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OF SECESSION

MEETING ADOPTS RESOLUTION.

Bridge of Steel Over With Concrete Ap- on West End.

talk of secession at ing of citizens at West Saturday afternoon. In secession was not men- meeting, despite the ef- newspapers and cit- with a move on foot. simply adopted a set to the Polk county that a low level bridge concrete approach on be built at once. A was also chosen to solutions to the Polk tomorrow.

was well attended, the being large enoguh to people who turned out. "we want a bridge im- an outstanding fea- cussion which prevail- an hour on the res- tically no considera- to a concrete structure, the cement bridge were into, so clamorous ing for steel.

which were adopted and signed by 85

ved: By the people of tion of Polk County, meeting assembled Oregon, on this 3rd 1917.

closing of the Inter- at Salem, Oregon, we suffer much inconveni- ial loss.

the apparent necessity to be done, we of all of Polk County most need of an immediate made by our County rate with the County ton County—first, in temporary means traffic across the riv- t; second, that the Polk County be urg- in the true spirit of with the County Court ty, in taking the nec- ward the construction at once.

a saving, in engin- alone, of from $15,- the cost of a bridge most earnestly urge of the State High- be accepted, and ring and supervision tion of a new bridge to them.

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is a low level steel bly with reinforced bes.

spectfully urge that Court give careful the plans for this submitted by the Commission, and ac- board of viewers ap- Marion County Court ago the plans and ations of which are unty Clerk's office in All requirements of been complied with, plans were accepted, let at once and ac- begun as soon as permit.

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in order to pro- constuction of this all road improve- coming season, will, have to be cur- of the fact that the amount ever one year was put season, also the ridge is of general the people of Polk their help and co-op- now.

resolved, that we residents of, and representing the entire eastern end of Polk County contiguous to the proposed bridge, adopt these resolutions with all good feeling towards the County Courts of both Counties interested, and recognize the fact that each Court is acting, and wishes to act, for the very best interests of all concerned, and that an honest difference of opinion exists, and we hereby declare it our firm opinion that no headway can be made in this matter otherwise than by a compormise which will be in no manner humiliating to either Court.

For these reasons therefore we adopt these resolutions, and earnestly and profoundly urge their serious consideration by said County Courts.

Resolved Further that a copy of these resolutions be mailed, or delivered to each member of the Polk County Court and that they be given to the press for publication."

The following committee was appointed by Chairman Gibson to present the resolutions to the Polk county court: A. R. Southwick, L. D Gibson, R. W. Hogg, Mrs. Nellie Taylor and William Pinckney. This committee will meet with the county court in Dallas tomorrow.

The meeting was presided over by Frank Gibson as chairman and J. R. Chapman as secretary. Talks were made by Mr. Gibson, Mr. Chapman. R. W. Hogg, I. L. Patterson, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, L. Grice, W. O. Morrow, D. R. Ruble, and a score of others, including several Salem citizens.

MAY USE BLACKBERRIES

PUGH CONVINCED BLACKBERRY IS SUBSTITUTE FOR HOP.

Industry Would Prove More Profitable to Pickers; Falls City Land May be Planted to Berries.

The Evergreen Blackberry is the latest substitute suggested for the universally condemned hop. Flax and sugar beets are receiving the consideration of Independence farmers, but C. L. Pugh, manufacturer of loganberry juice at Falls City, is convinced that the blackberry offers the best solution of the problem for Polk county.

Mr. Pugh investigated the processing of the evergreen blackberry at Eugene, Monday. He was the guest of the Fruit Growers' association there, which has made an extensive study of berries and fruits with reference to their adaptability to the soil of the Willamette valley, and also the market conditions bearing upon each product.

J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene association, assured Mr. Pugh that if enough acreage was given to the evergreen within a sufficiently small radius, that the industry would prove a valuable one to the community in general. He said: "Picking evergreen berries is much more profitable than picking hops and quite a payroll could be built up around any town that was willing to foster the industry. The growing of the berries is a profitable occupation, too. Factories pay 2¼ cents a pound delivered and the berries require almost the minimum care of any product of the soil. Each bush produces an almost inconceivable quantity and requires only 35 days for bearing."

Mr. Pugh is satisfied that enough acreage can be secured within a radius of 7 or 8 miles around Falls City to justify him installing machinery for processing the blackberry. He also has a scheme for co-operative transportation from patch to factory, which he is anxious to talk over with the farmers in his vicinity. It is very probable that the industry will assume active proportions within a short time.

Davis Furniture Company Improves.

A few coats of paint and the new gallery in the display room of the Davis Furniture company will be complete. The gallery extends from near the front of the store clear around with a space in the back for rugs. A gently sloping incline furnishes the approach to the newly formed "second story." The improvement is being made to allow the firm to carry a larger stock.

Small January Rainfall.

Rainfall for the month of January was the smallest in many years. Less than 1½ inches fell during the month as compared with 5.12 inches in January 1916 and 4.65 in January 1915 according to government observations at Salem. The river is now 6.9 above the low water mark, an unusually low stage for this time of the year.

DROUTH ON TOMORROW

BONE-DRY LAW ALLOWS NO DELIVERY AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Wells Fargo Agent Expects Rushing Business Today and Tomorrow as Result of Telegraph Activity

When the clock strikes 12 tomorrow night "Old Man Booze" will no longer reign in Oregon. The law says that no delivery shall be made after five days from passage. The Wells Fargo agent, H. E. Harrison, expects to do a rushing business today and tomorrow on account of the orders that were telegraphed to Sunny California as soon as Governor Withycombe signed the bill, Friday afternoon.

The principal features in the law that made Oregon join the dry states in the inevitable march toward national prohibition are:

Importation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes absolutely prohibited.

All prohibitive provisions of previous prohibition law retained.

Alcohol for scientific and mechanical purposes can be purchased only on permit from District Attorney, and then in quantities not to exceed a quart a month.

Clergymen permitted to import wine for sacramental purposes only on permit from District Attorney.

Drugstores prohibited from selling alcohol for medicinal purposes except on prescription of physician.

Prescriptions must be issued in duplicate and filed with county clerk for comparison. Purchaser must make affidavit that it is intended for medicinal use.

Drunkenness is made misdemeanor by statute.

Express and railroad companies have five days for completing deliveries of goods ordered before 4 p. m. Friday, when bill was signed by governor. All goods on hand at end of five days must be sent out of state.

A chronology of liquor legislation in Oregon shows that soon after the election in 1912 at which no liquor legislation appeared on the ballot, the tide began to turn toward prohibition and the march, since, has been steady. The first legislation in Oregon was in June 1904 when the local option liquor law passed, 43,316 voting for the measure and 40,198 against it. In 1910 an amendment entirely to prohibit the liquor traffic failed, 43,540 voting for the amendment and 61,221 against it.

November 3, 1914 an amendment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors in Oregon, carried 136,842 to 100,362. The legislature passed a law which went into effect January 1, 1916, regulating the use of liquor and allowing the importation of two quarts of whiskey, wine or the like or a case of beer each month for anyone desiring to do so." This was not strong enough for the "drys," however, and at the last election they succeeded in passing the "bone-dry" amendment.

That put it up to the legislature to carry out the will of the people and January 16 Representative Anderson of Wasco county introduced the "bone-dry" bill in the house. The bill with slight changes passed the house January 29 and the senate February 1. Governor Withycombe made it the law of the state Friday afternoon.

The governor made the following statements before members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, after he had signed the bill:

"I am glad to sign this bill and so place in full effect the will of the people of the state of Oregon as so decisively expressed last November. The prompt and thoroughgoing manner in which the legislature has drawn up and enacted the bone-dry bill deserves commendation.

"I believe it will prove entirely workable. Certainly, so far as my office is concerned, every effort will be made to see that its provisions are vigirously enforced, and I am confident we will have the co-operation of local officials throughout the state.

"Now that we have absolute prohibition, chosen deliberately by a clean-cut majority in open election, it is the duty of every citizen whose interests are the best interests of Oregon, to back this new order of things to the limit.

"That means not only obey the law, but see that it is obeyed. It means the creation and sustaining of a public sentiment which will not permit violations of the enactment and which will encourage officials in its drastic enforcement."

CONVICT DEER HUNTERS

HOPE VERDICT WILL STOP HUNTING ON RICKREALL.

Jury Finds James Brady and T. M. Thrasher Guilty of Waiting For Deer On Wet Stand.

Hunting deer out of season was given a severe blow Friday afternoon when T. M. Thrasher and James Brady of Falls City were found guilty of waiting on a wet stand for deer on the Rickreall, a jury in Justice of the Peace Holman's court.

The complaining witness, Roy Bremmer, state deputy game warden, says that many people in Falls City and Black Rock and a few in Dallas have been virtually living on venison all winter and that he is bound to stop the unlawful slaughter of deer on the upper Rickreall. Hunters have taken advantage of the fact that it is hard to secure a conviction in a game suit unless it can actually be proved that game was unlawfully killed, and have been hunting continuously since November 1, when the deer season closed.

"I hope the conviction of these two fellows will stop the practice," said Mr. Bremmer, "but if it won't, I'll arrest every person I catch on those deer stands up the creek. Four miles above Dallas, there is no one living on the Rickreall and people that travel the Ellingsworth and Buell trails and frequent the stands known by the same name are in there for deer, and everyone I catch will have to explain himself before a jury like these young men did."

The law says it is unlawful to lie in wait for deer out of season, either on a dry or wet stand; it is not necessary to prove that deer were killed. Messrs. Thrasher, Brady and Robinson were charged with lying in wait on a wet stand, the Ellingsworth stand. The evidence showed that the three men left Falls City early Wednesday morning and went over the mountain to the Ellingsworth trail. Nearing the Rickreall, young Robinson, who is only 16 years old, left the train and made a detour around the mountain. Thrasher and Brady went down to the creek and stayed there at what is commonly known to hunters as the Ellingsworth stand. They got to the stand shortly after nine and were still there at noon when Game Warden Bremmer arrived on the scene with his deputy, W. H. Harrison.

The defendants said they were hunting coons and bobcats but the game warden testified that they had felled trees across the creek to catch any deer that might be shot while fording and be carried down by the current, and that they had passed up numerous coon sign, not leaving the Ellingsworth stand for further than 100 feet in any direction, waiting for young Robinson and his dog to drive in deer.

Counsel G. O. Holman for the defense objected to any evidence whatsoever, at the outset of the trial, because the indictment was in the disjunctive form, charging one thing or another. He said they were not charged with any specific thing and quoted the supreme court of Oregon to show that the indictment should be in the conjunctive form. Justice Holman overruled the objection, however. He said it was plain enough that the issue was whether or not the defendants were lying in wait for deer on a stand.

The Justice of the Peace assessed the minimum fine of $25 and costs on the two men, found guilty. District Attorney Piasecki conducted the state's case and G. O. Holman and Joseph Helgerson appeared for the defense.

HARD FOUGHT GAME IS LOST.

Dallas Basketball Team Unable to Break Multnomah's Defense.

Members of Dallas' basketball team are offering no alibis for their 12 to 11 defeat at the hands of the Multnomah club in Portland, Saturday night. They are waiting for February 17, when the two teams will furnish the basketball classic of the year here in a return game on the armory floor.

An enormous crowd is expected to witness the game; Dallas fans will turn out in a body and admirers of the local tossers from the surrounding country will no doubt be on hand. A special train of Multnomah supporters will help tax the seating capacity of the armory, if present plans materialize.

The game in Portland Saturday was a "safety-first" affair. Both teams placed more emphasis on defense; as soon as Dallas got the ball the whole Multnomah team rallied to their section of the floor and waited for the advance, geenrally securing a "held ball" before the attack became dangerous. The feature of the game that is hard for the fans to understand is how Fenton and the two forwards, Woods and Boydston, got shut out and Matheny shot three baskets and Shaw one. Matheny was the star of the game, playing a sterling defensive game as well as shooting three baskets and knocking his opponent over in a slight "fistic encounter," which nearly caused Referee Jamieson to eradicate both players from further participation in the evening's entertainment.

ORATORIO CONCERT FRIDAY.

Local Talent Will Entertain at High School Auditorium.

The Dallas Oratorio society concert will be given on Friday evening, February 9 at the high school auditorium Under the direction of Prof. Finley of the Dallas schools, 40 voices have been practicing for the past several weeks on the sing which promises to be a first-class musical treat for Dallas people. Besides the work of the chorus, Prof. Finley will give readings in Yankee dialect. Mrs. Finley will sing several solos. Tickets for the entertainment are on sale at Stafrin's Drug store. Prices 25 and 35 cents.

MAY CHANGE FIRE ZONE

COUNCIL SEEKS BEST PLAN FOR OLD BUILDINGS.

Rock Quarry Bunkers Would Cost Over $900; Fund Available Is Not Over $600.

Whether it would be advisable or not to change the fire limits of the city of Dallas caused a good deal of discussion at the Council meeting last night. Councilman Staats said he was against changing the limits because a change for the benefit of one would let down the bars for all. Councilman Davis said that there were some residence districts included in the present fire zone ,which wouldn't be in the business district 20 years from now and upon which the council could not expect the owners to build fire-proof buildings.

No definite action was taken but the members of the council have the matter under advisement and the fire zone may be changed soon. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that there were purely residence districts included in the present zone which are at a disadvantage but that it is a hard matter to fix the fire limits without some such state of affairs The present boundaries are Oak street on the north, Washington on the south, Church on the west and Jefferson on the east.

Two bids were submitted last night for the construction of the bunkers for the municipal rock quarry. Horatio Morrison bid $930 and Barham Brothers bid $958, with a provision for allowing 5 cents a pound for all old iron the city has for the job and 70 cents a square foot for all one-fourth inch steel on hand. The matter was referred to the special rock quarry committee, of which Councilman Sweeney is chairman, to determine which bid is the lowest and whether there is enough money available to handle the project.

Tracy Staats, chairman of the financial committee, cautioned the city fathers about the fund provided in the buget for roads and the like. He stated that there was some $1300 in the fund January 1, but that $700 to $800 had been spent and that the remaining $500 or $600 was not enough to build the bunkers.

Free band music will be enjoyed by the people of Dallas again this year. A resolution was unanimously passed last night creating a $420 band fund, $60 of which is to be turned over each month, as long as the fund lasts and the band maintains practice and a good standard of music on occasions during the year that warrant the band's assistance The resolution provided for a supervisory committee to be composed of one member of the council, one member of the band and one member of the Commercial club.

Literary Section To Meet.

The literary section of the Womans' club will meet at the home of Mrs. B. Casey Wednseday afternoon at 2:30. An interesting meeting is promised.

DAIRYMEN CAN'T AGREE

FAIL TO ORGANIZE TO REMEDY MARKET SITUATION.

Willamette Valley Creamerymen Charge Portlanders With Attempt To Double Cross Them.

Creamerymen of the Willamette valley and Portland failed to organize with a view to readjusting the market situation at their meeting Friday. Accusations were freely made that the Portlanders were attempting to draw the countrymen into an organization and the same time so manipulate its affairs that the Portland creamerymen would be able to control quotations and markets. Declarations to this effect were made on the floor and a similar statement was made by J. D. Mickle, state food and dairy commissioner.

Argument was precipitated by the submission of a proposed constitution which representatives of the country industry termed "ready made." Several of its provisions were eliminated upon grounds furnished by Mr. Slaughter, manager of the Capital Co-operative Creamery in Salem.

One of these provided for three inspectors of elections. Another provided for an executive board of five men, and giving the president of the proposed organization power to appoint to fill vacancies on the board caused by death or otherwise. Slaughter contended that this would give too much power to the president. Slaughter also contended that giving the executive board power to fix salaries would give the board virtual control of the organization.

Another provision was for a marketing committee with power to regulate quotations on butter, cheese and butterfat. Slaughter declared this gave too much power to the committee and the provision was cut out.

L. D. Nash of Nashville, A. Slaughter and W. O. Powell of Monmouth were members of a previous committee appointed two weeks ago to attend a meeting in Portland for the purpose of making an agreement if possible, for permanent organization. They reported that little had been accomplished and Nash declared that if the Portland men had shown good faith they would have been willing to enter into an agreement whereby prices in Portland and prices in the country could be standardized.

Slaughter, commenting on this point, said:

"Our duty is to find out the factors that enter into the working of the market and the underlying method of making prices in the proposed butter exchange. The fellow who controls the supply and the demand controls the price situation. Supplies in the northwest are controlled largely by certain interests that are able to control market quotations. As long as the Portland creameries are makers and sellers of butter there can be no compromise by the country creameries. Our business is to sell butter. I see no way to harmonize with them. The only way is to organize our creameries and control the sale of butter outside of Portland. The Portland creameries are not able to control unless they buy from the outside. If an organization can be perfected outside, we can bring the city men into agreement."

Slaughter told how big interests work in that they may pay a price of 5 cents in one place and 6 cents in another and declared that the same scheme is being worked by the Portland men. He declared that the thing the Portland creameries want to do is to get away from the co-operative system by establishing a marketing board.

Mr. Faust replied that the co-operative system is all right, but that it does not go far enough. He declared that the country creameries should bring their butter to Portland and sell according to the prices of the marketing board.

The concluding action of the meeting was the appointment of a committee, headed by F. G. Deckebach of Salem, to investigate further the possibility of such an organization. When the committee is ready to report another meeting will be called. Mr. Deckebach's associates are W. O. Powel of Monmouth, R. C. von Lehe of Philomath, John R. Norris of Forest Grove and Wingo Reese Eggleston of Portland.

Lemon Tree Causes Comment.

A lemon tree which was given to the library by Mrs. D. O. Bronson, is causing much comment by visitors at the local institution.