

QUEER TANGLE IN LIQUOR LAW

Judge's Ruling on Local Option Election Does Not Affect County Contest.

IS ONLY ON DISTRICTS.

Liquor Men Claim That Law is One-sided and May Make Fight On It Soon.

More details received today by Judge Hall regarding Judge Hamilton's ruling on the petitions of E. A. Becket and other Coquille liquor men to have the proposed local option election in June set aside, show that the ruling only affects the certain districts and not the county as whole. The question for the county as a whole will be voted on June 1st, but a temporary injunction has been issued restraining the submission of the question to certain districts. The hearing on this injunction will be sometime during the present term of court and it is not unlikely that it will be made permanent.

Judge Hamilton upheld the liquor men's contention that the prohibition question according to the State law could not be submitted in certain districts more than once every two years. Now, it happens that the question was submitted about a year ago in certain districts that are now "wet," so unless arguments and law are presented to make Judge Hamilton change his ruling, the question cannot be submitted to these sections as districts again. However, the law permits these districts, as part of the county, to vote on the question again in June.

Under the law, all precincts in the county that give a majority for prohibition shall remain "dry" for two years even if the total vote of the county is against prohibition. However, if the county as a whole, gives a majority for prohibition and even though the vote in certain precincts is against prohibition, these precincts as part of the county must remain "dry."

The liquor men claim that the law, owing to the above peculiarity, is one-sided, and it is possible that they may attempt to make a test-case against it.

The prohibition workers, under the direction of the recently formed Coos County Anti-saloon League, are preparing to make a strenuous campaign for their side.

BRINGS MANY TO COOS BAY

Alliance Arrives from Portland With Large Passenger List—Vessel Movements.

The Alliance reached Coos Bay yesterday from Marshfield with a cargo of freight and nearly a full passenger list. Among the passengers were the following:

Paul McIntosh and wife, Mrs. C. Griven, W. S. Burries, W. S. Paige, W. S. Greenleaf, A. B. Daly, Mrs. R. Scott, Howard Scott, Mrs. C. L. Shapelle, Leo Shapelle, Cecil Shapelle, Miss May Athert, F. S. Minor, H. Vance, P. O. Smith, T. Clarke, M. Sulner, L. D. Shadle, John Sundquist, M. N. Y. Mayer, L. Shepherd, J. H. Barber, E. P. Sheldon, Frank Keno, F. E. Hilton, H. A. Kumenrein, Frank Whitney, John Whitney, Ed. McKeawen, Wm. Talle, E. L. Mills, Mrs. D. E. Mills, Miss L. Mills, Miss Esther Gearhart, D. Douglas, W. R. Andrews, W. M. Andrews, Mark Whitworth, L. Gregory, G. Stenor, Mrs. Geo. W. Westlake, and eleven steerage.

Other Vessels Sail.
The Enterprise, recently purchased by R. D. Hume, and which brought a load of salmon from Rogue River to Marshfield a few days ago, will sail today for Port Orford and Wedderburn, carrying a cargo of merchandise.

The tug Hunter, Captain Cornwall, came down from Gardiner this morning for a load of merchandise. The Nann Smith sailed yesterday for Bay Point. C. A. Smith, Misses Adeline and Nann Smith and Mrs. Irwin made the trip on her. The vessel and its passengers will return here and sail again in a few days for San Francisco.

COOS BAY'S NEW \$50,000 HOTEL

To be Erected by J. H. BRIDGES, of Reno, Nev.

BRIDGES HOTEL.



The Times presents a rough sketch of the proposed new hotel to be erected by J. H. Bridges, at the corner of Broadway and 'C' streets. The illustration is necessarily crude being made from two different sheets of the architects drawings and conveys, but a meagre idea of what will be a beautiful and substantial addition to the public improvements of Marshfield. The hotel will be a four-story structure of concrete and steel and will be erected at an approximate cost of \$50,000. It is of the Mission style of architecture which will be

followed throughout in its finishing and furnishings.

The ground floor plan embraces the hotel office and lobby on the corner and adjoining this on the 'C' street side will be the buffet and cafe and dining-room. There will also be two store-rooms which may be utilized either for mercantile purposes or sample rooms. The second floor contains a large parlor and writing and reading room in addition to numerous apartments, single and ensuite. The hotel will contain seventy rooms with eighteen private baths.

It will be furnished elegantly throughout and equipped with all the modern conveniences including steam heat, hot and cold running water and gas and electric lights in each room.

This hotel has progressed beyond the point of a merely prospective proposition as Mr. Bridges has already awarded contracts for a number of the appurtenances and appointments. It will be pushed with all possible haste, and Mr. Bridges hopes to have it ready for occupancy within four months.

POULTRY RAISERS DISAGREE ON EXPENSE OF KEEPING CHICKENS

Large Number of Letters Received in Washington Concerning Cost of Keeping a Hen a Year—Some Claim it Depends on the Hen and the Place.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 21.—The minimum expense at which a hen may be maintained in comfort for a year—a problem which is now the subject of profound consideration in congress—is the bone of contention among poultry impresarios in all parts of the country, judging from the scores of communications being received here. Each writer insists that his estimate is correct, but no attempt will be made to strike an average until the evidence is all in. Some of the most interesting follow:

\$2.15 Per Hen is Nate Bilven's Careful Estimate.
WEEKAPAU, R. L., April 15.—All matters of interest in this thriving metropolis have been subordinated to the task of trying to decide just how much each hen should be allowed annually. Whole families have split on the proposition and even the hens can't come to an agreement.

"I've been keeping hens for years," said Nate Bilven, general storekeeper, "and I've never been able to figure out what each hen spends. Some hens eat more than others, and some hens eat less. You can't fool them on feed, though. Give them rotten grub and you'll get a similar brand of eggs. Taking room, board and expense incurred in freeing them from foreign entanglements, and I should say that \$2.15 would be a pretty good average."

Colorado Can't Solve It.
CORKLEG, Col., April 10.—"That question never will be settled," said Jim Hilson. "How are you going to figure out an annual allowance and include the setting hens? It can't be did. In the old days a hen was content to squat on a pile of straw to do her hatching; now she demands a hair mattress or a feather bed. All these highfalutin' notions come from crossing the birds with the incubator variety."

"And you must remember," interrupted Toby Tucker, "that all the time a hen is settin' she ain't layin' and her board and keep is going on just the same. Where she used to shift for herself, now she demands a sulphur souse every day and the services of a trained nurse. Some of the hens are becoming so independent

they won't drop an egg unless there's a big advance sale."

Kansas Man Indignant.
WHIPPOORWILL, Kan., April 10.—"Strikes us out this way that the efforts now being made to discredit the hard working hen are reprehensible," said Thomas Tittymouse, with a show of heat. "My hens eat the same stuff I do, and they go wherever I go. No, I don't know what they spend, and if I did I wouldn't tell you. Getting things down pretty fine when they start putting cash registers in hen houses!"

WILL ORGANIZE CHORUS OF FIFTY IN THIS CITY.

Bridges Concert Company of Chicago Greeted by Large Audience at Methodist Episcopal Church.
A crowded house greeted the Bridges Concert Company at the Methodist Episcopal church last evening, and warmly applauded the very pleasing program of musical numbers, sketches and elocutionary numbers.

The concert was preliminary to an effort to organize a local chorus of about fifty voices in Marshfield. Last evening, a large number of local singers signified their intention of joining, and it is expected that when the first rehearsal is held at the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow night, the full quota will be there. Frank R. Bridges, the director of the company, and the others will give the chorus a week's instruction and then turn them over to the best local leader that can be found.

Mr. Bridges, his wife, Frank B. Forman and Mrs. Forman have been engaged in this work for some time and have been very successful. It is their intention to organize similar choruses at North Bend, Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point.

They will give a musical program at the Presbyterian church in North Bend this evening.

TAFT LOSES CONVENTION

New Hampshire Republican State Gathering Tables Resolution Endorsing Him.

CONCORD, N. H., April 21.—The Republican State Convention to select delegates at large to the Republican National Convention is be-

EASTERN STAR GIVES BANQUET

Visit of State Officials to Marshfield Chapter Marked by Enjoyable Function.

The official of the Worthy grand patron, F. S. Dunn of Eugene, and the worthy grand matron, Mrs. Florence M. Bargelt of Marshfield, last evening was made the occasion of one of the most delightful reception and celebrations ever held by Doric Chapter, No. 53, Order of the Eastern Star. There was a large attendance of members of the organization on Coos Bay and aside from the business features of the gathering, a most delightful social time was enjoyed.

There was special drill work by the teams and also initiations, showing the officers of the state organization how the local body could confer the degrees. After the conclusion of the work, the members of the team and the officers of the local chapter were complimented upon their success.

Following this work, a sumptuous banquet was served. Charles McKnight presided as toastmaster and among those who responded were Mrs. W. C. Tower, Mrs. Horsfall, Mrs. E. D. Wolcott, F. E. Allen, F. S. Dunn and S. Marsden.

As a testimonial of the good will and esteem of Doric Chapter, No. 53, Mrs. Bargelt was presented a handsome clock and Mr. Dunn an artistically engraved souvenir inkstand.

ing held here today. A resolution endorsing Taft for president, was tabled. A rising vote resulted in only 25 delegates out of 76 voting for the resolution.

The platform declares a renewal of allegiance to the principles of the Republican party. While recognizing the existing tariff schedules should be readjusted to current conditions, emphatic opposition is declared to tariff tinkering by piece meal. It urges the restoration of the American flag to the ocean carrying trade, and generous pension legislation for army and navy veterans. On the question of instructions, it asserts that the real interests of the presidential candidate to be nominated will be best served without specific or implied instruction in the form of resolutions or preferences in the convention.

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