

BOX INQUIRY IS TOO ODIOUS

Rev. A. J. Montgomery Says United Public Sentiment Demands Satisfaction.

HOLDS MAJORITY TO BE DERELICT IN DUTY

Is the Council Owned Absolutely by the Saloon? the Query Put by the Minister, Who Thinks the Answer Must Be Yes.

The friends of purity and decency, and they are the vast majority, still demand the enactment of an adequate box ordinance and still continue to place the blame for the present condition of things upon the majority of the city council. Last night at the Third Presbyterian church, "We have been shocked and horrified at the disgusting revelations of the past few weeks. The agitation that has been going on cannot be stopped or thwarted by any sort of shifty evasion. The people have their minds made up. They know what they want. They know exactly to a man who stands in the way of the voice of the people prevailing. They will hold the right parties responsible and accountable. The box inquiry has become so odious that it must go. There is nothing more certain than that. Let the friends of ordinary common decency stand for their rights. The victory seems to be almost won."

"I am among those who believe that it is always better to commend than to condemn, and so let me say that we ought to commend the majority of the council who are working for a box ordinance. While we hold the majority derelict in the gravest measure in public duty, we equally recognize the efforts of those who have the best interests of the city at heart.

"Why all this confusion of repeating, amending and altering, and changing, and doctoring up, and introducing new and old ordinances? It is not to throw dust in the eyes of the public? The ordinance that was in effect when the present administration came to power could be put back on the books in its entirety in a few minutes, if the council was willing. There are at least three things that would commend that ordinance: First, it was the outgrowth of a long agitation, which is still fresh in the minds of a great many people. It represented the final wisdom of the people so far as they could express themselves. It found favor with almost all, except the liquor saloon who were opposed by it. Second, it had a large measure of agreement to its various provisions as it seems to be possible to get. This is an important consideration, because any measure of this sort is rendered operative or inoperative by the amount of public sentiment which it may or may not have behind it. Third, it was carried into the courts and sustained on the issue raised. It would have all the sanction which this fact would add to it.

"But whether this ordinance or another just as good is given something must be done to abate the box inquiry. Upon this plain proposition public sentiment, such as is seldom aroused, is united. The people are beginning to ask the question: 'Is the majority of the city council absolutely owned by the wholesale liquor dealers?' Nobody has done a little so much to convince the people that this is true as the majority of the council themselves."

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CONGRESS ASKED TO HELP

CAPTAIN TOZIER WILL INSPECT THE STATIONS

Canadian Government May Place Signal Guns Along Coast Near Strait of Juan de Fuca, Where the Valencia Was Wrecked.

To make the life-saving stations on the Oregon and Washington coasts equal those along the shores of New Jersey and Long Island, which are considered nearly perfect, a bill appropriating additional money for the Pacific coast stations, in excess of the regular maintenance, has been introduced in congress and there is some talk of introducing a second bill asking for more money with which to improve the service.

Captain D. F. Tozier, in charge of the Pacific northwest department of the life-saving service, who has headquarters in the federal building, will leave the latter part of the week on a tour of inspection of the nine stations under his supervision. It is expected that his report upon prevailing conditions will have an important bearing upon the proposed second appropriation.

The numerous wrecks along the coast during the past month or six weeks have awakened the life-saving department to the necessity of additional stations. There is also talk of more light-houses.

The wreck of the steamship Valencia on the coast of Vancouver island has convinced the Canadian government that extra warning stations along the coast in the immediate vicinity of the mouth of the Juan de Fuca strait are needed. Experts have concluded that fog horns can not be heard as far in storms as signal-guns, and there is a possibility that the Canadian authorities may establish several batteries of artillery along the coast near the mouth of the strait, which will both forth signals of danger during wild storms and periods when fog envelops the waters, making navigation dangerous.

There is no necessity of additional signal stations on the American side of the strait, according to Captain Tozier, who was for many years in charge of the revenue cutter service at Fort Townsend.

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See Nature in Her Winter Garb.

To see the far-famed Rocky mountains in their wondrous winter garb is the treat of a lifetime. The canyons, peaks and gorges are even more attractive in winter than in summer. The Desver & Rio Grande, popularly known as "The Scenic Line of the World," pierces the very heart of the Rockies, and besides the only transcontinental line passing directly through Salt Lake City, the quaint and picturesque Mormon capital. Stopovers granted on all classes of tickets. For rates on all western points call upon or write W. C. McBride, 124 Third street.

VOTE TO SUPPORT REV. R. K. HAM TO REMAIN HERE

DR. BROUGHER COUNCILMAN SHEPHERD HEARS HIMSELF SCORED

At Close of Speech Three Thousand People Promise to Stand by Him.

The White Temple was filled last night and hundreds stood to hear Rev. Paul Hader and Dr. J. W. Brougher discuss moral reform and the city council. Among those who stood with Councilman Shepherd, who has been the speech by Dr. Brougher the 3,000 people present voted unanimously to stand by him in his fight for purity and law enforcement in the city. Among other things Dr. Brougher said:

"In a recent editorial the Oregonian had this to say: 'The mayor says that he appealed in vain to the council to revoke the Richards liquor license. The council says that he made the appeal of any kind. There is a mistake somewhere, and we do not pretend to say who made it. We think it is not too late for correction. The mayor has now formally asked the council to revoke this license and it will be quite impossible for the council to avoid responsibility if it should so desire. If it refuses, it will be quite clear what is blocking the way to the mayor's efforts to retire Mr. Richards from business.'"

In my efforts to discover what councilmen were opposed to the mayor in his efforts at law enforcement I was led upon the testimony of others to include the name of Councilman Masters in that list. I have since learned that this was an injustice to Mr. Masters, and I look for an opportunity to make a communication to the newspapers, to exonerate him from this charge.

Richards Affair the Test.

"In the general misunderstanding in the past, between the mayor and the city council, it has been exceedingly difficult to get unbiased testimony concerning the attitude of the various councilmen toward moral reform in our city. So far as I am concerned, therefore, I do not propose to depend upon the record of the councilmen in the past. I propose to base my judgment upon the action of the council in regard to the Richards license, together with what they shall do concerning law enforcement in the future. I agree with the Oregonian, that if the council refuses to revoke the Richards license it will be quite clear who is blocking the way to the mayor's efforts to retire Mr. Richards from business. I do not know where Mr. Gray would stand, for he was absent, but I wish to give credit to the six men who did vote to revoke the Richards license. Let us remember them—Bennett, Masters, Rushlight, Vaughn, Wallace and Wills. The eight men who voted against revoking the license—let us also remember them, when they come and give them reason to remember us ever afterward. They are as follows: Shepherd, Annand, Belding, Dunning, Kellisher, Menefee, Preston and Sharkey.

East Side Notes.

LABORING UNDER A MISUNDERSTANDING several St. Johns voters have been registering in Portland. In order to take part in the town primary and general election the residents must register in St. Johns, a fact which the town officials are trying to impress on their fellow-citizens.

The following testimonial appears in the current issue of the St. Johns Review and a printer which left the Review office for a California job: "We recommend him as a champion time-keeper. If there is any one who can turn out less work in a week than this, the above individual, we do not want to employ him. We were pleased to learn that he mustered enough ambition to quit."

A band of the Loyal Temperance legion has been organized in University Park and temporary headquarters among the young people of the peninsula is progressing. Another band will probably soon be formed in St. Johns.

A safety deposit vault has been installed in the Panola bank and is over its latest metropolitan luxury.

Suburban traffic on Sundays has greatly increased the last two or three Sabbath and for the past two Sundays double car service has been necessary to St. Johns and Vancouver to accommodate the crowds of pleasure-seekers. The trout fishermen have replaced the duck hunter and the first invasion of the slough and Clackamas county was made yesterday by the men with reels.

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REV. R. K. HAM ASSUMES HASSALO PASTORATE

Piedmont Church Celebrates First Anniversary of Its Organization With Largely Increased Membership and Broader Plans for Work.

Yesterday was an important time in the history of a number of east side churches and a general program of anniversary celebrations, important pulpit announcements and introduction of new ministers was observed in several of the largest churches.

Rev. T. H. Ford allayed the fears of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal church members by announcing that he had decided not to accept the offer made by the First church at Dallas, Texas, which was congregated last week offered Mr. Ford a largely increased salary and greater field. At the morning service Dr. Ford announced that after several days of reflection he had decided to remain in the Sunnyside church for him to leave at this time and that he had telegraphed the presiding elder of the Dallas district that he would not accept the offer. The highest authorities of the church, among them Bishops Walden and Spellmeyer, advised Mr. Ford to accept the Dallas offer and it was only a self-sacrificing sense of duty that forced him to refuse the opportunity. When Mr. Ford made the announcement yesterday a congregation that filled the church rose and gave a standing vote of thanks to the pastor.

Rev. R. K. Ham yesterday assumed the pastorate of the Hassalo Street Congregational church. He recently accepted a call from the congregation and left his work at Groville, California, where he has been until recently. Prior to his pastorate in California Mr. Ham was in charge of the Bellingham (Washington) Congregational church. He is a young minister, a graduate of two eastern theological schools and comes to Hassalo Street church at a time when the members are planning a larger work to meet the needs of an adjoining suburb, which has doubled in population in the last two years.

The first anniversary of the organization of the Piedmont Presbyterian church was celebrated yesterday morning at the pastor, Rev. Mr. Brougher, led the sermon and reviewing the work of the first year of the organization. The church at the time of its organization had but 30 members, but during the year it has grown until it now fills an important place in suburban church work.

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