

PERSONAL LIBERTY DECIDED BY BRYAN

Commoner Would Curb Liquor Interest by Only Enough to Protect Society.

ATTITUDE MEETS FAVOR

Nebraska Says That if Proclinet, Ward, City or Other Unit Wants Saloon, It Should Have It, and If Not, They Should Go.

CHICAGO, May 25.—William Jennings Bryan took the platform as a temperance orator at the Auditorium Theater last night under the auspices of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union. His address attracted an audience of 2000 persons, who listened as much as ever over his political utterances in times past.

Mr. Bryan discussed the term "personal liberty" in a manner that seemed to please his auditors. "Personal liberty" is a phrase which is used a great deal by those who oppose legislation on the liquor question, said Mr. Bryan.

"The individual surrenders a certain amount of his personal liberty when he enters society. He surrenders it in return for the advantages derived from society. For instance:

"If a man is living on a desert he can ride his horse as fast as he pleases. But he cannot run his horse on a public highway. He cannot gratify his love for horseracing at the risk of the lives of others.

"Every city fixes a speed limit. Even the liberty of the automobilist is restricted at times, and he is compelled to reduce the speed of his machine to a point that is considered safe. And so with the restriction upon the sale and use of liquor. No individual can claim a right to use liquor in such a way as to infringe upon the equal rights of other people.

"I would not favor legislation forbidding use of liquor at any time under any circumstances. I would consider this an unnecessary limitation upon the liberty of the individual, but I am in favor of such a restriction as may seem necessary for the protection of society.

"There is a good deal of discussion at this time over the unit. That is, as to whether the power to regulate the liquor traffic shall be vested in the town, in the precinct, in the county, in the state or in the Nation.

"I hold that every unit ought to have authority to act on this subject, except as it is restrained by a larger unit. That is, that the block, the ward, the city, the precinct, the county, the state and the Nation should have the undoubted right to exclude the sale of liquor within its limits, or to fix such restrictions upon the sale of liquor as may seem necessary for the protection and welfare. I believe, also, that the larger unit has a right to control the smaller one on this, as on other subjects.

Objection Not Valid.

"It is sometimes objected that this rule does not work both ways. That is, that while a county has the right to close all the saloons within its borders in case the county does not give a victory for the wets does not give authority to open saloons anywhere and everywhere within the county. But this is not a valid objection.

"The saloon differs from all other businesses in that no one regards it as a blessing. It is not a factory as a good thing. It is not an educational center. It is not an economic or moral asset to a community. It is a nuisance, and only tolerated when it is believed to be necessary. It cannot be defended at all if the community does not want it.

"No one would be willing to stand sponsor for the doctrine that a saloon ought to be forced into a town against the wishes of the people of the town. But the right of the people of the community to protest is so well recognized, and so firmly established that I need not discuss the matter.

"What I want to emphasize is that there ought to be no objection to the exercise of authority by any unit. The liquor dealer ought to be content to sell where his services are desired, and the manufacturer of liquor ought to be content to dispose of his products among those who desire them. He is entirely outside of his sphere when he attempts to force his business upon a community or to interfere in decisions upon the liquor question.

"Whether liquor should be sold or not in any community is a question which the community can determine better than outsiders, and I have no disposition to lay down rules upon this subject. I content myself with asserting the right of the community to control, and am willing to let the community itself decide this question upon its own judgment. If the people of a block object to having saloons in their block, I think they ought to have the right to exclude it.

Ought to Have Right.

"If the people of a ward object to having a saloon in the ward, I think they ought to have a right to exclude it. If the people of a county object to having a saloon in the county, I think they ought to have the right to exclude it, and so with the state and with the Nation.

the Hotel Marion, principal office Salem, capital stock \$25,000, incorporators, H. W. Doolittle, Charles H. Savage and D. S. Rabb. The officers are: H. W. Doolittle, president; Russell Catlin, vice-president; Max O. Buren, treasurer; C. H. Savage, secretary. The company has been organized to outfit and have charge of the new four-story Marion Hotel in this city, which will be ready for occupancy in August.

RECORD VALUE IS FIXED

SYNDICATE FORMS TO TAKE QUARTER AT \$550,000. Deal, if Completed, Will Be Largest Ever Negotiated in Inside Property in City of Portland.

D. Parker Bryon, F. W. Stewart and associates have obtained an option on the quarter block at the northeast corner Sixth and Alder streets at \$550,000. The buyers are now organizing a syndicate to take over the property at \$550,000 and this syndicate is already well under way with a considerable portion of the necessary capital already subscribed. This deal, if completed, will be the largest single realty deal in inside business property ever negotiated in Portland, eclipsing by \$50,000 the former high price, which was paid for the quarter block at the northeast corner of Sixth and Alder streets.

The property was owned by L. Lang, Clara Jacobs and Flora Jacobs under the name of the Jacobs-Lang Investment Company. It was bought 16 years ago for \$48,500. The present improvements, a two-story brick building, they built at a relatively small cost. It is now in the heart of the best business portion of the city. The property is being taken as a speculation. The prospective buyers expect to hold the site for increase in value. It is the only property between Fourth and Sixth streets, between Second and Washington streets which has been on the market recently at any figure at all. The syndicate has 90 days to make a payment of \$250,000 in cash, a part of which has already been made, and the remainder will be secured by mortgage.

The building is leased, subject to cancellation on 60 days' notice. Rentals are \$25,000 a year.

L. Lang, one of the former owners, said yesterday that an offer to lease the property at \$250,000 net ground rental value had been refused recently. Mr. Bryon said overtures already had been made for the surrender of the option at an advance.

The quarter block is now occupied by a two-story brick building which was the old Concordia Club building, an ancient structure built by the Commercial Club after the fire in the Chamber of Commerce building a few years ago. It is occupied now by a restaurant, a moving picture show, an outfitting store and a trunk store on the first floor, and by pool and billiard rooms on the second floor.

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The nine-story Oregonian building is across Alder street from the Metzer & Frank ten-story annex and diagonally across from the new building site, which the building of a 12-story structure will begin next month. It adjoins the site of the ten-story Lipman-Walsh & Co. building, built at the expiration of present leases and is in the heart of the business center of Portland.

This deal represents not only the highest price ever paid for a single piece of business property in Portland, but also the highest price ever paid for this city. The valuation is on a basis of \$6500 a front foot for the corner 50 feet and \$3500 for the inside 50 feet.

STATE PUTS UP TRACT

IMPROVED FRUIT FARM TO GO AT PUBLIC AUCTION. School Lands Under Lease for 20 Years Now Offered for Sale Near Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Unusual will be the public auction of 125 acres of school land, which will be sold by County Auditor M. B. Kies, at the courthouse to the highest bidder, in a few days.

Over 20 years ago, when Washington was yet a territory, Edward Balcolm leased the school land from the proper sources, and began to improve it, renting it year after year and rearing a family. He secured a contract to cut some of the timber, and sold thousands of dollars worth of cordwood. He set out many acres in orchards and engaged in the fruit-raising business with success until his death. Since then his widow and children have been keeping the farm and they have added many improvements.

The state has now issued instructions to the county auditor to sell the land to the highest bidder, and the tract has been sub-divided into 5-acre lots. The land has been appraised at from \$250 to \$300 an acre.

At the land is just north of the North Bank roundhouse, in Fruit Valley, and close to the city, it is especially desirable, and the auditor is expecting that the bidders for the choice fruit farm will force the price exceptionally high.

MORE POWER URGED

La Follette Discusses Interstate Commission. ATTACK MADE ON RATES

Wisconsin Senator Suggests Districting of Country and Organization of Subcommittees--Work Now Child's Play, He Says.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—"Before the Interstate Commerce Commission can become effective, it will be necessary to equip it much more thoroughly," said Senator La Follette, in the Senate today, during a speech which consumed practically the entire session.

He argued the reconstruction of the Commission, and said the country should be divided into districts in charge of a sub-commission. The Wisconsin Senator spoke for almost five hours in support of the Commission amendment regulating railroad rate increases, and had not concluded when the Senate adjourned.

Only Shippers Aided.

"There is not one line in the statutes to give to the people reasonable railroad rates," declared he. "All that has been accomplished is to afford a means of giving equal rates to shippers."

The interest of the shipper was by no means the interest of the general public, he asserted. He declared the people generally were as much entitled to protection as the shippers. Forty years ago the fight was begun which that end in view, he said, and it was as much a fight against extortion as against discrimination, but in the former respect there had been utter failure.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission is engaged in a mere child's play," said Mr. La Follette, adding that it was so edged about that it could not effectively deal with the problem.

"The rules of the Senate seem to be so framed as to prevent one from speaking the truth. The railroads have been having their way for 40 years. We have the sins of many Congresses to atone for before we permit this bill to pass from our hands."

Original Bill Commended.

While the rate regulation provision of the President's original bill was in the public interest, Mr. La Follette said, the provisions had been modified by Senators Aldrich and Elkins wholly in the interest of the railroads.

Since January 1, he said, the rates on wool from St. Louis and Duluth to New York had increased 17 and 18 per cent; on grain and grain products, domestic, from St. Louis to New York, 15 per cent; and from Chicago to New York, 30 per cent; on fresh meats from Missouri River points to Chicago, 16 per cent; Missouri River points to East St. Louis 25 per cent; and on horses and mules between St. Paul and Leavenworth, 10 per cent. He contended that instead of an increase there should have been a decrease.

Quoting Senator Root as saying that unreasonable rates could be corrected under the present law, he said: "Such a statement impeaches either the intelligence or the candor of the man who makes it."

Rates Declared Extortionate.

Contending that the present railroad rates are "not only not reasonable, but are extortionate," Mr. La Follette declared "those who will not consent to give the Commission power to examine further increases betray the public interest. I am here today to plead that rates shall not be further advanced until we go back and clothe the Commission with authority to determine the reasonableness of rates and equip it so it can perform that service."

Saying that of the 200,000 miles of railroads in the United States, six groups controlled 200,000 miles, Mr. La Follette found there really was very little variety of interest in railroad ownership in the United States, leaving the control practically in one gigantic trust. He found Morgan and Rockefeller at the head of the entire fabric and he predicted that ultimately these two names would be not only for the financial, but for the production and transportation interests as well.

MOTHER WRITES IN VAIN

FIGHT IS MADE FOR BABY HELD FOR BOARD BILL. Los Angeles Woman Granted Writ of Habeas Corpus, but Babe's Possessors Are Obdurate.

RENO, Nev., May 25.—(Special.)—In an effort to secure possession of her baby girl, Bonita Wallace, aged 2 1/2 years, now in the custody of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Sparks, who refuse to give her up, Mrs. Georgia Wallam, of Los Angeles, secured a writ of habeas corpus in Judge Orr's court today. Deputy Sheriff Nichols served the writ on the Allens, who refused to make known their initials.

The Allens informed the deputy very forcibly that they had been advised by competent attorney in Reno not to give the child up and not to pay any attention to the order of the court, and refused to accept service of the writ of habeas corpus. There is a fight on which will come to issue tomorrow.

Mrs. Wallace separated from her husband and became ill. While in the hospital she gave her infant daughters to Chief of Police Burke. Chief Burke's wife adopted one, Helen, and the other child was given to a Mrs. Tully, of Sparks, who is now in Sacramento.

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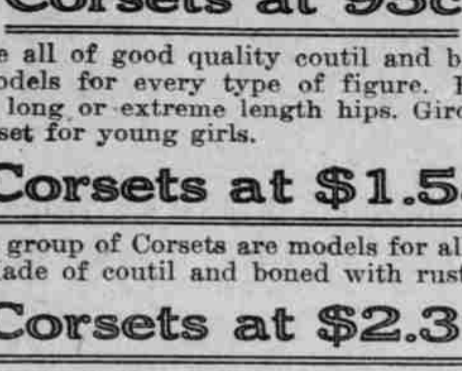
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Advertisement for HOVENDEN-SOULE PIANO CO. featuring an illustration of an Apollo Player Piano and text describing its features and availability.

Salem Hotel Company Formed. SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Articles of Incorporation have been filed for

SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Recently Sheriff L. Lambie has shipped a car of lumber to Lyons, Neb., and another car to Trinidad, Colo. When the shipment reached Portland it was found that the car was over-loaded and the surplus was removed from the car. The lumber company planned to ship this surplus lumber to some other point, but was advised by Agent Merriman of the railroad that the lumber should be shipped to the same point to which the original shipment had been billed.

ALBANY, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Minerva Hecker, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852 and has lived continuously in Benton County for 58 years, died last night at her home eight miles northwest of Albany. She was 82 years of age. Mrs. Hecker was born in Savannah, Mo., November 3, 1828, and with her parents came to Oregon in 1852. They settled in Benton County, and there she was married to James Hecker, who survives her. She left ten children: Herman A. Hecker, of Albany; Mrs. A. J. All-