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A body blow was dealt to the liquor interests of the state on last Tuesday when the Supreme Court held that the local option elections held last November in Salem, Oregon City, Stayton, Springfield, Gresham and Hillsboro, all of which voted dry, were valid. There seems to be a "turn in the road" at last.

The standing of C. J. Edwards among home people for honesty and fair dealing in business is the best, and the hope is general that the rest he is preparing to take will recuperate his health to such an extent that on his return from California, he may again assume the management of the business of the Yamhill Electric Co.

Francis Xavier Matthieu, the last surviving member of the memorable meeting held at Champoez May 2, 1843, died at his old home at Butteville on Wednesday morning at 7:20 o'clock. Had he lived until April 2 he would have been 96 years old. Lack of time forbids further mention of the passing of this noted pioneer this week.

C. B. Wilson has decided to enter the race for the nomination for county clerk at the coming primary election. He filled the office of postmaster at Newberg for four years to the satisfaction of the patrons of the office, this giving him a wide acquaintance with the people of this section of the county. He says he has received assurance of hearty support from influential citizens throughout the different sections of the county, and he will doubtless make a hot race for the nomination. Should he be elected he will give the people good and efficient service in the office of county clerk.

The only reason why the groundhog failed to "come out" to see his shadow last Monday, which was groundhog day, was that there was no groundhog in the hole to come out, as this rodent has so far failed to discover this, the garden spot of the universe. Old Sol did his part, however, and now if the weather man carries out his threat in accordance with ancient groundhog tradition, the fellows who are caught short on a six-week's supply of winter fuel are in hard luck, and it must be admitted that a good start was made from the word go, for Monday and Tuesday nights gave us the whitest frosts we have had this winter. Speaking of groundhogs, our friend J. W. Moore, commander of the local G. A. R. post, who formerly lived in Union county, east of the Cascade Mountains, says the ground is full of them in that section of Oregon.

Candidates for governor so far announced are, Republicans—A. M. Crawford, W. A. Carter, Grant B. Dimick, Gus C. Moser, R. L. Stevens, Dr. James Withycombe; Democrats—Col. R. A. Miller, John Manning, Dr. C. J. Smith, A. S. Bennett; Bull Moose—F. M. Gill; Independent—Will E. Purdy. And then there is W. S. U'Ren who has not yet announced which race track he will take, the Republican or Independent. Other possible candidates are T. T. Greer, ex-governor; H. Von der Helen, of Medford; I. S. Smith, of Marshfield; W. H. Hollis, of Forest Grove, all Republicans; Tom Wood, Democratic sheriff of Multnomah county; W. H. McMahon, of

Salem, Bull Moose. In addition of these others are liable to show up at the next turn of the wheel. Verily the good old theory that the office should seek the man is not in it any more with present day methods. The fellow who is too modest to toot his own horn is simply down and out.

A WORD ABOUT THE OREGON ELECTRIC.

When the Oregon Electric was granted a franchise over the streets of Newberg the company put up a bond of \$10,000 as a guarantee that they would have trains running into Newberg within a specified time. The time set has lapsed and still no trains are running.

This failure on the part of the railroad people to make good by the date named in the agreement with the city furnishes a topic for discussion, and doubtless opinions differ regarding the course the city council should take in the matter.

Occasionally we hear an assertion made to the effect that the matter should be pressed and if necessary suit should be brought for recovery to the full amount of the bond. To the Graphic, assertions of this kind seem ill advised.

At the time the Oregon Electric officials made application for a franchise in Newberg they said frankly that they came two years sooner than they had intended, for the reason that they did not want to let their rival, the Southern Pacific, get the advantage of them in the way securing franchises through the city.

Soon after the franchise was granted the company was asked to lay the rails on First street as it had been decided to put down hard surface paving. The company responded promptly and had their work done considerably in advance of the Southern Pacific.

Last season when the property owners on First street between Main and the S. P. main line decided to pave and the O. E. was so informed, they again sent a force of men without delay and extended their track as was asked for by the city council.

So far the company has acted in apparent good faith at all times. C. H. Carey, the attorney for the road, has said to the writer and other Newberg people that the delay in building this branch of their system in Oregon has been caused by their inability to sell bonds at par, owing to the slump in the money market, a statement which looks reasonable, since everybody knows what the financial situation has been during the past year. He says he knows that it is the intention to take up this work when the proposition can be financed on a satisfactory basis.

Since the franchise was granted the O. E. in Newberg the company has spent a big pile of money in extending the main line from Salem to Eugene and also in double tracking the line over the hills back of Portland. This work was carried on no doubt with money that had been provided for before the tightening of the money market had begun.

So far as the Graphic is able to see the company has been making good with Newberg right along, with the exception that on account of the lack of funds with which to prosecute the work, the building of the line between Newberg and the main line at Tigard has not been begun.

Newberg has lost nothing at the hands of the company in granting the franchise.

In fact a big saving has been made to property owners on First street, for the company has paid the cost of paving a strip nine and a half feet wide the full length of the street, a distance of thirteen blocks, doing the work promptly and without a quibble as soon as notified. Had no

track laying been done on First street by the Oregon Electric, the cost of this amount of paving would have been charged up against the abutting property on the street.

As a property owner on the street the writer has good reason to know the paving bill was big enough as it was—a case of being thankful for the lift given by outside capital.

Newberg wants a competing electric road and wants it to be a Hill road.

Then what have we to gain by beginning to antagonize the Oregon Electric and jabbing the officials in the slats for not doing what has proven to be the impossible thing, up to the present time, owing to financial conditions?

According to the Graphic's vision the better policy will be to avoid the rantankerous attitude and keep on good terms with the people whom we desire to see spending more of their good money in this locality.

Since the currency question has been disposed of there is a decided change in the money market. In fact reports indicate that changes for the better have been so rapid that normal conditions will soon be reached and the wheels of progress will be hitting the ordinary gait again.

In the meantime let us extend the glad hand to the Oregon Electric. We don't stand to lose by being patient and showing a friendly spirit, and we certainly will gain nothing by being hasty and contentions in this matter.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALER WANTS INFORMATION.

The National Liquor Dealers' Journal of date of January 21 contained an open letter from "Tom" Gilmore, a wholesale liquor dealer, which was addressed to the ministers of the gospel of the United States. The letter follows:

"As an observer of men and affairs you are aware of efforts to submit an amendment to the constitution of the United States so as to prohibit nationally the manufacture, sale and transportation of alcohol, except for medicinal, sacramental and scientific purposes and you know that, because of the influence of men of your high calling upon current thought, an attempt is being made to create the impression that the movement has the approval of the Christian ministry.

"I doubt that Christian ministers generally are in favor of a movement toward national prohibition. My reasons are:

"First—The Prohibition movement is a political movement and the Christian ministers are preachers of the gospel, not of political creeds.

"Second—Christian ministers are advocates of temperance and Prohibition is not temperance. Temperance is necessarily based on self-control but Prohibition is based on control by others. Temperance is Biblical and Prohibition attacks the integrity of the Bible.

"Third—Christian ministers are intelligent and, therefore, cannot approve of a leadership that denounces the use of alcohol as immoral and debasing, and yet would 'except' the use of alcohol for religious purposes; a leadership that denounces alcohol as destructive and degenerating to the human body and at the same time would 'except' the use of alcohol for medicinal purposes.

"I cannot believe that this readiness to abandon Christian teachings and Bible guidance in behalf of a political policy, doubtful at best, reflects the attitude of the Christian ministers of America. I would deeply appreciate an expression from you as to the soundness of the views expressed in this letter, which I beg to assure you is written with profound respect and in all

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"Tom" is right in his assertion that Christian ministers are intelligent, and he will doubtless get the expression he asks for respecting the "soundness of views expressed in the letter."

SOME SHEEP SHEARING

An international sheep shearing congress is planned as one of the interesting features of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The contest will be one of skill and speed between hand and machine shearing and will bring together shepherds and stock masters from all quarters of the globe. Big prizes will be offered. An Idaho Barber has made the first entry. He holds the record in Idaho, having shaved sixty long beards in a single day.

O. A. C. DEMONSTRATION
TRAIN MAKES GOOD

On Tuesday morning the O. A. C. and Southern Pacific hog and dairy special arrived on schedule time, being under the direction

of Dr. Withycombe who made a rousing speech to the farmers and fruit growers, in the course of which he took occasion to refer to this as being one of the most progressive, clean, home-making localities in the state of Oregon.

He emphasized the possibilities offered here for the dairyman and the hog man and insisted that while the fruit business was good and profitable, there should be more cows kept along with fruit and berry growing.

Lectures were delivered by the different college professors, each speaking for his special department.

Probably the most interesting features were the talks given on hogs and cows. The animals were demonstrated from flatcars where they were in plain view of the large number of interested citizens in attendance, and the time given for each department was all too short to satisfy the people. The train went from here to Sherwood.

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