HOTEL MEN VOTE TO ASK MODIFICATION OF THE PROHIBITION LAW

Amendment Would Permit Serving of Drink With Meat to Guests.

RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED

Quantity Permitted to Be Kept Under Committee of 100 Act Declared Too Great.

Following an all day session yesterday, Oregon hotel men meeting at the Multnomah hotel voted unanimously to petition the legislature now in session to submit to the people of the state at an election in November an amendment to the constitution that would modify the statewide prohibition amendment adopted upon at the last election.

The proposed amendment, a rough draft of which has already been made, was considered at all angles by the bonifaces and will be further changed and modified before submission to the legislature.

Briefly it provides that it shall be lawful for hotel proprietors to serve guests beverages with their meals, for breweries to remain in operation in the state to supply the wants of families and for a system of distributing depots which shall have the privilege of selling beverages in the original packages to homes.

Hotel men feel that inasmuch as the recently enacted prohibition amendment does not restrict the use of beverages by individuals in their homes those persons who make hotels their homes should have the same privilege.

Rights of Family Safeguarded.

They further point out that the Committee of One Hundred in its campaign "promised specifically that right of the individual in his home should not be abridged and point to a recently published draft of a supplementary law to the prohibition amendment in which it is permitted that each family in the state may have for its own use five gallons of spirituous or vinous beverages and 20 gallons of malt beverages.

In view of this fact they ask why should the individual who wishes to buy for his family table be forced to send to California or British Columbia when a well regulated system of distributing depots (that could deliver only in the original package and to the home) would not only keep the business in the state but would be less of an incentive to excessive buying.

For similar reasons it is believed that Oregon manufactories should be permitted to operate to sell their product for family consumption in the state, and for export, instead of being obliged to suspend and give the family trade permitted by the proposed supplementary laws to the constitutional amendment to other states.

Promiscuous Use Frowned On.

"The people of Oregon voted to put the saloon out of business at the recent election," said M. C. Dickinson, president of the association. "The customers of the saloon themselves had the biggest share in putting the open saloon down and out. I predict that in five years there will not be an open saloon in the United States.

"But with the saloon gone, the laws should be so made that the rights of the individuals are protected and that the investment of millions in the hotels of Oregon are protected.

"Every precaution should be taken to guard against the promiscuous use of these beverages, and the amendment proposed by the hotel men is aimed in this direction. We believe, however, that inasmuch as the individual may have drink with his meal in his home, the guest of the hotel—which is his home—should have the same privilege, and bona fide hotels with kitchens should be permitted to serve refreshments in their dining rooms or grills.

Amount Is Too Large.

"If anything, the amount of beverages permitted to each family in the committe of 100 bill is too high. The population of Oregon is 750,000. Figuring four people to the family, there are 187,500 families in the state. Figuring 20 gallons of malted drink for each family every four weeks, the families of Oregon would be allowed 3,750,000 gallons each four weeks.

"Figuring 30 gallons to the barrel, this quantity would aggregate 125,000 barrels a month, or 1,625,000 barrels the year. At the present time the annual output of all the breweries in the state scarce equals 300,000 barrels.

"Figuring on five gallons of spirituous or vinous beverages to the family each four weeks, the families of Oregon would be permitted to have 937,500 gallons every four weeks. At 40 gallons to the barrel this would aggregate 304,687 barrels the year.

"The amendment which we propose would have the effect of reducing the consumption of such beverages, since under the distributing depot plan the individual would buy his beverages for home consumption in an open and above the board manner, would not be tempted to patronize bootleggers, or be forced to send outside the state.

Penalties Are Ample.

"The amendment which we propose safeguards the use of beverages in both the home and the hotel and provides ample penalties for infractions.

"Its adoption will mean a safer and saner and far more moderate use than under a system of absolute, rigid prohibition."

The basic idea contained in the hotelmen's proposed amendment is that meat and drink have been associated together from time immemorial and that the host serving one should have the privilege of serving the other.

Petitions have already been printed and were put in circulation this morning praying that the legislature submit the amendment in November to the people. The hotel men will circulate the petitions themselves and hope to have 50,000 names by February 1 when they will present their petition to the lawmakers at Salem.

Dickinson Reelected.

M. C. Dickinson, of the Oregon hotel, was reelected president of the association by acclamation at the conclusion of yesterday's meeting. Other officers chosen were Phil Metschan Jr., vice president; W. F. Osborn of Eugene, treasurer; and F. W. Beach of the Hotel News, secretary.

Phil Metschan Jr. was appointed chairman of the executive committee, R. O. Gates of the Multnomah hotel of the executive committee, H. C. Bowers, Multnomah hotel, chairman of the good roads committee, and S. G. Reed, head of the publicity committee.

COLORADO GOVERNOR BELIEVES INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION IS CURE

Advocates Creation of Such Body to Settle Future Industrial Troubles.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—With the Colorado coal strike, which shook this state for more than a year, at an end, Governor George A. Carlson began work in earnest today to get the state legislature to pass his industrial commission bill, which he hopes will prove a panacea for the future industrial troubles of the state. It was stated at the governor's office that a bill will be introduced in a few days setting forth the ideas of the new executive in this regard. The details of the measure have not yet been worked out but in general it is proposed to create a commission of three or four men to take entire charge of matters relating to labor and capital. In addition, an advisory committee of representative business men and members of labor organizations, to serve without pay, is proposed.

The aim of the governor is to make impossible a renewal of such an industrial upheaval as paralyzed business in parts of the state for a year.

With the withdrawal of the last of the United States troops from the various strike districts, the civil authorities in these sections have resumed control of affairs for the first time since last May.

Except for the presence of the dozen or more "tent colonies" throughout southern Colorado, the last sign of the long strike has vanished. It is estimated that about 3000 men and between 7000 and 10,000 women and children are housed in these colonies. The United Mine Workers' organization is caring for the people until the men can otherwise provide for themselves and their families. Only a fraction of the strikers who were out when the strike was called off six weeks ago have been able to get their places back.

Farnam Is Committed.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 13.—Roy Farnam, who was convicted last week on a statutory charge against the late Edna Morgan of Glendale, and who was sentenced by Judge Hamilton to serve from three to 20 years in the state penitentiary, has been taken to that institution.

Sold Liquor; Fined.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 13.—After he was seen by officers to sell a pint bottle of whiskey for 75 cents Saturday night, Lloyd Chambers, a local man, was found guilty in the justice court and sentenced to pay a fine of $100. Sentence was suspended during good behavior.

BALKAN FEDERATION IS NEARER ACTUALITY AS RESULT OF DANGER

Long-Talked-Of Possibility Is at Last Beginning to Take With the Masses.

TO INCLUDE 5 COUNTRIES

Greece Would Probably Be the Leader and Plan Would Include Occupation of Turkey in Europe.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, Dec. 22.—(By Mail to New York)—Why not a Balkan federation?

This is a proposition which is being increasingly agitated, as time passes, throughout the near east.

It has been more or less talked of for a number of years. The pending European war has brought it very much to the front. It cannot exactly be said that the plan has yet won widespread popularity. It has the backing, however, of some very influential men. And the idea at last seems to be "taking" with the masses.

Its supporters are hopeful that the war may so develop that they can get together at the psychological moment and put the scheme through.

Their efforts have been closely watched from here, and there are some good judges of Balkan affairs who think it more than a possibility.

Five Countries Involved.

The countries in which the plan has friends are Greece, Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro.

Their notion, in view of the sultan's participation in the war, is to drag Turkey into the combination, too. They feel that the Balkan states have a much better title to Ottoman territories in Europe than have the more distant powers with which the Turks are at war.

To some extent, of course, the acquisition of European Turkey would be against its people's will. That is to say, the Turks would object. Turkey, however, has a very large Greek and Bulgarian population and respectable Roumanian. Servian and Montenegrin representations. These people would welcome the country's absorption by the proposed federation. So would all the rest of the sultan's Christian subjects, and so, for that matter would the Jews.

The federationists also have their eyes on Albania and the Austrian provinces of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Transylvania and Bukovina.

Italy will have something to say about Albania, and the federation, if one should be effected, might not get it. The federation promoters want it, however, and will include it if they are able to do so.

If the Germans and Austrians, or even the Austrians alone, are beaten, it seems likely that Servia and Montenegro between them will get Bosnia and Herzegovina, which would mean their addition to the group.

Transylvania and Bukovina might conceivably fall into Roumania's hands, and so be added to the combination. It yet remains for Roumania to win them, however, and this may not happen, especially in view of the fact that Russia has already occupied Bukovina and will perhaps prefer to keep it for the czar.

Population Is Considerable.

A federation consisting, however, of Greece, Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro alone would have a population of about 16,500,000, or with the addition of Turkey between 22,000,000 and 23,000,000—a pretty respectable showing.

It is pointed out that there is no reason why these various peoples should not pull together as well as those of the various German states. The general feeling seems to be that Greece, as being of predominant prestige, though not the largest of the little family of nations, probably would be the combination's principal center, though this is a detail which would have to be threshed out later.

From the standpoint of population the federation, however, would be Mainly Slav. For this reason it is surmised that Russia would be friendly to it. Germany admittedly would not, but the federation's advocates are openly hoping that the war will so end as to deprive the kaiser of any voice in the matter.

Oregon Stone Specified.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—Contract has been let for the Medford federal building to the Sound Construction company of Seattle for $96,123. It must complete the building in 16 months. Oregon stone is ordered used in the building.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

FOOD FOR BELGIANS FREE BY PARCEL POST; GOVERNOR URGES AID

New York Relief Worker Announces That Needs of Sufferers Are Acute.

EXPRESS WILL GO FREE

Shipload of Eatables Every Other Day Needed to Meet the Demands.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 13. — Governor Withycombe today urged the people of Oregon to render every assistance possible to the destitute people of Belgium. Following the receipt of a request from Lindon W. Bates, vice chairman of the committee for the relief of Belgium, New York, requesting publicity regarding free transportation of packages and outlining the situation in Belgium, Governor Withycombe said:

"We of Oregon are so far separated from the horrible conditions in Europe, due to the war, that I believe we scarcely realize the pressing need for aid on the other side of the Atlantic. I sincerely hope that the people of this state will render every assistance possible to the people of Belgium in this hour of their necessity. I also urge that everyone, with the interests of humanity at heart, would appreciate the cooperation rendered to relief work by the postal and express authorities.'

Bates announces in his communication that the commission for relief in Belgium has just concluded arrangements with the postoffice department and with express companies whereby anyone in America may forward foodstuffs for relief in Belgium by parcel post without cost to the sender. Nonperishable foodstuffs and new blankets and clothing are especially needed. Parcel post packages cannot be sent C. O. D., but by following the instructions of the department the sender may, if he wishes, have his postage refunded. A similar refund will be made by express companies.

Bates points out that it takes a shipload of food every other day to provision 6,000,000 Belgians, 1,400,000 of whom are absolutely destitute.

Details as to shipping packages are posted in all postoffices and express offices, he explains.

Held for Shooting Cow.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 13.—After a hearing in the justice court here yesterday, James Rodgers of Sutherlin, was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of shooting a cow belonging to August E. Breugger, a neighbor at Sutherlin. Rodgers claimed the cow ruined his garden. The cow was not seriously injured.

The saddest thing under the sky is a soul incapable of sadness.—Countess de Gasparin.

MEDFORD CHARTER IS BEATEN; MANAGER IS PROBABLE ANYWAY

Mayor, Elected on Anti-Charter Platform, Says He Favors Charter if Changed.

(Special to The Journal.)

Medford, Or., Jan. 13.—With about one-third vote cast, Medford's new charter providing for a city manager form of government was defeated yesterday by a majority of 91 votes.

V. J Emerick, former councilman, was elected mayor on an anti-charter platform by a majority of 52 votes over C. E. Gates. Two of the new councilmen elected, J. C. Mann and H. P. Hargrave, favor the new charter, while only one anti-charter councilman, F. E. Amy, was elected, thus making the new council favorable to the new form of government.

Mayor-elect Emerick announced today that he himself favors the new charter, with a few changes, and that he hopes to secure its passage during the first year of his administration.

It seems probable, therefore, that Medford will adopt the city manager form in the near future.

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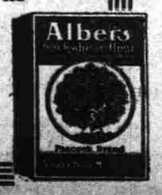

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