

OREGON SYSTEM IS PUT TO A VOTE IN NATIONAL GRANGE

Reactionaries Win, but Many Delegates Said to Have Violated Instructions; Master Spence Discusses It.

By John E. Lathrop.
Washington, Dec. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spence of Canby, Oregon, passing through Washington en route home, related a story of the conflict at Atlantic City between the progressive and reactionary forces of the National Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Spence represented Oregon.
An attempt was made to induce the National Grange to endorse the Oregon popular government laws. This attempt failed. The vote was 29 yeas to 15 nays; 3 representatives were excused from voting and 2 were absent, so that one-third the representation stood for the Oregon system of popular government.
"However," Mr. Spence said, "a number of representatives failed to carry out the instructions given them by their state granges, so that, had the members of the grange in these states been represented properly at Atlantic City, the Oregon system would either have been endorsed, or the proposition would have been lost by only 2 or 3 votes. To our surprise, California voted against us, as also did Kansas and Iowa; West Virginia and South Dakota split their votes. The states that voted with Oregon were Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Hopes to Win Next Year.
"During the next year there is bound to be a lot of legislation in the different state granges whose representatives did not carry out the ideas which they were expected to represent at Atlantic City. It is the same sort of a fight which we have on in legislative bodies—a conflict between the people and those who do not represent them. Although we lost this year because these delegates were not representative of the rank and file of the grange, we have the issue squarely before the organization, and I believe we will win easily next year."

Women Vote on Grange Affairs.
It is interesting to note that the grange gives women the right of suffrage. Mr. Spence is the master of the Oregon state grange. Under the laws of the grange the wife of the master of the state grange sits with him in the national grange. If the wife be at the head of the state grange, then her husband is entitled to sit in the national grange, as in the case of Minnesota. The result is that the women of the different organizations of the grange study public questions and inform themselves of what is going on in the country.

The foregoing interview with Mr. Spence was quite as much an interview with Mrs. Spence, who contributed her share toward the discussion. Both are confident that the Oregon system of popular government laws will be carried by the national grange at the next meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

Spokane, Washington, made a fight for the next meeting and was assisted by the western states. However, having lost, Spokane came forward with an invitation for the meeting two years hence. It was the impression among some of the other western delegates that a principal reason Spokane was defeated was because the conservative delegates did not desire to go to a progressive state.

TACOMA LIQUOR MEN FIGHT NO-TREAT LAW

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 10.—Mayor Fawcett has declared in a letter to the editor of the Tacoma Times that he has information that a fund of between \$70,000 and \$75,000 is being subscribed by the Royal Arch to attempt to defeat the "anti-treating" law which will go into effect here next Monday, the ordinance having been passed by the city commission Wednesday. Tacoma saloonmen are greatly wrought up because of the passage of the measure and already petitions are being circulated with a view to using the referendum on the new law.

Liquor dealers assert that 75 per cent of the saloons will be put out of business if the law is made operative. Mayor Fawcett indignantly denies assertions that he is making a political play, and declares he will move to take away the license of any saloon violating the law.

STUDENTS ROASTED FOR IGNORING DAILY PAPERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
University of Washington, Seattle, Dec. 10.—That a man who does not read the newspapers cannot be a good citizen is Professor Edward McMahon's opinion, expressed to his American history class.
"I wish," said the professor, "that I had the power to 'frank' my students who do not read the papers. There is nothing which is so certain an index to show whether a man is alive or dead as his newspaper reading. Intellectually, he is a corpse if he does not keep up with the papers. We have to know what is going on about us if we are to be good citizens, and that information must be acquired from the dailies."
This exhortation was provoked by ignorance displayed by his students on the subject of the elections now being held in Great Britain.

COPY OF OREGON LAWS IN DEMAND EVERYWHERE

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 10.—Requests come to the secretary of state's office and governor's office at Salem from far and wide all over the United States for information regarding the workings of the initiative and referendum, the recall and other popular measures. The election pamphlets issued by the state are in great demand, several thousand having been mailed out to correspondents since they were printed. The latest request came yesterday from Attorney George Frederick Williams of 15 State street, Boston, a friend of Gov. Wood's. Mr. Williams, a friend of Gov. Wood's, would use the Oregon laws and pamphlets as a basis for making recommendations to the Massachusetts legislature.

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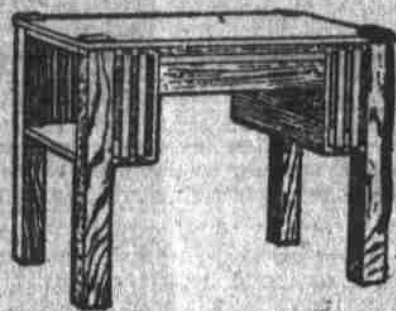


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