

ENTIRE STATE FACES "DRYNESS" UNDER LAW

Anti-Saloon Forces Framing Bill Making It a Crime to Carry or Keep Intoxicants—Believe Feeling Is So Strong in State Measure Will Become Law.

It will be a crime for any person in the state of Oregon to have or keep liquor of any kind that intoxicates in his possession after the session of the 1908 legislature, provided the radical wing of the anti-saloon and prohibition forces is successful in getting the bill now in course of incubation through that body and signed by the presiding officers and the governor. Under the intended procedure the local option law is to be practically put on the shelf because the new bill would have passed almost any day for the operation of the local option law.

Bill to Relieve Drafted.

Men who are radical in their dislike of the saloon and the liquor business are back of the new movement, and have taken up the matter of drafting the bill with attorneys in order to have it in such shape that it will stand the test of the courts. And at the same time have no loopholes through which the saloonmen might crawl in carrying on their work of furnishing satisfaction to those who are addicted to the drink. They are now at work on the bill and will have it ready in time for submission to the legislature.

Once before the legislature the radical anti-liquor people will make a strong effort to whip their bill through the legislature all those who oppose the threat of the initiative, and a more stringent bill in case the legislature fails to give them what they ask for.

Feel Certain of Support.

They argue that all those districts and counties that have voted dry, and those that will in all probability follow in the same course within the next few months are earnest in their desire to see liquor banished. They point out that in the past the great fight has been and still is to keep the legal and illegal introduction of liquor out of dry districts.

They contend that under the present law the burden of proof is too heavy upon the prosecution in cases of violation of the local option law, and therefore they would reduce the matter to the simple fact of possession. If a

man, under their law, is found with intoxicating liquor in his possession he thereby becomes guilty of violation of the statute and liable to punishment prescribed in the statute.

In order to make the law operative and to give it machinery for its enforcement it would be necessary to provide means and ways by which officers of the law could determine whether a man had liquor in his possession. It would be necessary, for example, to have a clause in the law giving officers of the law power and authority to search for liquor through the homes and business places of citizens of the state.

San on Open Saloon.

There is indication, however, that the new law will not have the support of all those opposed to the open saloon. Those who are now pushing the local option work in Oregon and who are responsible for the large spread of the dry blanket over the state are not in the "crank" column.

They are after the open saloon, and many of them even among the leaders of the Anti-Saloon league campaigns are not adverse to people having liquor of whatever kind in their homes. They contend that the use of liquor is detrimental to health, but take the stand that it is a man's own business if he wishes to take it into his system, which he knows to be injurious to him.

What they are after is the open saloon with its concomitant social, economic and political evils. With the open saloon and the open sale of intoxicating liquors the Anti-Saloon league will rest on its oars and simply watch that the local option law is not violated.

Make Whole State Dry.

The new movement, however, would practically put the local optionists out of business by going far beyond the reach of the local option law into the realm of absolute prohibition. What they want to do is to force the legislature to put the state dry in January next, and to make it absolutely dry, or at least provide the means of wiping out the last vestige of moisture wherever that vestige should be found. If this they then want to put their measure on the ballot in November, 1910 and let the people decide between it and whichever way it goes it promises to provide a very strenuous time between this time and the settlement of the question.

LINTON'S AUTO AVENUE IS TO BE SPRINKLED WITH FREE OIL

Residents of Linton are not only talking of incorporating but the preparations are already under way, and the main street in Linton—it is seven blocks in length—is to be sprinkled with oil.

This is to be done for obvious reasons. In the first place the road is rather dusty and every time an automobile goes by clouds of dust arise and then it practically rains tiny particles of dirt.

But Linton is to incorporate eventually and is to have speed laws. While the incorporation is being brought about, however, it has been deemed advisable to sprinkle the road with oil.

The citizens held an informal meeting the other night and started a subscription to cover the expense of oiling the new dusty avenue. And then when all the money was at hand, the mean old Standard Oil company deliberately refused money for its goods and donated enough oil to oil Linton avenue from one end of the town to the other and back again and then have some oil left. Consequently, John D. Rockefeller, known principally because he was once a poor man, it is said, is to come down and be invited to visit Linton and take a ride over the avenue which has been oiled with his oil and which oil didn't cost the citizens a cent.

The Standard people have several tanks near Linton and the Linton people and the Standard people, naturally, as they help each other along, are quite chummy.

But here is where the hitch comes in—several Linton citizens were in Portland this morning and called on Judge Webster with a view of borrowing the county oil sprayer for the purpose of spreading the Standard oil along Linton avenue. Judge Webster, however, informed the Linton people that it was

impossible for him to do anything for them.

They searched about town and finally found a man who had a road oil sprayer. He was willing to do the work, but he wanted to be paid for it. In a minute, or in a day at least, it was explained that the choreography was but seven blocks in length, and that all the oil that was to be furnished.

The other wanted \$12 for the use of his wagon. The man said \$12 without batting an eye.

But the Lintonites batted several offers which he made. The \$12 offer, however, as it was, was never even considered.

And now Linton is going to oil its streets by some other means. And the Portland oil wagon man is wondering why his bargain was never accepted.

BETTER EAST SIDE DEPOTS THEIR AIM

Members of Business Men's Club Take Up Matter Dropped Year Ago.

To make a determined demand for the construction of modern fireproof freight and passenger depots on the east side is the main object of the meeting of the East Side Business Men's club Thursday evening, in the second floor of the Healy building, corner East Morrison street and Grand avenue. President Bigelow and Grand Business Men's club says the immense freight traffic on the east side entitles business men to a better depot.

BASEMENTS BELOW RIVER LEVEL ARE DRY

High water in the Willamette river is giving no concern to those tenants of the modern buildings in the down-town district who have merchandise stored in the concrete basements. The basement of the Wells Fargo building, which is used for storing express matter by the various express companies, is as dry as a powder-house, although the river has been above the level of the basement floor for several weeks. In the sub-basement of the Wells Fargo, which is below the river level at ordinary low water, not a drop of water has ever found its way through the basement walls.

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M'GINN SPEAKS CHINESE BLOCK FOR MYERS' SON MURDER TRIAL

Puts Very Different Interpretation From That of Simon for Plaintiff. Jury Upon Investigation Finds Tong Headquarters Locked—To Try Again.

Attorney Henry E. McGinn yesterday opened the batteries of the contestant in the argument of the case of the late George T. Myers in the county court. Replying to Joseph Simon, who spoke for the proponents of the will previously, he reviewed the evidence at length and drew a conclusion opposite to the one that Simon presented. He said that such a chain of testimony as was produced in behalf of Mrs. George T. Myers Stevens, the contestant and daughter of Myers, makes it impossible to believe that Myers was the victim of a mental delusion when he cut off his daughter with \$40,000, giving the bulk of an estate valued at nearly \$400,000 to his son George T. Myers Jr.

Defends Dr. Robinson.

McGinn defended the professional and personal standing of Dr. S. A. Robinson, whose treatment of Mrs. Myers before her death was so bitterly assailed by Myers. He said that while no one could be certain about the progress of a disease, he believed that if Dr. Robinson's advice had been followed and he had not been interfered with by the "gang" that organized the Myers household, that Mrs. Myers would be alive and well today.

McGinn cited at length extracts of testimony given during the long trial by physicians and neighbors of the Myers family, who said they believed that after the death of his wife Myers became insane on the one subject of Dr. Robinson and Mrs. Stevens, because his daughter remained on friendly terms with the doctor, while her father was denouncing the physician as a murderer. The speaker said that this delusion was not changed or minimized in the lock with their shoulders. After parleying for 30 minutes or so with a dozen Chinamen who came out of the court ordered a retreat and the expedition into the Tong headquarters was temporarily abandoned, to be resumed again today.

Experts Not Conclusive.

Referring to the testimony of expert witnesses, McGinn said that it was thought proper to introduce some expert witnesses for the contestant. He said he was willing to admit that an equal number of experts might have been employed by the other side and they would discount the testimony of the experts who said that Myers was suffering from mental delusions, but he asserted that the good neighbors and the others who testified to the same effect are on a far different plane and cannot be impeached on the impressions they received from daily contact with the wealthy salmon packer.

ALLEN GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Fourteen Students Are Now Ready to Battle With World.

Members of the graduating class of the Allen Preparatory school held their commencement exercises at the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian church last night and diplomas were awarded to 14. Dr. Luther R. Dyott delivered the address, the subject upon which he spoke was "The Privileged Life."

Mrs. Margaret V. Allen, principal of the school presented the diplomas to the graduates and John Claire Monteith several solos. An informal reception was held at the school after the exercises. The graduates were: Verne Aretta, Bergen, Laird C. Brill, Herbert Houghton Clarke, Leoti Elen, Deaver, Herbert W. Elckemeyer, Margaret Ames Haysman, Walter Mills, Huntington, Mildred Ernestine Learned, Julia Lindsey Palmer, Dean Garrison

Judge Bronaugh and the jury in the Lem Woon murder trial went up against the mysteries of Chinatown yesterday afternoon, and after following dark passages, crooked stairways and making a precarious way through the tortuous halls of the building at Second and Oak streets, where the headquarters of the Bow On Tong are located, they weren't able to force an entrance into the Tong rooms.

Detectives Price and Tichenor, who are familiar with Chinatown and its ways, undertook to conduct the jury and the jurymen through the buildings connected with the murder of Lee Tai Hoi yesterday as soon as the opening statements of attorneys on both sides had been made. The party first went to the old Arlington clubhouse at Fourth and Pine streets, where Lee was murdered. They were shown the big hall in the center, the stairs which and the barricaded door and peepholes behind which the Highlanders lay in waiting for their victims.

After the jury had been conducted through the rooms and passageways of this house, which has been turned into a curious nest of cellars, trap doors, blind stairs and halls by the Chinese, and when they had all been the bullet holes in the wall wassoon it sound and can pinch his voice until it sounds like that of a native, some Chinese soothingly "Hoy mon, hing pa yip," then louder and more fierce, "Hoy mon! Hoy mon!" But nobody boyed, and Judge Bronaugh wouldn't let them push in the lock with their shoulders.

MYTHICAL TOWN HAS REAL LAW TROUBLES

A Groener, joined by W. F. Bradley, has begun his expected contest in the upper court over the action of the Webster and the county commissioners in vacating the plat of the mythical town of Fairfield. Groener owns a lot in the "town," which was laid out 18 years ago, and he claims that he will be greatly damaged by the action of the county court. The streets surrounding his lot were not vacated, and the commissioners took the view that he will sustain no damage. The order of vacation was entered on application of the Pioneer Educational society, which has plans for extensive improvements, intending to replat and sell all of the property that it does not use for buildings and grounds. Groener has asked the circuit court for a writ reviewing the action of the county court in the matter.

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