

PROHIBITION IS ISSUE IN MAINE

QUESTION OF RESUBMISSION OF "DRY" AMENDMENT.

Rival Candidates for Governor Take Opposite Stands—Prohibition Has Not Been Altogether Successful in the State—Democrats Have Lined Up With the "Wets" and Republicans Expected to Champion "Dry" Side.

Bangor, Me., June 29.—Bangor is today filling up with politicians in advance of what will probably be the most exciting republican convention in the history of the state. Resubmission to a popular vote of the fifth amendment to the state constitution, which prohibits the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is the issue to be decided tomorrow.

The rival candidates for the gubernatorial nomination have taken opposite sides on this question. William T. Haines of Waterville, declaring for resubmission, while his opponent, Bert M. Fernald, is opposed to such action. Frederick E. Boothby of Portland, is the "dark horse" in the race, and may possibly be given the nomination as a compromise. Mr. Fernald has been given the support of all the churches and Sunday schools of the state, and appearances today indicate his nomination.

Tax reform also enters into the question, but resubmission is the great and overwhelming issue.

For 50 years Maine has been trying to legislate temperance into its citizens, but even the more candid of the prohibitionists admit that the attempt has been a failure. While many small towns are "dry," all of the larger cities are as wet as in any license state, the only difference being that had liquor is sold under some pretense of secrecy at an exorbitant price.

Democrats Demand Resubmission. The democrats are almost a unit in demanding resubmission of the prohibition question, and that fact may cause the republican leaders to decide on an opposite stand in tomorrow's convention. The session will be held in the big auditorium, which will doubtless be crowded with delegates and spectators.

Early in his campaign Mr. Haines declared himself in favor of resubmission. Mr. Fernald has declared himself opposed to resubmission. Upon one side or the other are arrayed individuals, clubs, societies, newspapers, churches, politicians, every interest and influence that exists in Maine.

The churches and conferences and Sunday schools have passed resolutions opposing Mr. Fernald's position, likewise the temperance clubs and most of the professional prominent women prohibitionists have declared in favor of Mr. Haines.

The arguments for and against resubmission can be briefly stated. Those who favor resubmission say that in the first place it is 25 years since the people have had an opportunity of expressing themselves upon the subject, and that in that time conditions have changed and views may also have changed. Many or most of the supporters of the proposition including Mr. Haines himself, say that they are confident that the people would reaffirm their adherence to the principles, thus establishing the law more firmly than ever as a part of Maine's political and moral code, and by taking the question out of politics for a long term of years would make possible and probable a better enforcement of the law.

Opponents of resubmission declare that it is but a device of the enemies of the law to break down the constitutional barrier that now protects it from constant assaults in the legislature, and that the present agitation is merely the first step toward license, inspired by liquor dealers and selfish politicians.

A peculiar thing about all this discussion is that it would matter very little which candidate was chosen as governor, so far as the settlement of the question is concerned. It would require a two-thirds vote of the legislature to get the question of sustaining or repealing the fifth amendment before the people, and so the only means of accomplishing the referendum is to elect at least 101 of the 151 members of the house of representatives and 21 of the 31 members of the senate favorable to the project.

Mr. Boothby the third candidate, merely observes that it is the legislature that makes and unmakes laws—that the governor is the executive, and that if elected he would execute all of the laws to the best of his ability. Those seeking reforms he commends to the legislature.

Hotel St. George.

Chas. Dezell, La Crosse, Wis.; A. L. Ulrich, New York; H. M. Schneider, Denver; C. J. Sansen and family, Alta; F. E. Bishop, Portland; A. J. Bicknell and wife, Freeewater; W. Roy Saxton, Hermiston; W. M. Freeman, Portland; E. O. Parker, Pilot Rock; Edith Still, Milton; W. D. Wallace, Portland; J. D. Lamb, Walla Walla; John Clancy, Portland; Joe Bailey, Echo; F. O. Seaton, Portland; Mrs. G. W. Brown, Pilot Rock; Mrs. S. Sheldon, J. A. Allison, Portland; A. J. Hawkins, Seattle; B. F. Gray, T. J. Long, Portland; Mrs. J. H. Berg, Umatilla; R. R. Rupert, Portland; Victor S. Fantus, Chicago; Dr. O. E. Parker, Pilot Rock; J. F. Shelton, Echo; E. W. Brown, U. S. R. S.; Tom Mitchell, Spokane; R. R. Johnson, Hermiston; H. C. Schade, W. H. Hansen, G. C. Forbs, Seattle; G. H. Clark, city; W. E. Stull, E. B. Jennison, C. E. Smith, Portland; Edna McPherrin, Athena; C. Benson, Weston; F. W.

Hall, Chicago; F. M. Shabel, Minneapolis; Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla.

EXPERIMENTAL MATRIMONY.

Trial Marriage is the Rule Among Many Peoples.

Among many people of the world trial marriages are the accepted custom. Among the Greeks "marriage is considered only as a temporary convenience, not binding on the parties more than one year," the consequence being that "a large proportion of the old and middle aged men by frequent changing have had many wives, and their children, scattered around the country, are unknown to them." Evidences of similar practices of experimental matrimony and connubial variety are found among many of the American Indian tribes on both continents.

In parts of Greenland six months is the trial dead line, husband and wife separating if the "two-hearts-two-minds" theory develops discord instead of harmony.

Marriage among the Botocudos, according to Keane, is of a purely temporary nature, "dissolved on the slightest pretext or without any pretext at all merely through love of change or caprice."

"In Tasmania," says Dr. Milligan, "trial marriages result in a succession of wives."

In Samoa the wife's tenure of office is frequently limited to a few days or weeks, and marriage is sometimes only an excuse for the feasts and festivals so dear to the hearts of the pleasure loving natives.

In the Indian archipelago it is a common practice for formal marriages to be limited, sometimes for only a month and at others for a period of several years.—Schoolcraft.

IT WAS GENUINE.

The William Shakespeare Signature That Admiral Luce Had.

Admiral Luce was in command of the north Atlantic squadron in 1885, and his flagship for a time was anchored in New York bay, where it was visited by many people. One day a party came aboard which included, among others, a very pretty girl and a very dignified and learned Englishman. As Admiral Luce was entertaining them in his cabin he asked the pretty girl if she would like to see an original autograph of William Shakespeare.

At this the dignified and learned Englishman pricked up his ears and remarked that he had made a study of the autographs of Shakespeare and was positive there was no authentic example in America. Admiral Luce replied that he was very positive his was authentic and that its genuineness had never been questioned. This made the Britisher quite mad, and he delivered a lecture on the fraudulent autographs and manuscripts that were brought over to America and exhibited as originals.

"Well," replied the admiral, "I am convinced that my autograph of William Shakespeare is genuine, and I am going to have the pleasure of showing it to this young lady," whereupon he went to his desk, took out his visitor's book, turned back a few pages and then pointed out the signature, "William Shakespeare, mayor of New Orleans, Jan. 12, 1885." The Englishman gave a painful gasp and retired.

A Welsh College Yell. The sooner the college yell is introduced into England the better it will be for the youth of the land. In Wales they have it, and see how Wales always beats all opponents at football! This is the cheery shout of the Aberystwyth students when their men are engaged in any athletic contest: "Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Hip, hip, hurrah! Boom! Warra! Ishmab! Ishmab! Keezle, keezle, wagg, wagg! Keezle, keezle, wagg, wagg! Ishmab! Keezle wagg! Boom! Wa! Ra! Tsch!" Now, that is something like a yell. One can see at a glance that it contains, at any rate, some of the elements which go to make up a yell. It would inspire a caterpillar. A pew opener who had that shouted in his ear would sprint out and die for his country.—London Globe.

The Birth of Christ. The exact date of the birth of Christ is unknown. Among the early churches there was no agreement as to the date of the Nativity, some celebrating it in April or May, others in January. Dec. 25 can hardly be exact, for it falls in the rainy season of Judea, when shepherds would not have been watching their flocks by night in the open. The December date came into general observance naturally, but gradually. When the heathen races of the north were Christianized they simply substituted for their Yule celebration in December the observance of the birth of Christ.

Looking Backward. A Mississippi official tells of a colored citizen of that state who gave a justice of the peace a big fat possum as a wedding fee. A year after the justice on meeting the darty asked: "Joe, how do you like married life?" "Well, sah," answered Joe ruefully, "all I kin say is I wish I'd eat dat possum."

The Best Authority. Hettie—Harry is a man always to be trusted. He has never deceived me. Clara—But how do you know that? Hettie—Know it? Why, he told me so himself only last evening.—Boston Transcript.

Vindication. The Lady (to hastily retreating burglar)—Pardon me, but won't you please wait till my husband sees you? I told him there was some one in the house, and he said "Rubbish!"—Harper's Bazar.

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED AT O. A. C.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MUST BE EXPENDED.

Activities Will Be Enlarged—\$40,000 Wing Will Be Added to Agricultural Hall—Y. M. C. A. Building Will Be Finished by Opening of Fall Term—Expected That Next Year's Enrollment Will Reach 1500.

The following is a special to the Portland Journal from Corvallis:

"Much has been said and written relative to the growth, development and advancement made at the Oregon Agricultural college the past year and the still greater things promised for the coming year, but much remains to be told and even then persons not familiar with the plans cannot realize how marked is the progress. Not only is there to be an army of new and up-to-the-minute instructors to take charge of the various departments this fall, but an unusual amount of progressive energy is being displayed by the old professors.

Professor Frederick Berchtold, Professor G. A. Covell, Professor McLouth, Professor Herman Tartar and Professor L. B. Baldwin have already departed for various colleges in the far east and the middle states to specialize in their lines during the summer. Professor A. B. Cardley and family left yesterday for the east, it being the intention of Professor Cardley to visit all the agricultural colleges to familiarize himself with their work. Professor J. B. Horner has gone to California to put in his vacation in the libraries of Berkeley and Stanford. This activity speaks eloquently of the "up-and-doing" idea that President Kerr has infused into the institution since he assumed his position.

Work is in progress on the foundation of the new wing that is to be added to the agricultural building, at a cost of \$40,000. The Y. M. C. A. building is likewise undergoing improvements and is to be finished by the opening of college, as is the agricultural wing. This week the old blacksmith shop has been vacated and is being remodeled into a mining hall, and work is to begin at once on Cuthorn Hall, which will convert it into a handsome, modern club house. The O. A. C. young men will conduct it on the club plan, independently. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitehead, who have been in charge for years, will retire and an experienced chef from Portland, will look after the club cooking. Many other changes of more or less importance are contemplated and it is confidently predicted that next year's enrollment will easily reach 1500.

"AMERICANITIS."

Otherwise "Worry," Is the New Disease Which Is America's Greatest Curse, Says Precher.

"Americanitis is the great disease of the people of this country," said Rev. W. F. Wakeham of Port Chester in a sermon on "The Sin of Worrying" in the Greenwich Free Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning. "Americanitis," he explained, was the act of worrying over everything.

"In France, licenseousness is sapping the life of its people, in England drunkenness is working its ruin, and in America worrying is killing the country," he said.

"The housewife preparing courses for the table worries for something new, the lady of fashion worries because it is stylish and not becoming. A merchant worries over finances and takes his worries home to bed with him, thereby depriving his family of what pleasure there is in seeing him. It is worry over this and worry over that continually, and the country is rapidly becoming peevish, fretful and crimes are being committed continually by the men and women who worry."

Forearmed.

A Louisville man who was entering the tobacco business wanted a name for a new brand that he was to put on the market. He finally decided on "Anti-Trust," and forwarded it, along with the necessary papers, to the patent office at Washington. A few days later he received the following message: "Brand 'Anti-Trust' registered by the American Tobacco Company."—Success Magazine.

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