

HOW MUCH OF OUR SHALL BE SOLD IN THE STATE MAIN QUESTION

Brewers' Plea Heard at Public Hearing Held at Salem to Determine Question.

PROHIBITION SENTIMENT

Druggists May Be Permitted to Sell Pure Grain Alcohol Under Very Stringent Safeguards.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—Whenever a speaker urged the total prohibition of the use of liquor in the state, the 600 people who attended the public hearing held last night at the hall of representatives invariably applauded more vigorously than for any other statement.

This apparently indicated that the people who voted the state "dry" by a majority of over 25,000 would like to have the state absolutely dry if they could. But the speakers representing these dry forces usually counseled the legislators to refrain from passing a bill that would attempt to prohibit a person from bringing liquor into the state for his individual use. They were afraid such a law would not hold.

The hearing was held by the joint senate and house committees on alcoholic traffic. Representative E. V. Littlefield presided. The hall of representatives was packed with interested people.

Some Points in Doubt.

"There is no necessity to say anything about the passage of a prohibition bill, as that will be done," announced Chairman Littlefield at the opening. "All we desire to do is to consider certain points about which the members of the committee are in doubt as to what you people want. He said the points were:

First—What are proper safeguards to be placed around druggists in regard to the sale of pure grain alcohol? Second—Is the community ready for druggists to be allowed to sell liquor for medicinal purposes?

Third—What restrictions should be placed on the shipment of liquor into the state for family use?

Restrictions for Druggists.

Earlier in the day representatives of the "dry" forces who had gathered in Salem from all parts of the state to urge the hearing, had agreed that druggists should be prohibited from selling anything but pure grain alcohol, and that very careful restrictions should be placed in the bill to regulate the sale of liquor. They also agreed that two quarts of vinous liquor and three gallons of malt liquor should be the limit placed on the amount of liquor that may be received by any family during any period of 20 days.

Senator Butler, who said he voted against the prohibition amendment, declared that the people, by their decision on the hearing, had indicated they want absolute prohibition. "If you want to carry out the will of the people," he said, "cut it out entirely. You can do without it, and the rest of you can do without it. If you want to give prohibition a real test, let us prevent shipping liquor into the state at all."

Privileges for Hotel Men.

Butler referred to the request of the hotelmen for the privilege of serving liquor, and declared such action on the part of the legislature would be a great injustice to the state.

"When I became a senator I swore to uphold the constitution," he said. "If I should vote to permit the sale of pure grain alcohol, I would be a perjurer and should be driven from the state."

Representative Stewart was loudly applauded when he declared that there should be total prohibition in the state.

B. L. Eddy, of Roseburg, announced that conclusions reached at the conference of drys, held in that city, were that the conference had appointed a committee to recommend provisions for the safeguarding the sale of pure grain alcohol by druggists.

A. M. Churchill, of Portland, representing the Committee of One Hundred, spoke along the same lines, as also did Mrs. Baker, representing the Anti-Saloon league.

"We believe that the legislature will give us an efficient law that will make prohibition a fact, and not a farce," said Mrs. Kemp, of the W. C. T. U.

Good Word for Brewers.

Colonel David M. Dunne of Portland, president of the Manufacturers' association, urged that the brewers in the state be allowed to operate on condition that they supply only export trade.

Mrs. Edith Weathered also asked if there was not some way to get around the sudden destruction of millions of dollars' worth of property.

"If we are to allow liquor to be shipped into the state in great quantities, why not give the Oregon brewers a chance until we get used to doing without it?" she asked.

Other speakers included R. B. Hubbard of the Anti-Saloon league, T. W. Tinker of Portland, Dr. William Parsons of Eugene, Rev. Mr. Hanson, representing the United Brethren of Portland; William Porter of Eugene, Representative Frank Davey, District Attorney Connor of Yamhill, and Mrs. Houston of Eugene.

Roseburg Socialist Has Cell in Jail

George Church Refused to Help Officer Who Was Making Arrest of Street Speakers a Week Ago.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 23.—Found guilty in the police court here of refusing to aid an officer in making an arrest, George Church, a local Socialist leader, was fined \$15. Church refused to pay and accepted the alternative of spending seven and one half days in jail. He began serving his sentence immediately. This action is a sequel to the I. W. W. disturbance here last Saturday night, when 12 I. W. W.'s were arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct during street speaking.

Governor Appoints Delegates.

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—Governor Withycombe today appointed the following as delegates to a conference in Chicago to discuss uniform insurance and insurance legislation: F. E. Beach, Portland; N. Wheelton, The Dalles; and R. A. Holmes, Medford. The conference will be held February 11, 12 and 13. An Illinois committee requested the appointment of Oregon delegates.

Road Bond Issue Election Assured

Special Election on Plan for Hard-surfacing Highways Practically Decided Upon.

It has practically been decided to call a special county election early in March for the purpose of voting on a bond issue to provide funds for hard-surfacing about 55 miles of the county's highways.

While the board of county commissioners can take no official action in the matter until after a petition has been formally presented, each member of the board has expressed himself as favoring an early date.

The controlling reasons are: First, if the issue is carried the bonds could be sold and contracts let in time to have the improvement made during the most favorable season; second, the saving of maintenance expense on trunk lines, some of which are now in bad condition; third, the cost of a special election in March would be but little more than at the general city election in June. This would be more than offset by the saving in maintenance.

If the bond issue is favorably decided upon it is the purpose to hard-surface the present macadamized main roads leading into Portland, leaving the Columbia highway till the last.

Roadmaster Teon and the board of county commissioners are now considering the amount of the bond issue and determining the extent of the contemplated improvement. When this is arrived at a petition will be put into circulation asking the board of county commissioners to call the election. It will require 2500 signatures.

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there, but the statement asserts all these assaults have been thrown back. A gain of 100 yards along the road-way near Lombardeyde is claimed. In fact, the Germans are now in the Argonne there has been no military activity, both sides being busy repairing works damaged by the recent floods.

The Germans are bombarding Berry-au-Bac. The war office declares, the advantage has rested with the French in the canardous south of Ypres and near Arras. Albert and Roye, which continues.

The war office has no confirmation of a report published in the Matin to the effect that the allied forces have captured La Basse. That region has been the scene of very bloody fighting, but officials are not inclined to credit the report.

BELGIAN CITIES ARE ATTACKED BY ALLIES' AVIATORS; NO DAMAGE

Berlin, Jan. 23.—(By wireless to Sayville.) The bombardment of the Belgian cities of Ghent and Zebruges by hostile aviators was announced in the official war office statement this afternoon. No serious damage was done. German airmen captured two enemy aeroplanes and engaged them in a fierce fight at a great height but they escaped.

Attacks by French infantry at Souvigny and in the vicinity of Perthe have been repulsed with heavy losses, the statement declares.

The enemy's troops dashed from their trenches and fled toward the works. It says, "but the attack broke under our fire. The French were forced to return to their own trenches."

It is announced that the Germans captured a machine gun in the Argonne, taking four machine guns and making prisoners of three officers and 245 men. The German offensive northwest of Verdun was repulsed, continues to meet with success. French lost to the enemy January 21 in that region have been recaptured and seven cannon and one machine gun have been taken.

French attacks at Hartmannsweller are declared to have failed.

Hosmer Case Argued.

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—Counsel for J. E. Hosmer, the Silverton editor facing for the second time trial on a charge of libeling Mount Angel convent, interposed a demurrer to the indictment and arguments were made today before Judge Kelly, who took the matter under advisement.

At the previous trial Hosmer put in no defense, asserting that his chief witness, Marie Lassen, the "woman nun," could not be located. She has since been a resident of Portland and it is expected that either the state or defense will have her here as a witness when the case comes to trial.

Jitney Question Coming Up.

The jitney bus question will come up when the North Portland Commercial club holds its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday night at the North Portland branch library, Killingsworth avenue and Commercial street. The question will be discussed there and arguments will be made to have the meeting following this one a public affair at the Peninsular park community center building.

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VON HINDENBURG, GENIUS OF THE WAR, AND HIS STAFF, TAKEN IN POLAND



This is the first photograph of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, considered by military experts to be, with General Joffre of the French army, the greatest genius developed by the war, taken since he has been in Poland. Dispatches show that he has just captured Lodz, a city of 450,000 in Russian Poland. This is the third time he has driven his troops into Russian

Poland. It is the second time within a few weeks that he came near Warsaw, one of the greatest Russian cities. If he should succeed in taking it he will have dealt a severe blow to the hopes of the Russians. Von Hindenburg was recently made field marshal by Kaiser Wilhelm for his success in the eastern war. He is shown in the center of the photograph.

UNFAIRNESS CHARGED AGAINST CARMEN BY JITNEY SYMPATHIZERS

Delegation Asks Municipal Court for Justice for Bus Drivers.

Charges that the prosecution of the jitney bus drivers is unfair, and that street car employees, who have caused most of the arrests, are guilty of just as flagrant violations, were made in the municipal court this morning at the trial of J. E. Windle, manager of the Interstate Auto Service company. Two accusations of traffic breaches, one lack of evidence, appeared in court and petitions with the signatures of 100 persons asking that the jitney drivers be given justice were presented to Municipal Judge Stevenson by Mrs. Josephine Sharp, spokesman for the delegation.

The petition says in part: "We the undersigned residents of the Alberta district, petition your honorable court in the matter of the wholesale arrests of the drivers of motor buses, who are giving us safe and comfortable service."

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Big Time Ahead At Dalles Tonight

Business Men Are Going to Show O. W. B. & M. Officials That They Appreciate Railroad's Loyalty.

(Special to The Journal.)
The Dalles, Or., Dec. 23.—One of the most important get-together sessions ever held in The Dalles will occur at Hotel Dalles this evening, when the local business men will entertain the officials of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company at an elaborate banquet at which 150 persons will be seated.

Several interesting features are promised for the affair. Fred W. Wilson, ex-district attorney and one of the best known orators and impromptu speakers in the state, will preside as toastmaster and will call upon Mr. O'Brien, the general manager of the railroad company; R. B. Miller, traffic manager; A. C. Spencer, attorney for the railroad; Mayor E. A. French, Judge W. F. Bradshaw and W. H. Wilson, a local attorney, for short talks.

An orchestra will furnish music during the dinner, which will be served from 8 to 10 o'clock, after which the speakers will be heard.

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