

THE LOCKS QUESTION.

It is quite evident from the position of the Portland "organs" of the Locks corporation that a strong pressure will be made on the Legislature to buy the property for the State. It is a fact that the owners have been trying to get the "elephant" off their hands for several years. They sent a certain Portland attorney out to this county before the election in '74 to buy up a man and run him for the Legislature, who was to use his influence and vote to secure the purchase of their lock and dam. But the man they approached happened to be of a different metal from what they supposed and their disgraceful overture was indignantly refused.

The Locks company being sick of their "elephant" will, through their attorneys, "organs" and lobbyists, try to get the State to pay them a good round sum for the property. They will try to frighten the State into a purchase by threatening to close the Locks, or charge extra on steamboat bottoms passing through.

The State cannot afford to buy the locks. We are already in debt to the amount of nearly a million of dollars and we should incur no further liabilities. By the provision of the Act of '72 the State will have to pay \$200,000 into the school fund when it buys the locks, and if the purchase price for the locks should be only \$200,000, (the price paid by the State for their construction), it would create a new debt of nearly half a million dollars, counting the cost for repairs, the expense of a board of commissioners, and interest on money. And furthermore the State only pays seven per cent on the \$200,000 invested in the Locks, which is but \$14,000 interest per annum, while the entire receipts by the Company for passing freight and passengers through the locks is only \$15,000, besides the company is at the expense of from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year for repairs and operating the locks. So it is quite plain to the dullest comprehension that the corporation has an "elephant" on its hands and that the State should not buy it. We would better wait for the twenty years provided by statute as the limit of the corporate ownership of the locks, when the property will be bought by the State at a fair valuation, at a time when the commonwealth will be better able to make the purchase.

A CRITICISM.

HILLSBORO, Sept., 20th, 1876.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

Please allow me the use of your columns to try to correct an error often made by temperance men and which was made by you in your issue of Aug. 31st. In it an argument was made to the effect that if any one should be allowed to sell liquor in Hillsboro by the drink, Mr. Wiley is the one, giving as a reason his good qualities, reputation, etc. Now Mr. Editor, in order to be understood, allow me to illustrate; suppose this community should have in it an element of Mormonism, or any of the great evils which tend to corrupt the morals of the people, would you think it good judgment in those who thought it an evil doctrine to say that if it is to be taught we want it taught by honest, upright, intelligent and influential citizens, or would you not rather think it good judgment in them to ask that it be taught by a class of persons who have no higher grade of morals than this doctrine is calculated to promote. Of course you think the latter, and so do I, and therefore I conclude that the liquor traffic should be conducted by that class of persons whose moral character is no higher than his business is calculated to produce. Taking this view of the question is it impossible for me to conceive of a man bad enough to make a saloon-keeper.

SENATORIAL.

The Democratic caucus at Salem has united on Gov. Grover for U. S. Senator. Only 44 Democrats went into the caucus, while 8 staid out who are opposed to the election of Grover, and the votes of these recalcitrant Democrats are necessary to make his calling and election sure. Nesmith, Slater, Daly, and other prominent Democrats went before the caucus for nomination and were defeated and of course they, as Democrats, will abide the decision. As a Republican cannot be elected unless by mere chance the choice lies between Gov. Grover and some Democrat of inferior ability. Republicans should be very careful how they vote in such a case.

LOCAL OPTION THE REMEDY.

The heat, ill feeling and even hatreds engendered in a neighborhood by the present expensive and tedious system of petition and remonstrance to regulate the whisky traffic ought to satisfy everyone that it is a bad way to settle the question. The contest becomes a personal one and against a certain man, and worse than that, it is a fight against a man's private business—and that business a legal one (which is the best that can be said for it). It entails a heavy expense on both the applicant for license and those most interested in defeating the petition. It also costs the county, for in the contest the Commissioners' court was engaged three days in deciding the petition. Furthermore it is an unjust law: for it compels peace-loving and virtuous citizens to spend their money and time to defeat an evil, with no gain in prospect but the good of the people, while on the other hand the applicant for license is financially interested—thus arraying interested capital against morals. And in such contests capital united with selfish interests generally comes out victorious.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Hon. L. F. Grover's biennial message to the Legislature is a valuable State document. We suppose we can say this much without being suspected of any prejudice for the man. We like it because it is abreast with the progress of enlightened opinion in the State. The Governor advises some of the very measures that we have long and strenuously advocated and if we cannot indorse his Democracy we do emphatically indorse his message. In our next issue we will give a synopsis of its principal features.

Local option is the remedy for this defective mode of regulating the liquor traffic. It has none of the objections while it has merits that make it far superior to the present system. One merit in particular is that it

gives time for reflection, whereas when license is applied for by petition but ten days notice is given, which allows only a hasty view of the question. It is farcically objected that a local option law would conflict with our State constitution because, forsooth, it was declared unconstitutional in California, as if the constitutions of these States were identical! Local option was declared unconstitutional in California because the law was actually enacted, so the court decided, by the people of the precinct where the vote was taken, and not by the Legislature as provided by the constitution. But in constructing a local option law our Legislature need not make that mistake. It should pass a law requiring that the people may vote in their several precincts at each general election whether or not they will have liquor sold as a beverage by the small, until the next general election, the decision of the majority in the case, to govern the county courts in granting or rejecting petitions for license. If such a law would be unconstitutional then is the present law, which provides that the people may vote by petition or remonstrance on this question, unconstitutional also.

We hope the friends of temperance and the friends of peace and good feeling, in the Legislature, will pass a local option law.

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Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE State of Oregon, for the county of Washington ss: Josiah M. Merrell plaintiff, vs. Dewitt C. Merrell, administrator of the estate of Chas. G. Merrell dec'd, Margaret Merrell widow of said deceased, and William Henry Merrell, Edward Merrell, Sophronia Ann Zeigler, Chas. P. Merrell, Margaret Jane Atkinson, Deborah Fwing, Elizabeth Merrell, Mary Walton and Dewitt C. Merrell heirs-at-law of said Chas. G. Merrell deceased, defendants.

To the above named defendants: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within this county or if served in any other county of this State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for a decree against you, for the relief prayed for in the Plaintiff's complaint herein, and to wit: that a certain mortgage therein described be held by Dewitt C. Merrell in trust for Plaintiff, and that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of 2 1/2 acres of land therein described, and for such other and further relief as the court may seem just.

T. B. HANDLEY, Att'y for Plff.

Administrator's Sale!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an order of the County Court of Washington county, State of Oregon, at the Court house in Hillsboro, on the 15th day of August, 1876, in the matter of the estate of W. H. McNutt, deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate will, on Friday, the 6th day of October, 1876, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m. of said day, at the Court house door in Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest that the said W. H. McNutt had at the time of his decease or since acquired by his estate, in and to the following described premises to wit: The W 1/2 of the N E 1/4 of Sec. 9, T 1 N. R 4 W. of the Willamette Meridian, 40 acres, and the S W 1/4 of the S E 1/4 of Sec. 4, T 1 N. R 4 W. of said Meridian, both of said tracts containing 80 acres of land and lying in Washington county, Oregon. Terms of sale, Gold coin, one half of the purchase price in hand, the balance (one-half) to be paid in one year from day of sale, deferred payment to draw interest from day of sale until paid, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, and to be secured by mortgage on premises sold. Expense of deed and mortgage to be paid by purchaser.

ROBT. W. MCNUTT, Administrator.

Sheriff's Sale!

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington county, in favor of George B. Hill against Mary O. Bell for the sum of twenty-two and 90/100 dollars (\$22.90) costs which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said county on the 29th day of May, 1876.

Therefore by virtue of said writ I did on the 11th day of August, 1876, duly levy on the following described tract, or parcel of land to wit: The one divided into one third part of the following described parcel of land situate in Washington county, Oregon, to wit: The East half of the donation land claim and described as follows: Beginning at a point 15.77 chains East and 3.12 chains North of the South-West corner of Section 16, T 1 N. R 4 W. and running thence South 43 chains; thence West 37.50 chains; thence North 43.00 chains; thence East 26.87 chains to the place of beginning containing One Hundred and Fifty-Nine and 87/100 acre more or less.

And on Saturday the 23d day of September, 1876, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day at the Court House in Hillsboro in said county, I will sell said tract of land, or all the right title and interest the said Mary O. Bell has or had in and to said tract of land on the said 29th day of May, 1876, at public auction to the highest bidder therefor cash in hand to satisfy said execution and accruing costs.

Witness my hand this Aug. 14th 1876.

H. B. MOEGAN, Sheriff of Washington county, Oregon.

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