

METOLIUS CASE IS DISCUSSED

PAPER SETS FORTH THE FACTS

Town Apparently Not Pleased With West's Move to Shut Saloon on the Ground of the Election Having Been Illegally Held.

In discussing Governor West's action in closing Metolius one saloon, the Central Oregonian of that town has the following to say:

"Governor West has turned his 'purity' guns on Metolius, newspaper dispatches bringing the information that he has instructed the county authorities to enforce the prohibition law in this town.

"A few months before Metolius was established—when the present townsite was a grain field—the farmers of Kuteher precinct by a majority of one voted for prohibition.

"Following the arrival of the railroad in March, 1911, and up to the time Metolius was incorporated, last December—while we were in a dry precinct, from three to six 'blind pigs' were operated in this town, selling 'squirrel' whiskey and other intoxicants; wide open gambling games were running day and night. Sundays included: 'tin-horn' gamblers playing their nefarious vocation without restraint and resorting to the club method when cards seemed too slow in getting their victim's cash; women of the underworld frequented the gambling and booze resorts—and Oregon's chief executive allowed these things to exist without molestation.

"Disgusted with conditions and the failure of state or county officials to enforce the laws, the people of Metolius were driven to incorporation as a means of quelling the unlawful practices. Later, upon an order from the county court, and under the Home Rule amendment to the local option law, an election was held to decide whether the town should have licensed saloons or prohibition. The majority for license exceeded two to one. The city council granted one license and the saloon holding that license has, and is conforming to every regulation of the ordinance governing the conduct of places where liquor is sold—and the ordinance is stringent in its requirements. Since the day Metolius was formally declared an incorporated municipality there has been no gambling, 'tin-horns' have departed, and altogether the town is a highly respectable place in which to live.

"The governor cites an opinion by the attorney general that the liquor election was illegal, the latter holding that elections of this kind can lawfully be held only on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year. As a matter of fact, able lawyers differ on this point of the law. This the attorney general admits. Therefore the legality of the election seems to be a question for the courts to decide.

"Aside from the legal phase of the question—and regardless of whether he or she be prohibitionist, local optionist, republican, democrat or socialist—all good citizens of Metolius will pray to the Almighty that we be delivered from reverting to the conditions which existed when we looked to Governor West for enforcement of the law."

Springer Writes Another Letter

Because The Bulletin makes a practice of publishing all legitimate communications, the following letter is printed.

The Bend Bulletin holds that the idea of a cash valuation for assessment, a legal assessment, is chimerical. Perhaps if Editor Putnam knew more of the subject and its importance, it would not seem so chimerical. The statute plainly says that all property, real and personal, shall be assessed at its full cash value. "If the idea of using the legal standard is chimerical, then not only Judge Springer but a big majority of the county judges of the state are suffering from the same malady as the following resolution which was adopted almost unanimously at the recent state commissioners' convention will prove:

"Resolved, that the property of the state should be assessed at its full cash value and that the state tax commission be, and is hereby, instructed, to work to that end, and that said commission be and is hereby assured of the hearty cooperation of this association to that end.

So Springer is simply trying to carry out the legal policy as expressed by almost unanimous vote of his fellows in which he concurred; and he would appreciate more gray matter and less air in its consideration. Any one who has had experience in wrestling with applications for rebates because of wrongful assessments will appreciate the necessity of having all assessors and boards of equalization use a uniform standard. It inevitably leads to confusion.

I suppose all our deputy assessors are endeavoring to assess on a 50 per cent basis the same as in 1912. If all would make an accurate 50 per cent assessment, it would be an easy matter for the board of equalization to adjust; but the trouble is that when we once depart from the law, then it becomes a matter of individual judgment and we have as many standards as assessors, and equalization becomes a farce. All owners realize that there is no equality, that a premium is offered on dishonesty, hence the necessity of caring for no one. Some of our property is assessed for three times its value, but most of it at less than half.

The injustice of the system is its strongest condemnation, but it is not less disastrous from a commercial standpoint. In a former article I mentioned its bad effects as poor advertisement. I will now notice how it may easily curse us in our efforts at bond improvement. The joint committee on federal aid in the construction of post roads, of which ex-Senator Bourne is chairman, have formulated a plan which will perhaps be adopted governing federal aid. The plan is for the general government to guarantee one billion dollars of road bonds; the amount guaranteed to each state to be determined by the assessed valuation of its property. So if the property of the state is assessed at 50 cents on a dollar, our apportionment of bonds would correspond; we would receive just one-half the amount of bonds to which we would be entitled.

As The Bulletin's criticism of a former letter of mine was about as meritorious as the one regarding my ideas of assessment, I shall not notice them; as my efforts are not intended for amusement for the children, but on the contrary they are the result of a sincere desire to get the grown-up folks to thinking. If we follow the law, it will result in more contentment, more prosperity, and a blessing to the good road movement. If we assess our property at less than cash value, we destroy our credit to just that extent. The first thing the county court should do it to lay the proper foundation, a legal, systematic equalization; and the only way it will be done is to follow the law.

(Signed) G. SPRINGER, County Judge.

Purifying the Air in Rooms.

To purify the air of offices or sick-rooms soak a few pieces of brown paper in a solution of salt-peter and allow them to dry. When desired for use lay a handful of flowers of lavender, which can be got at any drug store on a tin pan with a few pieces of the paper and light. The aroma is refreshing and agreeable and drives away insects. If hot water is procurable a few drops of oil of lavender in

a glass of very hot water is good. It purifies the air at once and effectually kills the germ of flies and insects of all kinds.—Scientific American.

Motorist's Luck.

"Well, Bithers, what luck did you have with your new car?" asked Jar-roway.

"More than I ever expected," said Bithers. "Just three minutes after the darned thing blew up another car came along with a busted tire, and the owner bought my old tires for \$10 apiece."—Harper's Weekly.

No Help.

"I admit that the architecture of this house is something fierce," said the agent, "but just see how handy the place is—only a stone's throw from the station."

"I see it is," said Tomkins wearily, "but I'm such a rotten shot it wouldn't be any satisfaction to me."—Harper's Weekly.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon May 9, 1913.

To Charles M. Davis of Bend, Oregon, Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Louis A. Hill, who gives Bend, Crook county, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on April 23, 1913, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, Entry No. Serial No. 68223, made March 13th, 1911, for North East Quarter (NE 1/4) sec. 19 and North West Quarter (NW 1/4) section 11, township 20 south, range 15 east, Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Charles M. Davis has never established his residence upon said tract; that he has not resided upon or cultivated said tract and that he has utterly abandoned said homestead for upwards of six months last past, as I am informed and verily believe; that said absence is not due to employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the U. S. in time of war.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the con-

testant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit it must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, April 23, 1913.

To John Vajen of No. 8615 8th ave. S., Seattle, Wash., Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Edward A. Fogg, who gives Hampton, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on March 22, 1913, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry No. Serial No. 68937, made May 17, 1911,

for NE 1/4, N 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 18, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 7, township 19 S., range 20 E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said John Vajen has wholly failed to establish his residence on said tract and has wholly failed to cultivate and improve same as required by law and has abandoned same for more than one year last past.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer on the said contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed and this affidavit must

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