

BOYS ABUSED AT U'REN'S DISAVOWAL

Party May Abandon Him to Follow Helmet of Some Other Leader to Polls.

TEST OF OPINION MADE

Letters Ask Vote of Chairmen on Policy to be Pursued When Oregon City Man Decides to Run as Independent.

Whether W. S. U'ren will have the endorsement and active support of the prohibition party in his race for Governor, or whether the prohibitionists will nominate a new candidate for Governor, now that Mr. U'ren has decided to run as an independent, is to be decided within the next few days by prohibition leaders through the state.

FRAUD PLOT IS CHARGED

Investor in Hillsboro Business Seeks to Recover \$1000. Alleging a conspiracy to defraud him of \$1000, suit to recover that sum from J. W. Cook, E. L. Clark and Edward Schulmerick, of Hillsboro, was started yesterday by Fred Schmidt. It is charged by the plaintiff that he was induced to invest in the capital stock of the People's Store Company, of Hillsboro, through the false representations of Cook and Clark, who operated the store and had Governor's office to enforce the prohibitory law. Victory in November will be only half the light for a dry state.

BERNARD SCHMIDT LOSES

Man Struck by Auto Gets \$100 and Judge Thanks Jurymen. Bernard Schmidt yesterday was assessed \$100 damages in the District Court by Judge Jones in favor of D. H. Lemaster, who brought an action against Schmidt because he was struck by the latter's automobile on Corbett street.

SALOONIST IS ACQUITTED

Jury Frees Lundgren of Charge of Selling Liquor to Minor. A jury in the Municipal Court yesterday afternoon acquitted Charles Lundgren of a charge of selling liquor to minors. Percy Veilux, who says he is 12 years of age, declared he had bought liquor from Lundgren in the saloon at No. 1 North Third street.

CYCLE DODGES 1, HITS 2

First Pedestrian Escapes With Bruises; Second's Leg Broken. A motorcycle ridden by C. L. Crooby, of East Eighty-fourth street, struck Bidao Domingo, of 267 Sheridan street, when he was running to catch a car at Third and Madison streets, Monday evening, Domingo was severely bruised.

Forest Officer Inspects Timber

C. S. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Forest Fire Association, will be in the main county forests for the next few days. He is there with John Marris and K. S. Mealey, supervising wardens, inspecting the condition of the timber in regard to danger from fire. There have been almost no bad fires in the state this year, although the weather has been unusually dry. A blaze which broke out a week ago near Timber, on the Tillamook line, is still burning, but is under control. Among other fires along the Lower Columbia River which have been smoldering for two weeks on longer in smoldering and former burns, though under control, is one near Goble. A fire report was received yesterday afternoon of a new blaze in the woods of the Silverton Lumbering Company. A fire that is covering considerable area but doing any damage is reported from White Salmon, Wash., as burning on Dead Horse Flat, near Mount Adams, in the Trout Lake country. It is now a quarter of a mile wide and five miles long, but so far is confined to dead and fallen timber. Fifteen men were sent from the municipal employment bureau yesterday to assist in the fight.

Democrat Makes Reply

Coincident with Mr. U'ren's letter was a letter addressed to Mr. U'ren yesterday by Dr. C. A. Smith, Democratic candidate for Governor, in response to two open letters previously written by Mr. U'ren. In his letter yesterday Dr. Smith said: Portland, Or., July 27.—Hon. W. S. U'ren, Oregon City, Or.—Dear Sir: Your recent open letters asking what position I expect to take on Prohibition are hereby acknowledged. Shortly after receipt of your first letter I was approached by the Anti-Saloon League and asked to enter into an agreement in connection with the adoption of party leaders, to keep the campaign for offices separate from the dry campaign. To this proposal I have, together with yourself and

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