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The Amendment.

There is much question among the voters as to the meaning of the amendment to the charter, which is to be voted upon at the special election of the 20th. The general understanding is that the passage of the amendment will give the council power to immediately license saloons, which the attorneys who framed the wonderful document claim is not the case, they stating that this charter amendment is to amend the present charter so as to give the people the right to call an election to decide whether they want prohibition or not in the city, irrespective of how the county may go; they also claim that this also applies to any change that may be desired in the charter, that if this amendment carries hereafter it will not be necessary to hold but one election to decide any change as the citizens may desire to make in the control of the city.

Some of the citizens view it this way, if this amendment is general in character, it should not then include as its chief provision and practically main subject the amendment of the liquor license, that when the people voted last spring to give citizens the right to amend their own charters and that amendment carried, it only became necessary for city councils to incorporate that provision in their ordinances to become effective, making such an election as the one for the 20th unnecessary.

Whether or not the proposed amendment is necessary for general amendment of the city charter so as to give the voters a right to amend the charter on any of its provisions, the question understood by few is whether or no this amendment is not specifically a liquor question. If it gives the right to the council to grant licenses, which some claim it does, but which is not borne out by the statement that at a special election called by a certain percentage of voters, they may decide whether the town shall have prohibition or not, then most certainly the amendment is strictly a liquor amendment.

With the liquor law in force in so many counties of the state it certainly looks queer that Cottage Grove should be one of the three towns of the entire "dry" districts to go to the expense and trouble to find out if this new effort to evade the provisions of the Local Option law will work, for that is just what it is. It is an effort to change the local option law from embracing an entire county to embrace merely precincts and under which law, if the voters of Ward 1 of the city declared "wet" the ward could be wet even if the other wards of the town went "dry" and if the rest of the county went "dry" and attempts to evade the local option law by incorporating it into its provisions.

It is said that if the amendment is carried on the 20th that a special election will then be called to vote whether the town will be dry or wet, and then if it is voted "wet" the case will have to be carried into court to decide whether the amendment conflicts with the local option law or not. Even some of the most sanguine of the saloonmen say they cannot win out, until the entire county has another vote on the question a year from next spring, but however it goes Cottage Grove and the county will be to a lot of extra expense to solve the question for those who are supposed to be down and out.

Lawyers say when this question is fought through the supreme court the present law will be found to be unconstitutional, and that it is going to make lots of work and expense for the city.

The poor juniors and seniors in the university now have to stand

up to recite. Their studies must be very wearing upon them that they are unable to go through the labor of standing while they recite, poor fellows. If they keep on getting more and more tired, the further they go, won't they be fit for weary willies when they get through.

The Normal School.

Whatever public opinion may mean as to the fate of the several normal schools of the state, it is a plain conclusion that the interests of these schools would be served by placing them under one board of control. To this view, two at least of the normal schools should be abolished. At present, instead of the training school idea having full sway, young people of the various districts depend upon the normal schools to carry them beyond the grammar school course to something like high school standing. The young people should have the high school privilege, but it should be included in their local high schools. If there are no local high schools available, they should be established as the need is developed. Surely higher standards are needed in the teaching profession and the normal school should be simply a teachers' training school which is far from the case now—Albany Herald.

Cottage Grove Churches

METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Rev. S. E. Meninger, Pastor. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited to be present.

First Presbyterian Church, Pastor R. C. Grace. Morning service, 11 a. m., evening 8, Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m. All strangers and sojourners welcome.

Episcopal Church. Services held the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30 in Masonic hall. There will be services every fifth Sunday of a month.

Catholic Church, Father Carrol. Services the second Sunday in each month.

Christian Science services held over Allison's Barber shop every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Christian Church, Rev. D. E. Olson Pastor. Services at 11 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Intermediate Endeavor Society at 2:30 and Choir practice every Saturday evening at 7:30.

DIED

Mrs. Susan Mary Buoy, wife of Noah Buoy living three miles south of Creswell, died at Schlee's hospital in Cottage Grove, Oct. 8th at 5 p. m. after a long sickness. She has been sick for three years and has traveled everywhere for her health, but the past three months she has been in the hospital here.

She was born Oct. 8th, 1848 in Cedar Co., Missouri and died on her 58th birthday the same hour of the day as she was born.

She has borne patiently her many trials, and goes to the long rest of the faithful.

Womans Club Program

The next meeting of the Womans Club is Oct. 20th. The ladies decided to meet every other week this year, and their meeting last Saturday was the first one of the winter season. The ladies met in the Commercial Club parlors and commenced their study of Spanish art. For the first meeting there was only a fair attendance but the ladies all promise to be out hereafter.

The next meeting will be "Authors Day" the program being as follows: Roll call quotations from "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table"

The Concord Sages (three minute papers) Hawthorne, Mrs. Caldwell; Lowell, Mrs. Goodman; Longfellow, Miss Mundy; Dr. Holmes, Mrs. Hemenway; Margaret Fuller, Mrs. Wallace; Prof. Alcott, Mrs. Elva Wheeler; Thoreau, Mrs. Phillips.

Reading "The Great Stone Face" Miss Grant.

Current events and business meeting. All members should come. MABEL CHAMBERS, Secy.

Real Estate Transfers.

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MINING LOCATION.

J R Richardson locates Fraction mining claim Bohemia district.

GENERAL NEWS

Eugene hotel men are having the busiest season of their lives.

The U. S. Government will make experiments in irrigation work near Eugene.

Vice-president Fairbank's son eloped and got married in order to avoid a big ceremony. Wise boy.

Cuba has a big defaulter in the president of one of its great institutions, the failure involving \$5,000,000.

A heavy cold wave has swept over the entire county, in some places the thermometer has sunk below zero.

Chicago has the baseball fever. The Nationals and Americans are playing a series for the world championship.

The Southern Pacific Co. is going to open a school for instruction in railroading at one of Nevada's universities.

Richard Crocker, the ex-Tammany boss, is suing a Dublin, Ireland magazine for libel, on account of magazine articles published about him.

Men of the workmen that have been shipped to Drain recently from the south have left their work and are up and down the valley after work.

The state of Washington lost out in its attempts to force the railroad companies to carry free of freight the poles and braces necessary to fasten loads of lumber on cars.

The American team has won so far two of the three baseball games with the Nationals in Chicago. Great bids are being made for the final game by various cities of the country.

Janitor Cleary of the Equitable Life Insurance Co building in New York, who got \$26,000 per year for his services has just died. How would you like to have had his janitor job.

A New York girl offers to sell herself as a "White slave" in order to have rich clothing. Since her offer she will probably find the gilded path easily but find it much harder to get away from.

The Salton sea is the third largest body of water in the United States, only Lake Michigan and Salt Lake being larger, and if the sea continues to fill up in time it will be larger than either of them.

The land fraud cases will probably not be taken up again until after Christmas, so the Portland papers say. The defendants in these cases don't seem to care how long the trials are put off.

Ranier rival interests have been consolidated. The bank, newspaper and electric companies on the liquor side have been absorbed by the other bank and its people, and now the town hopes to have peace and less brawls.

Roseburg papers state that the United States Land Office which has had quarters in the Douglas county bank building will move to larger quarters in the Caro building about December 1st, as their present quarters are far too cramped.

A drunken and dissolute husband of a Chehalis, Washington woman exploded dynamite under the house of Judge Yoder and his wife, through whose efforts the mans wife had gotten a divorce, and then finding he had failed to kill the Judge, shot himself.

"Slacken the maddening pace at which Americans are moving and go back to the simple life," was the keynote of an interesting lecture before the Unity Club yesterday afternoon at the Grand opera house, by Marshall Choate Crouch, one of the leading exponents of the "Simple Life" in this country. The large audience was held at attention by his plea for a journey back to "the old lost days when people were unaffected by worldly things." "We have shortened the pendulum of life and are living at a lightning speed, I plead with you to lengthen the pendulum and pattern your lives after your forefathers," said Mr. Crouch.—Commercial Tribune, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Short Punishment.

Bernard O. Volgoth, the defaulting cashier of the Portland Gas Co. pled guilty in court Wednesday and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years.

Cottage Grove Needs a More up to date Opera House.

The poor condition of the house here keeps many people away that would attend if it were a more inviting room, with better accommodations. The Grove is big enough to support a comfortable theater, and a small investment in that line should bring in a fair return.

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