understood many noted temperance workers will speak here during the campaign. According to State Senator Cox, the Mayor of Elgin, Or., a former saloon keeper has volunteered to speak in behalf of the cause.

SPEECHES MADE IN CAMPAIGN

Local Option Fight in Vancouver Waxes Warm.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The campaign for license or no license is getting warmer as the time of election, November 2, draws closer. The "dry" faction is advertising in the local daily and weekly papers, and has engaged a number of speakers to make a tour of the county and lecture in every place of any size.

One of the most noted lecturers for the Local Option League will be Senator Cotterill, of Seattle, who is to speak Sunday and Monday evenings. Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, is billed to speak in the auditorium Friday, Sunday and Monday nights on "Temperance." The Local Option League has announced that it will challenge Mayor Rose to debate with Senator Cotterill. Mayor Rose advocates regulation rather than strict prohibition.

Great contention has arisen over an interpretation of the law. The saloon side holds that the brewery, which is located in this city, can manufacture and sell liquors in unbroken packages, while the prohibitionists say this is not true; that while they may manufacture liquor in "dry" territory, it positively forbids selling or giving away in any manner whatever intoxicating liquors in "dry" territories.

LAND TO BE THROWN OPEN

SIXTY HOMESTEADS, 20 ACRES EACH, IN UMATILLA READY.

Location Is High and Can Be Irrigated Through Conduit Now Being Built.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Sixty homesteads of 20 acres each on the Umatilla reclamation project in the west end of this county are to be thrown open for settlement sometime during the Winter. This is the announcement received from the headquarters of the Reclamation Service.

These homesteads are located from a mile and a half to two miles and a half north of the town of Hermiston and the land is considered among the best on the entire project. It is so high that the water to reclaim it must be carried two miles through an immense pipeline and the altitude is therefore sufficient to place the danger from frost at a minimum and to make it certain there will be no necessity of drainage. The work of laying this pipeline is now nearing completion and it is believed when this work is finished, the land will be ordered open for settlement. It is not proposed to put the water on it until Spring, but the object of opening it to settlement during the Winter is to give the settlers a chance to remove the sage-brush, level the ground, build lateral ditches and otherwise prepare for the reception of the water when it is ready.

Considerable expense attaches to securing one of the homesteads, but it is believed the rush for the land will be general and that several hundred men will stand in line before the door of the La Grande Land Office for days before the opening, waiting for a chance to file. The Government will demand approximately $200 of each settler. This will include the filing fee, the annual maintenance fee, the first year's payments on the water right and other small expenses incidental to signing up. Then will come the expense of clearing the land of the sage-brush, leveling it, building ditches and constructing house and barn.

Raw land which has not yet been molested by the hand of man, adjoining that to be opened for settlement, is now selling from $125 to $200 per acre, while partially improved land is much higher.

WESTCOTT IS ACQUITTED

After 20 Hours Jury Frees Him From Embezzlement Charge.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Today, after having been out 20 hours, the jury in the case of the State of Oregon against S. B. Westcott, charged with larceny by embezzlement, returned a verdict of not guilty. The jury stood eleven for acquittal from the start.

On August 10 last S. B. Westcott was charged in Justice Court with embezzling $7000 from F. M. Chrisman, a merchant of Silver Lake. At the trial letters written by Chrisman to his creditors promising to force Mrs. Westcott to dig up money to meet Chrisman's indebtedness were introduced in evidence by W. Lair Thompson, of Lakeview, and Judge Henry E. McGinn, of Portland, for the defense and were made the basis of a scathing arraignment of Chrisman, which resulted in the freeing of Westcott.

Local Option Campaign Warm.

CAMAS, Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The campaign for license or no license is waxing warm here in the last week before election on Tuesday, November 2. Union services of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist Church have been held in the Opera House, two and three times a week for the past month. Many prominent speakers have been here for the "drys" and last Sunday afternoon Frank O. Sebring lectured on the "wet" side of the question. Tuesday evening Mr. Herwig delivered an address to a fair audience and gave some good points for the "drys." Local optionists go from here to Washougal in a body and help in the fight there.

For trunks go to the Harris Trunk Co.

LANE COUNTY IS FIRST AT ALBANY

Gets Blue Ribbon at Apple Fair With Benton Second and Marion Third.

VALLEY DAY IS STORMY

Great Crowds Present, However, and Stay Indoors Examining Luscious Fruit Displayed—Albany Day Today Will Be Homecoming.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—A very stormy day interfered to a great extent with the festivities of Willamette Valley day at the Albany Apple Fair today. Hundreds of people from Valley cities were present, though, and in spite of the weather handicap, they enjoyed themselves. The wind and rain kept the big crowd indoors most of the afternoon, but they thoroughly enjoyed an inspection of the wonderful display of perfect apples and the rendition of programmes, both interesting and educational.

Salem sent 400 people to the fair today and included in the delegation many men prominent in the official life of Oregon and of Marion County. A large crowd also came from Corvallis and there were many here from Lebanon, Brownsville and other Linn County towns. A number of Portland people also visited the fair today.

Lane County Gets Blue Ribbon.

The blue ribbon of victory for the best county exhibit adorns the Lane County exhibit today. Benton County won second prize and Marion County third. The awards were made this forenoon and the prize-winning apples were decorated with blue and red ribbons.

The judges of the exhibits were H. M. Williamson, of Portland, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture; C. A. Park, of Salem, State Horticultural Commissioner for the second district; and State Senator Frank J. Miller, of Albany.

Benton County won the most prizes for individual exhibits, with Linn County second. These two counties won most of the awards to growers though Lane and Marion Counties also took many awards. The Polk County exhibits furnished strong competition but were unfortunate in getting placed in the prize-winning list.

The apple-growers residing in the fruit and garden district on the river bottom lands in Benton County just across the river from this city, swept the field with most of their entries. Zinn & Callaway, H. G. Rumbaugh, Frank Holman and other growers of that district made an especial effort to present fine displays and their splendid fruit won a large number of the prizes. The complete list of awards is as follows:

List of Awards.

Class A. Grand prize, best county exhibit, $100 cup and $50 in cash (Linn County barred from competing)—Won by Lane County; second prize, $50 cash, won by Benton County; third prize, $20 cash, won by Marion County.

Class B. Club or community exhibit, for Linn County growers only—First prize of $50 cash won by the growers of Thomas, Linn County.

Class C. Best five-box exhibit, three or more varieties—First prize, $30 cash, Zinn & Callaway, of North Albany, Benton County; second prize, $15 cash, S. P. Williamson, of Oakville, Linn County; third prize, $5 cash, Peter Curry, of Independence.

Class D. Cash prizes for first and second best single-box exhibits, as follows:

Best box yellow Newtown Pippins—First, Frank Groves, of Corvallis; second, H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City.

Best box of Spitzenbergs—First, G. R. Peebler, of Albany; second, S. P. Williamson, of Oakville.

Best box of Kings—First, Mrs. H. G. Rumbaugh, of Benton County, postoffice Albany; second, H. G. Rumbaugh, of Albany.

Best box of Baldwins—First, Frank Holman, of Benton County, near Albany; second, C. R. Widmer, of Benton County, near Albany.

Best box of Red Cheek Pippins—First, H. F. McCornack, of Eugene; second, Frank Holman, of Benton County, near Albany.

Best box of Ben Davis—First, G. B. Peebler, of Albany; second, M. W. Rullfson, of Salem.

Best box of Jonathans—First, Zinn & Callaway, of North Albany, Benton County; second, H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City.

Best box of Wageners—First, H. G. Rumbaugh, of Benton County, near Albany; second, Mrs. H. G. Rumbaugh.

Best box of Starks—First, John Durlam, of Lebanon; second, John Goetz, of Albany.

Best box of Mammoth Black Twigs—First, Zinn & Callaway, of North Albany, Benton County; second, H. G. Rumbaugh, of Benton County, near Albany.

Best commercial packed box—H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City.

Best box of Northern Spy—H. G. Rumbaugh, of Benton County.

Best box of Winesaps—C. J. Kurtz, of Salem.

Class E. Best display on plates, ten or more varieties—First, H. G. Rumbaugh, of Benton County, near Albany; second, H. Bishop, of Harrisburg.

Class F—Special premiums:

Best commercial packed box of Spitzenbergs grown in Linn or Benton Counties—G. B. Peebler, of Albany.

Best box of apples grown and packed by a member of the Albany Applegrowers' Association—G. B. Peebler, of Albany.

Best collection of 50 largest apples arranged in pyramid shape—Tie for first between G. B. Peebler, of Albany, and H. G. Rumbaugh, of Benton County, near Albany.

Best box of Yellow Bell Flowers—H. C. Bushnell, of Junction City.

O. A. C. WINS MANY PRIZES

Educational Exhibit at A.-Y.-P. Fair Comes Out Strong First.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—College authorities and friends of the institution are highly elated over the splendid showing made by the college at the A.-Y.-P. Fair. The trophies awarded to the college are on exhibition in the office of President Kerr and are attracting a great deal of attention.

The college won the gold medal offered for the best general educational display and seven grand prizes on the separate departmental exhibits. The exhibits taking the highest awards were those in domestic science, domestic art, soil analysis, mechanic arts, machine work, machine design and poultry husbandry.

Professor E. P. Lake, who was in charge of the college exhibits, says the O. A. C. exhibit won double the number of awards granted to its closest competitor and more first prizes than any other exhibit at the fair.

No License Is Costly.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—H. C. Sparlin, who had a great desire to hunt Josephine County deer, went out a few days ago in the hills and found the game warden, who desired to examine his hunting license, but Sparlin had none to show, so consequently he was arrested and brought before the Justice of the Peace, who exacted a fine of $25 and costs, upon a plea of guilty. This was his first offense.

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RAIN FALLS AS PLEDGED

DEMONSTRATION TRAIN ADVANCE MAN "MAKES GOOD."

Farmers Show Special Interest in Dry Soil Cultivation—Trip Is Ended Today.

MORO, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Speaking to 85 farmers at Grass Valley in the morning and several hundred at the afternoon and evening meetings in Moro, the scientists on the O. R. & N. demonstration train held close interest with their talks on stock-raising and dry farming methods.

Explaining the value of the hog as a farm product, Bryan Hunter, the Government Assistant Agriculturist, told the audiences that the Union Meat Company in Portland imports from east of the Rockies $500,000 worth of hogs yearly and that Seattle and Tacoma imported hogs to the value of $1,500,000, yet Portland offered better prices than Chicago or Omaha. Hogs, he said, would consume the waste wheat in the fields, turn the stubble fields into profit and harvest the poor crops.

Speaking of forage crops to be grown in rotation with wheat, Mr. Hunter recommended alfalfa, barley, wheat, rye or field peas. Here, as elsewhere, the exploitations of dry farming methods were heard with very evident interest.

Two weeks ago, when A. A. Morse, the special agent of the O. R. & N. freight department, was through this county advertising the demonstration train, he promised the farmers rain. The rain came today with the train. In the afternoon there were several drenching showers and the skies promise more. The demonstration tour will end tomorrow morning at Wasco, but the party will stop at Hood River in the afternoon to visit the Apple Fair.

TROUT RETURNED TO RIVER

Stranded in Irrigation Ditches, Game Warden Comes to Their Aid.

HERMISTON, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Deputy Game Warden Turner has arrived at Hermiston and secured men and teams with a tank wagon for the purpose of draining the irrigation ditches and hauling back to the river the trout that were stranded high and dry when water was cut off from the ditches.

Last Tuesday it was discovered when the flow was cut off that the ditches were full of trout. Many of these were taken away by farmers and many more died. As soon as possible, all those still alive will be put back into the Umatilla River.

Moscow Boy Is Composer.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Bert Gamble, a native Moscow boy, and formerly a student of the University of Idaho, has gained distinction as a composer, and his production entitled "Orange Blossoms" has been approved by a well-known New York music house, which has contracted with Mr. Gamble for the copyright and publication of this music.

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OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Eighty-six per cent cash dividend is what the Great Northern Railway reports it drew down from its $1,000,000 investment in the stock of the Cottonwood Coal Company.

The annual report of this Hill corporation filed here shows that during the year ending June 30, 1909, the company invested about $13,000,000 of its surplus cash in different varieties of securities, including coal, lumber, irrigation, townsite, towing and other companies. Among the new investments which rendered unusual returns were the following: From the Dakota & Great Northern Townsite Company, a dividend of 40 per cent; from the Kalispell Townsite Company a dividend of 35 per cent; from its stock in the St. Paul Foundry, a divided of 12½ per cent.

The company's new purchases included $1,083,850 preferred and $2,157,350 common stock of the Spokane & Inland Empire Railway. The report shows that the company now owns stock in active railroad corporations, including this electric line, valued at about $122,000,000; bonds of active corporations valued at more than $30,000,000, and miscellaneous stocks and bonds valued at more than $9,500,000.

The Cottonwood stock, which paid 86 per cent, is valued at par; the Dakota Townsite stock, paying 40 per cent, is valued at but 50 cents on the dollar, while Crows Nest coal stock, which paid but 3 per cent dividends, is valued at nearly double its face. It reports ownership of about $328,000 worth of stock of the Duluth, Superior & Western Railway Company, which is not worth the paper it is written on, valued at but $1 for the bunch.

Mills Can't Get Cars.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The Fisher Flouring Mills, of Silverton, have complained to the State Railroad Commission that the mill company is having trouble in securing cars for its Southern Oregon trade. The commission has taken up the matter with the Southern Pacific Railroad.

New York—The splendid home of the late James Henry Smith, which he bought from the estate of William C. Whitney, and which is one of the most magnificent mansions in America, is to be sold at auction.

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