

DRYS FIGHT YUKON LIQUOR STORE PLAN

Alaska Hears of Efforts to Abolish Sales System.

MOVEMENT MAY SUCCEED

Upper Yukon Natives Reported Near Starvation as Result of Loss of Salmon Supply.

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SEWARD, Alaska, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Reports from Alaska's eastern neighbor, Yukon territory, seem to show that the prohibition element is much dissatisfied with the government liquor store experiment inaugurated last month after the saloons had been abolished by the council. Private advices, which unfortunately bear evidence of considerable personal prejudice, maintain that the new scheme has entirely eliminated the evils connected with the former saloon system, but that this fact infuriates rather than pacifies the drys, who have already started a campaign for the abolition of the new government liquor stores.

It is also explained that formerly the dry fight was against the saloons as an institution; the charge being made that it was a public nuisance which could not be properly regulated, and must therefore be destroyed. This purpose having been accomplished, and no concrete ground of complaint against the new government liquor stores being possible, the drys base their new campaign on the abstract principle that liquor drinking is immoral per se and its use as a beverage cannot be admitted on any grounds or under any circumstances; and, the wiser conclusion, "it is more than possible that they may succeed in their present purpose, for whatever the conditions in the outside world may be, here at least, society is upside down mentally and the moral revolution is so complete that a thing is, the greater its chances of popular approval."

Liquor Law Explained.

Briefly outlined, the new Yukon territory scheme permits one government liquor store in each trade center tributary to and supplying a population of not less than 500 persons. The gold commissioner of Yukon territory, in his capacity of chief executive officer, in general charge of the stores, each of which is under the immediate direction of a government official designating vendors. The "liquor traffic ordinance" creating the stores shall be open for business during the hours of the regular hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and shall be closed on Sundays and all public holidays and all election days throughout the "entire 24 hours of such days."

A printed or typewritten price list shall be kept publicly displayed on the door of each store, and no liquors shall be sold at other prices than those listed, and no sale be made except for cash. All liquors shall be sold in sealed packages, excepting beer, and no package shall be opened nor may any liquor be consumed on the premises; nor may any sale be made except direct to the purchaser or on his written order. Liquor shall be sold to any person under 21 years of age, any person under the influence of liquor, any Indian, or any interdicted person.

Natives Face Starvation.

The Right Rev. Bishop Rowe of the Episcopal church, and many others familiar with the facts from personal observation, bring the assurance that actual starvation threatens many of the natives on the upper Yukon and its tributaries during the present winter. This tragic fact is due to the circumstance that the Carlisle Packing company operates a cannery near the mouth of the Yukon, and in order to keep up its record pack during this season's unprecedentedly small salmon run it was necessary for this company to take virtually every salmon that entered the Yukon on its way to spawning ground up the river.

It was perfectly legal for the Carlisle Packing company to do this, for its cannery is located there by the express consent of the United States government; although, to be sure, in defiance of the frantic protests of the people of Alaska of white blood, and the frightened looks of apprehension that expressed the feelings of the natives when they heard of it.

Of course the natives above the Carlisle cannery, who depend almost exclusively upon the annual salmon runs for their winter's food, will have to make the best of a bad situation. If they starve it will be unfortunate, but then there are compensations in all things.

New Railroad Likely.

Alaska has had so many tentative railroad projects, and so few that ever got beyond the tentative stage, that a reporter writes of a new one with fear and trembling lest it flake out before the story gets in type. However, it now seems certain that a standard gauge road from Hyer to the Salmon river mining district will soon be constructed. C. F. Caldwell, who is at the head of the new enterprise, has recently returned from Washington city with permission of the forest service to proceed with the construction through the national forest reservation.

All surveys and other preliminary work as far as the Canadian border have been completed. The Canadian government will be asked for permission to build the line into Canadian territory later on. The trackage already definitely provided for will supply transportation facilities for the Big Missouri, Little Joker, New Alaska, Premier, Unicorn and Anaconda mines; large properties owned chiefly by Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts people. The eastern mine owners seem to feel the road is definitely assured, as a number of them have recently given orders that production on their properties be pushed to the limit, and the proposed road be depended upon to move the ore to the market.

Douglas Chief Up Against It.

The police chief at Douglas, who is also the police force, fire department,

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pound keeper, information bureau and performer of all other municipal functions not assumed and taken over by the local United States commissioner, is having trouble with a prisoner and threatens to resign and devote all of his time, rather than merely a large share of it as at present, to longshoring unless his prisoner stops pestering him and keeps out of the jail.

The trouble all started when a Filipino gentleman of unspellable and unpronounceable name blew into Douglas, seemed to fancy the place as a permanent abode and took up the occupation of retailing hard-luck stories to sympathetic housewives just about meal time. The bureau of information got wind of the matter and in his capacity of police chief pinched General Aguilando's countryman on a charge of vagrancy, and bawled him up to the fount of justice presided over by United States Commissioner Kilburn.

The commissioner thought it would make the matter of more interest if the charge of vagrancy be supplemented with a charge of drunkenness, and more completely justify the assessment of \$10 he intended levying after taking judicial notice of the prisoner's guilt and hearing the evidence of what witnesses might appear.

Plot Becomes Thicker.

The guilty one had not the ten pesos with which to satisfy the demands of justice so the judge had no resource but to look footle or commit the man to jail in default of payment. Once inside the bars the prisoner said it looked quite comfy and thought he would use it permanently.

The chief in his capacity of jailer explained the odium incurred by carrying permanently in jail, and gave the tip that any local boat would be glad to carry folks without expense provided they would agree to shove the merest trifle of a mite of coal on the way across the bay; and having become confidential, mentioned that he took a lot of pleasure in befriending Filipinos and never locked the jail when one chance to be his involuntary guest.

Next morning the Filipino prisoner was waiting impatiently for his breakfast when the chief appeared. Not to be outdone by a mongrel Asiatic the wily chief concealed himself at a nearby point of vantage, and when the prisoner sauntered out for a brief stroll before turning in for the night, quickly slipped up and locked the stances; and, the wily conclusion,

"Feeling quite chesty over his originality and its necessary success he came down the second morning to find the prisoner sleeping soundly and the jail door open just sufficiently for proper hobo ventilation. In answer to the indignant inquiry as to the method of his ingress, and divers threats of pinching him for unlawful breaking, the prisoner quietly disclosed a key found hanging on a nail, turned over and again dropped into gentle slumber."

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SEED PLANT IS RUNNING PROPRIETOR AT CHELALIS ENTHUSIASTIC

Over Lewis County Prospects.

CHELALIS, Wash., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—J. W. Elston, recently of Anity, Or., who purchased the old furniture factory site on Main street here, has his seed cleaning and grading plant now in operation, and has shipped out his first carload of seeds. Mr. Elston is enthusiastic over the prospects for the seed industry in Lewis county. He says he has traveled all over the country, and nowhere has he found such a high quality of seeds and so heavy a production of grass and garden seeds as here. One farmer this year harvested \$200 worth of pea seeds from one acre, without special attention to the crop. Mr. Elston said \$200,000 worth of garden seeds already have been shipped by eastern houses.

SORORITIES IN DANGER

Stanford Expects to Make All of Girls Live in Dormitories.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Cal., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Two hundred girls living in campus sororities are faced with the prospect of being homeless if the plans of the university authorities are carried out. Plans being laid to build another women's dormitory which will shelter all of the 500 women students allowed here. While this action is not against the sororities directly, their separate existence in their own houses will be done away with under the rule requiring girls to live in university dormitories.

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McKAIG LOSES POINT

COURT RULES OUT GOODING'S ALLEGED LETTER.

Idaho Plaintiff Admits Purpose to Show Malice—Meeting With ex-Governor Recounted.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 8.—(Special.)—The defense won an important point today in the McKaig \$50,000 libel suit against F. R. Gooding and the Statesman Printing company, when they succeeded in having ruled out the photographic letter, purported to be from ex-Governor Gooding, asking the league to endorse him for the United States senate. The plaintiff admitted that it was intended to show malice.

BOISE BONDS ARE SOLD

\$1,000,000 Roads Issue Goes to Spokane Buyer.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 8.—(Special.)—The \$1,000,000 good roads bond issue voted by Ada county citizens on August 20 today was sold by the county commissioners to Ferris and Hargrove, Spokane bond buyers, on a bid of 4.97 1/2 per cent and a premium of \$250. This is the same firm to which the state sold its \$900,000

DIKED LAND SELLS HIGH

James Chambers of Portland Pays \$15,000 for Mt. Solo Place.

KELSO, Wash., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—James Chambers, from Portland, purchased 93 acres of the A. D. Garner place at Mount Solo this week for \$15,000. This land is mostly cleared and ready for cultivation but is unimproved and without buildings.

MARSHFIELD PLANS WORK

Paving Contracts to Be Awarded Early in Spring.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—The city council is preparing plans for next year's street work so that the awards for 1920 will be ready for the contractors in the spring. The programme for next year includes paving for a number of broken-down plank streets which are now almost impassible. One street of about ten blocks is impassible.

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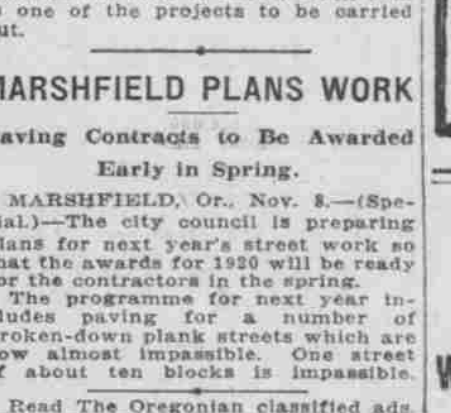
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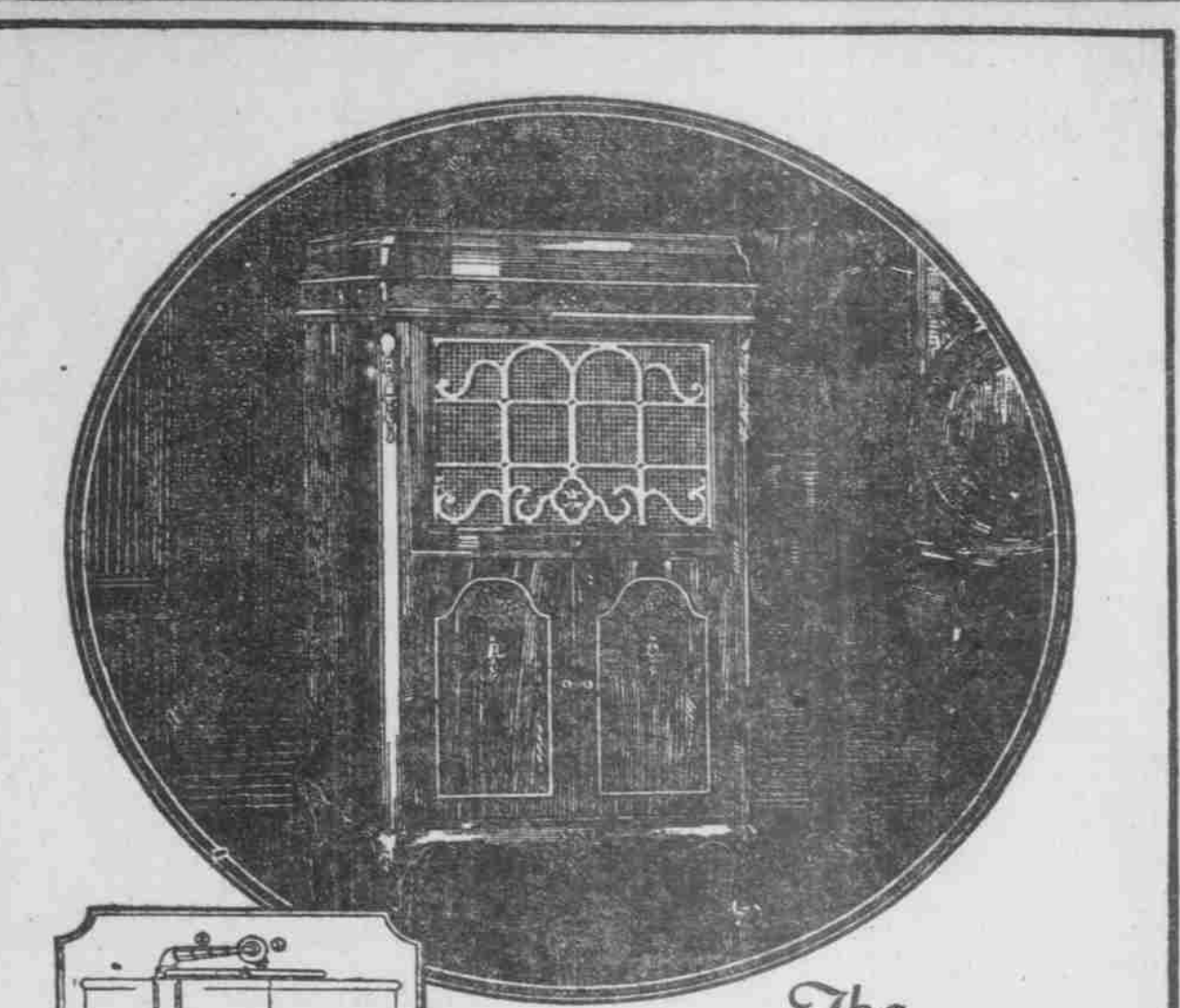


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