

## TRY TO FASTEN BARNACLES ON THE LOCAL OPTION SHIP

Liquor Dealers Would Load It Down and Prevent Clear Sailing to Port.

### ANOTHER LITTLE SCHEME DISCOVERED IN ACTION

Pamphlets Giving Proposed Amendment Doctored by Liquor Brigade Until Readers Are Led to Misunderstand Workings of Measure.

Neither partisan zeal nor enthusiasm for any particular candidate serves to inspire the liquor dealers of Oregon in the present campaign. True, they have their coats off and are doing a deal of proselyting, but the work is all for themselves. What they want is the amendment that would make the local option law a stranger to its fathers. This to their view is the principal fight, and all others incident to a general election are merely ring-warriors.

Recently the secretary of state sent to the various county clerks, as required by law, bundles of pamphlets giving the proposed amendment. These were intended for general distribution and the object sought was solely the enlightenment of the voters, but here in Portland, if not in other places, the Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association has found a way of making public officials innocently assist in the campaign for jug-handled local option. When the assignment of pamphlets reached Portland, the association mentioned, ostensibly acting as an aggregation of public-spirited citizens, sent volunteers to the county clerk to assist in the work of distributing the printed information to voters.

They did this work, and more. With every pamphlet, carefully inserted between the cover and the very first page, went a cunningly-phrased leaflet issued by the Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association. The fact that the leaflet was unsigned was probably another evidence of its originators' love of "fair play," for the impression conveyed was that the leaflet, like the pamphlet, had been printed by authority of the state.

The leaflet is headed, "Read the Law and Judge for Yourself," and gives the following as the two principal changes

proposed by the pending amendment: First, raising the number of voters necessary to call a prohibition election from 10 per cent to 30 per cent; second, allowing a prohibition election to be called in any precinct.

**Call It Square Deal.**  
On the first point the leaflet argues that unless 30 per cent of the voters of a precinct demand an election it is unfair to saddle the community with such an expense. On the second point it is argued that the change advocated would prevent the grouping of precincts together or the gerrymandering of counties in order that the vote of several "dry" precincts may smother the vote of one "wet" precinct. Summing up the leaflet declares: "The proposed amendment to the local option law gives exactly equal privileges to prohibitionists and to anti-prohibitionists. It is a square deal."

The dissemination of "fair play" literature in an unfair way went on for some time, but it has now ceased. It was all done without the knowledge of the county clerk, and when that official learned of the deception he at once put a stop to it, much to the chagrin of the "fair play" syndicate, the members of which were not prepared for this kind of a "square deal."

**Some Things Not Mentioned.**  
However, as the leaflet is in circulation, it is well to call attention to several proposed changes which it designates to mention. First, the woodpile, and the Ethiopians troop out in regular procession.

First—The amendment would permit the wholesaling of liquors in communities in which a majority of the voters declare for prohibition.

Second—It would confine the submission of local option to general election days.

Third—It would compel advocates of prohibition to obtain a majority, not on the option question at issue, but of the total number of voters who go to the polls, even though half of them leave the "dry or wet" portion of their ballot unmarked.

Fourth—It would prevent imprisonment for violating the option law, confine the punishment to fines, and cut the limit of the penalty for first offense from \$500 to \$250.

Fifth—It would enable any elector to contest the result in his precinct and give the county judge "full and final jurisdiction," thereby empowering a single official to annul the decision of the voters.

In short, the amendment as a whole suggests a porcupine wrapped in a blanket.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR HOLLADAY AVENUE

Warren Construction Company and Max D. Wells Each Awarded Share of the Work.

The street committee of the city executive board recommended yesterday afternoon to the board that the Warren Construction company and Max D. Wells be awarded contracts for laying a bitulithic pavement on Holladay avenue from Larrabee street east for a distance of 14 blocks. The former company was lowest bidder on six blocks for \$14,725 and the latter on eight blocks for \$23,987, making the cost of the proposed pavement \$48,592.

The contractors have been attempting to improve this street for two years. On four occasions proceedings for this improvement have been started in the city council, but for one reason or another objecting property owners have succeeded in defeating the improvement. An attempt was made to delay action on the present proceedings without success.

Councilman Kellaher objected to the award of a contract to the Pacific Bridge company to improve East Stark street from East Seventh to East Water streets on the ground that the contractor had not kept his word with the property owners. He said that when the proceedings for the improvement were started last fall, George W. Simon, the manager of the company, promised to make the fill on the street for 35 cents a cubic yard, but when he came to make his bid he asked 20 cents. The total amount of the bid submitted by the Pacific Bridge company was \$85,564. The committee decided to hold the bid for further investigation.

### MAY TAKE STAND AGAINST SUFFRAGE

An effort will probably be made tomorrow evening at the meeting of the Republican county central committee at the Seiling-Hirsch building to have the local Republicans take a positive stand against the proposed amendment for woman's suffrage. No poll has been taken of the committee members to ascertain how they stand on that question, and if the matter is brought up it will probably be decided on the ground of expediency.

And still its sponsors and advocates circulate the little leaflet declaring that all they want is a "square deal."



## PAID US ONCE A WEEK WILL CLOTHE YOU LIKE A PRINCE

If you have never bought your suits and hats and shirts and shoes—even your neckties and stockings—yes, and your underwear and gloves on time, then you do not appreciate the ease with which you may be elegantly attired at what will seem to you almost no cost at all. In the great city centers of the east most men buy everything they wear on the

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# Last Crack at Fire Sale

The Fire Underwriters' Sale Will Positively Close on Saturday Evening

The Underwriters' Fire Sale, in progress at 207 First street the last three weeks, will close on Saturday evening, May 12. Everything in the store will be sacrificed, regardless of value or former prices, as the STOCK MUST BE SOLD, OR AS MUCH OF IT AS POSSIBLE, BY SATURDAY NIGHT. And whatever merchandise is left at that time will be disposed of in bulk to some dealer. THIS IS THEREFORE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PROCURE FIRST-CLASS CLOTHING, SHOES AND FURNISHING GOODS AT FROM ONE HALF TO TWO THIRDS THE REAL, EVERYDAY RETAIL VALUES. Bear in mind that this is no fake, but a genuine sale of slightly damaged goods—hurt but a little by water and smoke—and that it is conducted by the insurance companies. The fire occurred in the next door to ours, and spread to the upper rooms of our store. In its extinguishment our stock suffered from water and smoke only, yet was unsalable as uninjured goods, so had to be disposed of in the manner here described. Below we quote but a few of the matchless bargains, but to be fully understood they must be seen, so do not fail to drop in. ALL GOODS ARE MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES, AND SOLD EXACTLY AS ADVERTISED.

Men's Clothing	Men's and Boys' Pants	Men's Furnish'g Goods
LOT 1—Consists of about 80 men's Suits, in neat light and dark patterns, broken lines but all sizes; some in the lot are worth up to \$12.50. Last Chance Sale Price... <b>\$4.85</b>	\$1.50 Men's Pants..... <b>79¢</b> \$2.00 Men's Pants..... <b>99¢</b> \$2.50 Men's Pants..... <b>\$1.29</b> \$4.50 Men's Pants..... <b>\$3.89</b> Boys' \$1.50 Long Pants..... <b>69¢</b> Boys' \$3.00 Long Pants..... <b>\$1.79</b> Boys' 50c Short Pants..... <b>19¢</b> Boys' 75c Short Pants..... <b>49¢</b>	If you are in need of anything in this line, do not fail to call. The prices in this department are cut to one half and in some instances to one fourth. Men's \$1.00 Shirts..... <b>49¢</b> Men's 15c Sox..... <b>8¢</b> Men's 10c Sox..... <b>4¢</b> Men's 50c Ties..... <b>19¢</b> Men's 25c Bow Ties..... <b>4¢</b> 50c Summer Underwear..... <b>23¢</b> 50c Suspenders..... <b>19¢</b> 25c Suspenders..... <b>13¢</b> 75c Negligee Shirts..... <b>39¢</b> And hundreds of other things too numerous to mention, will be found here at equally low prices.
LOT 2—Consists of about 150 men's spring Suits, made of fine imported and domestic fabrics, in worsteds, cassimeres, tweeds and chevots, in the latest spring patterns, in light, dark and plain black; tailored in the best possible manner; easily worth up to \$16.50. Last Chance Sale Price... <b>\$7.95</b>	<b>Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes</b> In our Ladies' Department can be found about 50 different styles of shoes in all the latest leathers and styles, also different kinds of heels, as well as widths, from the widest to the narrowest; in high or low shoes; black, tan or patent leather; some of the best known standard makes in the country, such as the "American Girl," the "Queen B.," the "Usonia" and the "White House." We have all these and a good many more. Here are some of the prices: \$2.00 Shoes..... <b>\$1.39</b> \$2.50 Shoes..... <b>\$1.49</b> \$3.00 Shoes..... <b>\$1.79</b> \$4.00 Shoes..... <b>\$2.99</b> \$2.00 Oxfords..... <b>\$1.19</b> \$3.00 Oxfords..... <b>\$1.79</b>	<b>Hats</b> All the \$3.00 Hats in the house—none reserved—in the latest shades and shapes, soft or stiff, about 60 dozen to pick from. Your choice of all \$3.00 Hats in the house at only..... <b>\$1.69</b> Men's \$2.50 Hats..... <b>\$1.19</b> Men's \$1.25 Hats..... <b>49¢</b> Men's Crash and Canvas Summer Hats; 50c quality, for..... <b>19¢</b> 75c Crash Hats..... <b>29¢</b> \$1.00 Crash and Straw Hats..... <b>49¢</b> Boys' Straw Hats..... <b>10¢ and 15¢</b>
LOT 3—Consists of about 300 men's Suits, made of the finest imported materials in the newest patterns; also in fine black and blue worsteds and serges; tailored by expert workmen; every suit a model equal to any tailor-made in fit and worth up to \$20.00. Last Chance Sale Price... <b>\$9.95</b>	<b>Boys' Clothing</b> \$3.00 Boys' Suits..... <b>\$1.39</b> \$4.00 Boys' Suits..... <b>\$1.95</b> \$5.00 Boys' Suits..... <b>\$2.65</b>	<b>Don't Forget</b> This is positively the last week and Saturday is positively the last day of this bona fide sale, conducted by the Underwriters' Association.
<b>Men's and Boys' Shoes</b> Men's \$2.50 Shoes in velour calf or vici kid at..... <b>\$1.49</b> Men's \$3.00 Shoes in several styles of Leather and cuts; very strong..... <b>\$1.95</b> Men's very fine Dress Shoes in velour or box calf, vici kid, tan or patent leather; \$3.00 values at..... <b>\$2.95</b> Boys' \$2.00 Shoes; extra strong..... <b>\$1.29</b> Boys' fine Shoes; \$3.00 values, at..... <b>\$1.69</b>	<b>MISSES' SHOES</b> \$2.50 Misses' Shoes..... <b>\$1.39</b> \$2.00 Misses' Shoes..... <b>\$1.09</b> \$2.00 Misses' Oxfords..... <b>\$1.39</b> <b>CHILDREN'S SHOES</b> 50c Children's Shoes..... <b>19¢</b> 75c Children's Shoes..... <b>59¢</b> \$1.50 Children's Shoes..... <b>79¢</b>	

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