

LIQUOR TRAFFIC ACTIVE

Aroused by Passage of Unfavorable Laws.

TO ORGANIZE IN WASHINGTON

Bell Calls of Both Houses on Imminent Measures in Hands of Prominent Saloon Men—Preparing for Fight.

TACOMA, March 27.—Special.—Now that the saloon interests are beginning to feel the effect of imminence of legislation, they are taking active steps toward the organization of their interests in this state. They are determined not to be caught napping again, as they were during the last legislative session.

There have been meetings held here and elsewhere throughout the state by men interested in the liquor traffic for the purpose of forming an organization. It would look after their interests more closely. The men engaged in the business are protesting that if such an organization had been perfected months ago, they would not have suffered as they did at the last Legislature.

The saloon men wanted a modification of the landowner's liability act. This is the law which makes the saloon-keeper and landlord responsible for damages should an injury occur to any person who had taken intoxicants at their place of business. The saloon men asked merely that the liability be limited to the proprietor of the last saloon where the unfortunate obtained intoxicants.

Not only was this bill lost—it was indefinitely postponed as soon as it came up—but the Legislature passed at least three acts which the saloon men fear will injure their business materially. They did succeed in nullifying Hall's maximum license bill, and the Governor, according to an agreement with Senator Hemrich, knocked out the local option bill, which had previously been made ineffective. This salve serves to mollify the saloon men, engaged in the saloon business, but it is not enough.

There is considerable grumbling over the passage of the anti-gambling act. This law makes the saloon-keeper and landlord responsible for damages should an injury occur to any person who had taken intoxicants at their place of business. The saloon men asked merely that the liability be limited to the proprietor of the last saloon where the unfortunate obtained intoxicants.

The bill which permits 15 per cent of the voters to obtain the submission of a charter amendment is regarded as a direct blow at their interests, for it is felt that this will lead to temperance advocates compelling the submission of prohibition amendments at frequent intervals.

It is not generally realized that prominent saloon men have made copies of the roll calls in both houses upon all bills that affected their interests. These roll calls have been sent out to the leaders in the organization movement and they will be spread still further when the copies of the Senate and House journals are issued.

Armed with this, the saloon men intend to prepare to make the next campaign in which they are interested decidedly tropical. More than 100 saloon men are expected to influence in every doubtful district so as to insure the nomination and election of candidates who will at least protect their interests.

This organization of the saloon interests will have a doubtful effect. The anti-saloon interests are jubilant over the success of some of their bills at the last Legislature, and the saloon men are gaining strength. If the saloon men precipitate a fight it will lead to a clash that will make the next political fight in Washington exceedingly warm.

The saloon men naturally have an advantage in being better equipped for a political fight. They are better versed in the ways of politicians and are, moreover, more cheerful in spending their money. The political game, says up money at a rather rapid rate and the anti-saloon interests have not the funds to draw from that their opponents possess. For this reason and the additional one that there is a rather liberal sentiment in this state, the odds at present would be against the anti-saloon league. But the developments of two years may entirely change the situation.

WANTS ESTATE INVENTORIED.

To Bring Suit Against Huntington Property When Value Is Known.

NEW YORK, March 28.—William W. Mumford, counsel for G. Emily Reynolds, of Washington, in an affidavit accompanying a request made to Superior Judge Fitzgerald for an order to compel the executor of the estate of Collis P. Huntington to file an inventory of the estate, charged that it is plain that the executor does not intend to file an inventory of the estate, which, he says, he is advised consists, among other things, of personal property worth from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00.

From the best information now obtainable, the estate will show a valuation of about \$25,000.00 at the time of the death of Mr. Huntington. No explanation is obtainable at present for the apparent shrinkage of the estate to this low figure.

When Mr. Huntington died, there was a petition to know about his affairs and his estate was worth between \$25,000.00 and \$50,000.00. The State Controller's office has taken about two years to make its appraisal for taxation purposes, and is not yet ready with a report.

"We are waiting for an inventory of the estate," said Mr. Mumford, "so we can bring an action against the estate."

Mr. Mumford's affidavit alleges that C. P. Huntington was a director and officer of the Central Pacific Railroad along with Leland Stanford, Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins and others, and that the directors named controlled the Central and Finance Company and the Pacific Improvement Company, which companies "through exclusive and fraudulent contracts" profited to an extent of \$100,000,000 at the expense of the stockholders of the Central Pacific Railroad, one of whom is G. Emily Reynolds, whom Mr. Mumford represents.

Mr. Mumford, who said that his client, who owns ten shares of stock of the Central Pacific Railroad, begins action against the Huntington estate at the instance of stockholders. He also said that he did not expect that the executor would file their inventory until the State Controller had made his appraisal for the purpose of taxation.

Recent Oregon Incorporations.

SALEM, Or., March 28.—(Special).—Articles of incorporation have recently been filed in the office of the Secretary of State as follows:

Red Cross Gold Mining Company, Baker City, \$500,000; Margaret Learn, L. Learn, Louis H. Striegel.

Portland National Baseball Company, Portland, \$10,000; J. J. Grim, U. G. Vennet, Charles Emmet Drake, Peter Hoch.

Wasco Commercial Company, Wasco, \$1000; P. C. Alwood, H. P. Disher, John Medler.

Empire Laundry Company, Portland; supplemental articles increasing the capital stock from \$500 to \$5000.

Golden Age Mining Company, Ashland, \$100,000; W. White, W. H. Huston, C. S. McCorkle.

Best Nut Lock & Novelty Company, Portland, \$100,000; Thomas A. Reynolds, Orle Jordan, H. B. Reynolds, H. C. Jordan.

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LAND SALES FUND.

Annual Apportionment is Made by Secretary Dunbar.

SALEM, Or., March 28.—(Special).—Secretary of State Dunbar today made the annual apportionment of the United States 5 per cent land sales fund among the counties of the state. The apportionment is made upon the basis of acreage, so that, as a general rule, the least populous counties get the most of the money.

Harney, Malheur, Crook and Lake will receive the largest sums, while Multnomah, the most populous county, will receive the least.

The total area of the state is 39,977,790 acres, and the amount apportioned \$2,325,390, making the rate per acre a fraction more than \$0.000058 per acre. The apportionment is as follows:

County.	Acreage.	Apportioned.
Baker	1,911,880	\$74.00
Benton	1,250,000	\$49.34
Clackamas	1,107,500	\$43.49
Clatsop	520,120	\$20.07
Columbia	1,050,000	\$41.00
Coos	1,094,000	\$42.58
Curry	949,120	\$37.31
Deschutes	1,125,000	\$43.84
Douglas	1,125,000	\$43.84
Gilliam	692,500	\$27.28
Grant	2,145,000	\$84.50
Harney	2,145,000	\$84.50
Jackson	1,388,500	\$54.33
Josephine	1,050,000	\$41.00
Klamath	2,145,000	\$84.50
Lake	1,125,000	\$43.84
Lane	2,145,000	\$84.50
Lincoln	692,500	\$27.28
Linn	1,421,000	\$55.88
Malheur	2,145,000	\$84.50
Marion	1,107,500	\$43.49
Morrow	1,250,000	\$49.34
Multnomah	2,145,000	\$84.50
Polk	494,500	\$19.37
Sherman	612,500	\$24.12
Tillamook	520,120	\$20.07
Umatilla	1,125,000	\$43.84
Union	1,061,000	\$41.49
Wallowa	2,145,000	\$84.50
Washington	2,145,000	\$84.50
Wheeler	1,061,000	\$41.49
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Totals	39,977,790	\$2,325,390

BIG PUMPS PIT TO WORK.

Comstock Lode Mine to Be Freed From Water.

SALEMAN, Or., March 28.—Electricity generated 30 miles away was today turned on in the shaft of Consolidated California & Virginia mines, and the great pumps which are to unwater the Comstock lode down to the lowest depths were started on their work. These great machines will run without cessation until all the accumulated waters are discharged.

The abandoned drifts which have been submerged for more than six years, will again be accessible to the miners.

The hydraulic elevator, which was installed two years ago, has been able to maintain the floor of the mine at the 252-foot level, but to rely upon this method for a greater depth was found to be scientifically impossible.

Three duplex double-acting pumps have recently been installed, each having a capacity of 1000 gallons a minute. It is expected that an extensive body of ore will be reached at the lower depths. The installation of electric power today was followed by a public celebration.

FURTH NOT INDICTED.

Jury Can Find No Statute Covering the Case.

SEATTLE, March 28.—(Special).—The grand jury returned a verdict today in the case of Jacob Furth, a Seattle electrician, who was charged with obtaining a lighting franchise on false representation, and though no formal vote has yet been taken, it is already indicated that there are sufficient grounds for a jury to return a true bill on Monday.

In this connection the indictment of Jacob Furth, to whom, as president of the Seattle Electric Company, Shufleton assigned his franchise, was also discussed. The jury is so far unable to find a statute covering the case, and it is possible for this reason that no indictments will be returned.

Baseball Second to Track Team.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, March 28.—Considerable interest in baseball is being shown at present among the students. At the first of the season it was intended to devote all energies to track athletics and not put out a baseball team, but it has now been decided that Pacific will put out a baseball team, although it will be kept secondary to track interests.

At a meeting of the baseball enthusiasts Hugh Sparks, '07, was elected captain and manager for the coming season. Challenges have been received from the University of Washington and Columbia University, but no games have as yet been arranged.

IIIth Defeats Astoria. The IIIth Club team defeated the Astoria team at bowling tonight in four straight games. The record of pins was 88 to 83. The record of each player was as follows:

Astoria—Petterson 176, Hatch 161, Keating 139, H. P. McNary 121, Woodfield 120, Hoot 116, Fry 115, Malphre 113, Schucking 103, Hardesty 123, W. D. McNary 112.

After the game refreshments were served.

Indian Delegation to Washington.

MISSOULA, Mont., March 28.—A delegation of Indians last night departed for Washington, where they will lay before the President a complaint against the tax on the sale of furs.</