

AFTER SCALPS OF SALOONMEN

Anti-Liquorists Preparing Vigorous Campaign Against Rum Dealers.

BATTLE IN CLACKAMAS

"Wide Open" County Likely To Be Scene of Attempts to Suppress the Traffic.

Unless the morning sun of moral reform under the blue laws succeeds in dissipating the Sunday gimmlings along the shady banks of the rolling Clackamas, says the Oregonian, action attacking the saloon as an institution, not merely as a Sunday law violator, is likely to be instituted. The prohibition talks made in the Pacific Northwest during the past few days by such men as Judge S. R. Artman, Rev. John G. Woolley, Oliver W. Stewart and many others who spoke at the recent Chautauqua Assembly, have sown seeds of reform in fertile soil, and their contention that the liquor license is unconstitutional has been given much serious thought.

For this reason, and because of the weekly disturbance and debauches along the Cazadero electric line, Oregon may have the honor of instituting legal action with a view to having the question of the constitutionality of the liquor license taken clear to the Supreme Court of the United States for final settlement.

Many people, individually and affiliated with reform movements in this city, have taken up the matter of nailing down the lid in Clackamas county, outside of Oregon City, with District Attorney Gilbert Hedges but he has ignored their pleas entirely.

B. Lee Paget, who lives in Clackamas county, and who is treasurer for the prohibition party in this state, even went so far as to write a long letter to Mr. Hedges, inclosing newspaper clippings and editorials on the situation.

Mr. Paget also asked Hedges to enforce the law in Clackamas just as Mr. Manning is enforcing it in Multnomah county, and made his appeal on behalf of the citizenship of the county and on behalf of the Oak Grove Improvement Association, of which Mr. Paget is president. Paget closed his letter with the statement: "Our county cannot afford to have much advertising of this character."

District Attorney Hedges did not even do Mr. Paget the courtesy of acknowledging receipt of the communication or of answering it in any way.

Several members of the Municipal Association of this city also requested Mr. Hedges to close the saloons in Estacada, Barton, Boring, Eagle Creek and Sandy, and the only satisfaction they got, they say, was this: Hedges told them if they would swear out informations against the saloonmen, he would issue warrants.

"So you see," said Mr. Paget, in commenting on the situation, "it is pretty clearly up to Mr. Hedges. We have done all we can do in the way of urging him to do his duty, but to my notion you have to go far back of a mere district attorney to root out the evil. I don't see any solution of the liquor evil so long as the government licenses the traffic. Refuse saloonmen licenses and the Sunday-closing agitation would no longer be an issue or a matter to argue about."

Mr. Paget added that he stood ready to assist any organized movement looking to the closing of the Clackamas county saloons on Sunday, and would enlist the efforts of his party leaders in the state.

E. S. J. McAllister, who until recently was counsel for the State Anti-Saloon League, and is still an earnest worker for reform, wants to get to the bottom of the matter, and if he is able to secure the neces-

sary assistance will start the war of extermination on the saloon in Oregon.

"We will make Clackamas county the example, if you like," he said last night. "I am willing and ready to draw up a brief, if we can get a relation to sign it, and we will bring injunction proceedings to close up all the saloons, not only on Sundays but on every other day in the week. We will strike the blow in Clackamas county, if necessary. That will settle Sunday closing for good and all. I would like to see the fight carried up to the Supreme Court of the United States, and let the highest tribunal in the land interpret the Constitution with regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

"The matter will get to the Supreme Court sooner or later along the very lines Judge Artman has explained to us here, and Oregon might as well have the credit for taking the initiative as any other state. And I venture the prophecy that when the Supreme Court of the United States does consider the question, it will knock out every liquor license in America. There is no right granted by the Constitution allowing a man to sell intoxicating liquor. It is merely a privilege, and I am sure it will be held unconstitutional, on the ground of being destructive to public morals, inimical to society, corruptive of our citizenship and dangerous to public weal."

"Something should be done to make the officials of Clackamas county do their duty, just as they do in this county. I will put my shoulder to the wheel."

"It is a shame," said H. W. Stone, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., "that such conditions should exist over in our neighboring county. The law is a state law, and it applies there as strongly as it does here. I hardly think, however, that our citizens should be called upon to chastise public officials over there in this matter. They know their duty and ought to be honest and courageous enough to enforce them without being hit over the head with a club."

Finlay McKercher, another devoted Prohibitionist, says he is willing to carry the war into Clackamas county if somebody else will start the movement. He thinks the citizens of Clackamas county should arise in their might, and protest to District Attorney Hedges, and if they can't compel that official to do his duty, Mr. McKercher would like to see every citizen of Multnomah county go over to Oregon City and join in the protest.

"Let them start it over there," said McKercher, "and we will lend our moral support to the movement. It is an outrage on public decency that a little strip of country out through Clackamas county should be allowed to violate the Sunday closing law when all other portions of it are forced to obey."

The question of compelling District Attorney Hedges to go on record to force him to show his hand as either with or against the law-and-order people of Clackamas county is likely to be brought to the attention of the Municipal Association early this week, the protest to be made that the thousands of people who desire to go to the Clackamas Sundays for an outing or a picnic should not be forced to endure the insults and indignities of the drunken rabble that goes out there for no other reason than to get beastly intoxicated and raise bedlam on the street cars on the way to town.

"The emptying of a pack of drunk-

en men and women into the streets of Portland every Sunday night is the complaint which the reform movements of Multnomah county and Portland will no doubt lodge with Mr. Hedges before the present week is over, and an attempt will be made to have the issue settled by next Sunday. Should this fail, the injunction weapon will be resorted to.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. Gilbert returned to this city Tuesday, after an extended visit through the East. He reports extremely hot weather in that section.

Mr. Morton, of Libby, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

Mr. R. M. Wieder returned home Wednesday from the south.

Mr. Beigers, of Sumner, was in this city yesterday.

Miss Grace Gould, of Coos River, was in Marshfield yesterday.

Mrs. E. O'Connell was down from the Maze yesterday.

Mr. Joe Shillings leaves on the Breakwater for the north, after having visited in this city for the past two weeks.

Miss M. Chase, of Salt Lake City, is here for a short time visiting with her cousin, Mr. George Blanchard, of this city.

Miss Frances Bently left yesterday morning for her home at Cottage Grove, after having spent a few weeks with Mrs. M. M. Sumner, of this city.

Mr. Suplee will leave on the Breakwater for Portland on a business trip.

John Fitzgerald of Coos River was a city visitor yesterday.

Mr. Gibson returned to this city yesterday after having made an extended tour through the Coquille country.

Mr. Webster of Coos river was a Marshfield visitor yesterday.

Dr. N. F. Pike, of Twin Falls, Idaho, in Coos Bay for a short time.

Mr. A. Courtney is convalescing and in a week or ten days will be able to be out doors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sumner, of Bandon, are visiting with their relatives on the bay.

Mr. F. E. Allen returned yesterday from a business trip to the Coquille country.

Mr. Wm. Ward, of Coquille, leaves today on a trip to San Francisco.

Mrs. Dalton and Miss Grace Hutcherson, of Berkeley, are in this city visiting with friends and relatives.

—Funeral Notice.—Sunset Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F.—You are hereby requested to meet at I. O. O. F. Hall Thursday, at 1 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother, Jesse Thomas. By order of the N. G.

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