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SALOON MEN TO DOWN LOCAL OPTION

That is the Object of the Amendment to Be Voted On in June.

To the Voters in Oregon:

Upon the fourth day of June, the sacred right of franchise, that of casting your ballots will be yours. This right is not something that is optional but the American citizens bound duty. This right of franchise crowns the American citizen with sovereignty. The ballot should be used in the interests of the people.

Among the many things which you will be called to vote upon is the amendment to the local option liquor law. It should appear on the official ballot "A Liquor Law" instead of an "Amendment to the Local Option Law giving Anti-Prohibitionists and Prohibitionists equal privileges" as it will appear.

In the first place our present Local Option Liquor Law is a temperance bill prepared and passed by temperance people, and voted into effect by initiative referendum in the year 1904 by a majority of 43,316. In the next session of the legislature the liquor men of our state attempted to amend this present bill by proposing the Jayne Amendment. They failed in this undertaking and now appear with a most deceptive bill to change the present law by a vote of the people. This so-called "Amendment" but an actual repeal of the present law and all liquor laws in the state, was prepared by the Royal Arch, composed of wholesale and retail liquor dealers and brewers.

Before voting on this so-called amendment, ask yourself this question: "Why was the present local option liquor law ever enacted?" Was it not that we might curtail the power and liberty of the liquor traffic? Our present law is by far the best local option law in the United States at the present time. Local option, at present, is the only way to handle the problem, as the majority think today.

Another question: "Why should it be amended?" Is Oregon to be under whiskey rule? What right has the saloon to appeal to votes any more than any other business. Is it a wise thing for a good man to cast his vote so that a good moral law should be amended so as to put the liquor men in control of the state?

Another question: "Who amends this law?" The Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association. If there are any hardships and unfair sections in the present law would it not be better for its friends to amend it instead of its enemies?

But where is it oppressive? Where is unfair? Is there anything unfair in our present law forbidding saloons to be in a precinct, a township or a county when the majority say they desire to keep them out? Why should the liquor men be allowed to put saloons in precincts, townships or counties when the majority say they do not want them? This will be the case should you vote for this so-called amendment.

In the new law there is every provision for illegal voting. They call it "qualified electors." What does this mean? Simply this: that any fellow who drops into a liquor precinct for a few days can vote upon this question. If this law is voted in as amended

they can pack their voters into any one precinct and thus keep saloons in a community perpetually. These liquor men propose to protect liquor men, not the boy, the home, society or the state. If there were no other amendment in the present law than that of Section 11, that when an election is held and a precinct goes dry, having a "majority vote" as the amended law reads, giving us that square deal, anti-prohibitionist and prohibitionists equal privileges, for should a precinct have 50 voters and 25 vote against a saloon and five for the precinct would go "wet" since there was not a majority of all the votes cast, at that election, though it was a majority of the votes cast upon that particular question, this is "equal privilege," a square deal with a vengeance. But should an actual majority vote against saloons in that precinct, the saloons could still run on as before, for "one qualified elector" could file a petition in the county court as to the validity of the election, and all procedure against them is held up so long as action is pending. The county judge having all jurisdiction over the matter from whom there is to be no appeal. And at present the liquor men are being very cautious and active as to who shall be county judge. Have a care.

Ask yourself this final question before you vote. Is it not desirable that the influence of decent people should be exerted for fairness, righteousness and the home, rather than in favor with the saloon and its iniquities? If you were at all familiar with the amendment you will vote—305 X No. If you are a patriotic citizen and know anything of our present local option law, you will say why should it be amended, and thus vote—305 X No. B. O. C.

Meat Market Enlarged.

Gus Karner, owner of the West Sixth street meat market, is having his place of business made over and enlarged, thereby improving its appearance and making it more convenient. He has had the front of the building painted so as to give a good imitation of a pressed brick front. He has enlarged the sales room and put in an extra large cold storage compartment in which to keep meats during the summer. To the rear of the building he is having a brick addition of 18x25 erected. It will have a basement for storage purposes and the first floor will be used for a pork packing and sausage room. The machinery now in the frame building to the rear will be moved into this new addition and electric power will be used instead of steam. Mr. Karner will be able with his enlarged quarters to engage more extensively hereafter in pork packing and the handling of all kinds of meats. Grants Pass has the standing as the largest and best market for live stock in Southern Oregon and the increasing of the capacity of his packing house by Mr. Karner will do that much more to help the local stock market.

Miss Grace Good, who has been the capable stenographer in Joseph Moss' real estate office, left Tuesday for La Grande where she will take charge of the books for her father, George Good, of the Hotel Foley of which he has taken the management. Miss Good has a very large circle of friends in Grants Pass who regret her leaving the city and who give her their best wishes in her new home. Miss Lucille McCroskey has assumed the position vacated by Miss Good in Mr. Moss' office.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DAY EXERCISES

First Program of High School Commencement Held Friday Evening.

On Friday evening, May 19, the class day program of the High School students was given in the Opera House to quite a large audience. This was the first program of the commencement season this year and a preliminary to the final graduating exercises to be held Friday evening, May 25.

The first number was a musical selection by the High School Girls' Chorus led by Principal A. E. Harrison, after which Anna May Thomas of the Freshmen class gave an address of welcome to the members of the Eighth grade who are about to enter the High School. This was ably responded to by Errol Gilkey. The members of the graduating class, Daisy Cole, Blanch Ferdine, Addie Robinson and Dale Williams, each delivered an oration and it is useless to say that this part of the program was well carried out. The orations showed a great deal of work and originality and the members of the class are to be congratulated upon their productions and the pleasing style of their delivery.

Following these was a vocal duet by Nina Paddock and Helen Clark which was highly enjoyed by the audience.

The class poem was delivered by Dale Williams in which she expressed the sentiments of her class and of the whole High School. The valedictory address to the Junior class was given by Addie Robinson to which a response was made by Wilna Gilkey, wishing the members of the class of 1906 a long and prosperous life and bidding them an affectionate farewell.

After this Olwen Hughes of the Sophomore class related the history of the Senior class and Helen Clarke of the Junior class continued the interesting romance by telling of their happiness and good fortune in the future.

The final number on the program was a selection by the High School Girls' Chorus. Several farwell songs were then sung in honor of the senior class and the audience went home feeling that they were well paid for the time spent in listening to such an interesting program.

The class day program is a new feature of commencement time and it is to be hoped that such will be continued in the future years.

Another School House.

All who are working for the best interests of Grants Pass should not forget the special election Monday afternoon to vote bonds for the erection of an eight room school building in the Third ward. The voting place will be in the Moss building on E street near Sixth street and the polls will be open from 1 to 5 p. m. Only property holders can vote at this election.

With two rented rooms and all the rooms crowded to their full capacity and some containing 55 to 60 scholars and the city steadily increasing in population it has become necessary to provide additional school facilities. The third fine brick school house will be a convincing proof of the substantial prosperity and progressiveness of Grants Pass and these three buildings will be a large factor in attracting to this city the better class of home-seekers and investors and thereby aid in the general prosperity of all.

First Flour Shipped From Here.

Grants Pass has been importing almost everything required in the food line for man and horse from points outside of Josephine county but this financial drain is being gradually checked and the balance of trade in many lines is now in favor of this city. Thousands of dollars have been sent away for flour but now this food product is being manufactured here in such quantities that it will hereafter be exported. Wednesday the Grants Pass Milling Company shipped the first car load of flour ever sent out of this city. It was billed for Oakland and is to be the beginning of large shipments to the California market.

Men Wanted.

Saw mill and lumber yard laborers, \$2.25 per day. Woodsmen \$2.25 to \$3. Steady work. Apply to Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., Eugene, Ore. Smythe's Coffee market for Good Goods. Phone 481. 420 Front St.

JACKSONVILLE GIVEN A BOOM BY ITS MINES

Opp Mines Has Big Pay Roll—Blue Ledge Has Force of 150 Men.

C. P. Briggs, a druggist and well-known business man of Jacksonville, was in Grants Pass over last Friday night. Mr. Briggs was on his way to Portland as a delegate from Jacksonville Odd Fellows lodge to the grand encampment of Oregon. Mr. Briggs had passed through Grants Pass many times but had never been in the city before and he spent the evening viewing the business and residence sections in company with friends and he was especially complimentary in his opinion of the business houses and the large and fine stocks of goods carried and of the many advantages that the place had for becoming a prosperous commercial center.

Of Jacksonville he stated that the old town was taking new life and new buildings being erected and the merchants were enlarging their stocks of goods. At the Opp the new 20-stamp mill was in continuous operation and in addition to getting out ore for the mill extensive development work was being carried on. Nearly a hundred men are employed at this mine. Anjoing the Opp mine the Casey-McWilliams mine is being developed by Seattle parties and it is showing up quite as promising as did the now famous Opp in its development period.

At the great Blue Ledge copper mine the New York and Mexican Company who have bought it are carrying on the most extensive development work ever done in Southern Oregon. They have a force of 150 men and with power drills are thoroughly opening up the 21 claims controlled in the Blue Ledge group. So satisfactory is the showing as to the extent and richness of the copper deposits that it is practically certain that before the close of the year work will be begun on the erection of a smelter. As this company is now operating large smelters in other sections of the United States and in Mexico it is quite probable that they will put in a smelter of large size at Blue Ledge. As Jacksonville is the outfitting point and has daily stage and freight teams to Blue Ledge the opening of this great mine is giving a big impetus to business of all kinds in that mining town. With the installing of a smelter at the Blue Ledge and its successful operation will come a big impetus to the development of the vast copper deposits of Southern Oregon, which are known to be in extent equal to the great copper districts of Montana, which will bring to this section a payroll greater than all the other mines combined.

A GRANTS PASS MINISTER DISAPPEARS

Rev. Goulder Goes Onto Trip for His Health an Cannot Be Heard From.

Rev. T. W. Goulder pastor of the M. E. Church South, of Grants Pass has been missing since May 6, and no trace whatever can be learned of him. He was excessively addicted to smoking cheroot cigars and it is feared that his mind has become deranged. He was a close student and a hardworking minister and devoted to his family, which consists of his wife and a little boy and girl and his disappearance is a crushing blow on Mrs. Goulder and of deep regret on the part of the members of his church, with whom he was very popular.

Rev. Goulder had been in poor health for some time and troubled with insomnia and he decided to take a trip to California to visit friends and to take a fishing and hunting outing. He bought a ticket for Oakland and got on the morning train of Sunday, May 6, and that is the last seen or heard of him. Letters and telegrams have been sent by his wife and friends here to friends and to police officers in California, but nothing can be learned as to his whereabouts. The Modern Woodmen of America, the local camp of which Rev. Goulder was clerk, have instituted a thorough search for him. Rev. Goulder was about 45 years old, five feet eight inches high, medium stout build, dark eyes, heavy black mustache, black hair tinged with grey.

A TRAINED DOG HERDS GOATS

Takes the Flock to Hills Each Day and Guards Them From Coyotes.

F. A. Pierce, who resides a mile west of Merlin in Grants Pass Wednesday. Mr. Pierce has taken up goat raising and now has 168 head, 35 of which are registered animals. Mr. Pierce formerly resided in California where for 10 years he was engaged in goat raising, but the hot climate of that state precluded the raising of long standard mohair, a goat seldom ever producing it that was over 12 inches long. As extra long mohair sells from \$1 to \$5 per pound Mr. Pierce decided to seek a location better adapted to goats than is California. After careful investigation he decided that Rogue River Valley had all the conditions for the raising of the highest standard of goats and selling out in California he moved his family to this Valley and bought 600 acres of land near Merlin.

With the thousands of acres of crop range, the mild climate free from long, excessive heat that is the handicap to California and from the continued heavy rains of Northwestern Oregon and freedom from disease causes Mr. Pierce to think that Rogue River Valley should become one of the celebrated goat districts of the world. The few goat raisers now in this Valley are having good success and are making money in the business, though having two disadvantages to contend with. One is the selling and shipping of the mohair in small quantities thus causing a loss of fully five cents a pound. The other is the depredations by coyotes and dogs on the goats. Mr. Pierce has bred up a strain of dogs that have proven efficient guards for his goats. His dogs are a cross of shepherd, bull and bound and he has one that guards his band of goats when ranging on the hills more efficiently than could a man. This dog was taken when very young and kept with goat kids and fed on goats' milk, nursing a goat just as the kids did. The pup was taught to stay with the goats all day and now the dog drives the band to the hills in the morning and brings them back at night. The goats follow him as they would a shepherd and they have learned his bark and when he gives warning they flee from the danger. A coyote or a strange dog is scented at once and driven off and not even a cow, horse or hog is allowed to range with his goats. And he would attack a strange man should he attempt to go too near the goats. Mr. Pierce said he had had a cash offer of \$100 for his dog from a California goat raiser but that he would not take less than a \$1000 for him if he could not replace the dog.

The popular confectionery and ice cream parlors of Herman Honring are being thoroughly renovated. Paper hangers and painters are busily engaged there this week, and when the work is completed, it will present a most attractive appearance.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TO BE CLEAN-UP DAY

Everybody Expected to Search for Old Boxes, Bottles, and Other Rubbish.

Clean-up-Day is a utility holiday that is rapidly coming into vogue in towns and cities all over the country. This Spring it is being more generally observed than ever before and hundreds of cities and towns have taken a half-holiday and business men, school children, the women and the general public have turned out and cleaned the yards, streets, alleys, vacant lots and public grounds of every bit of rubbish and unsightly things.

Grants Pass has fallen into line and Wednesday afternoon, June 6, has been fixed by the Commercial Club as Clean-up-Day for this city. It is expected that business will be suspended for that afternoon and every man, woman and child in Grants Pass will lend a willing hand to thoroughly clean the city of everything that tends to make the yards, streets, alleys, vacant lots and public grounds look unsightly. All rubbish should be put in convenient piles or receptacles for the city team to haul to the new dumping ground.

Grants Pass has one of the handsomest natural locations for a town in Oregon and with but very little effort on the part of its citizens it could be one of the cleanest and most attractive cities in the state.

To Observe Decoration Day.

Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day will be observed in Grants Pass in a manner befitting these days sacred to the honor of the Nation's dead Sunday at 11 a. m. union services will be held in Newman M. E. Church to which the general public is invited. The sermon will be by Rev. C. O. Beckman and the other ministers of the city will take part in the services.

The exercises for Decoration Day will be held in the opera house at 2 p. m., Wednesday. The address will be by Rev. Clark Bower. There will be music appropriate to the occasion and the members of the G. A. R. Post and of the Relief Corps will attend in a body, as they also will the Memorial service Sunday. A committee of the Post will decorate with flags and flowers the graves of the soldier dead in the cemeteries.

Republicans Hold Rally.

The republicans held a rally this Thursday night in the opera house that was well attended. Judge George H. Durham presided and introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. W. C. Hawley, candidate for congress. Mr. Hawley made a clear presentation of his stand on the questions now before the American people and he showed that he was an able and forceful speaker.

This Saturday evening another rally will be held by the republicans that will be addressed by Dr. Withycombe, candidate for governor and by Willis S. Dunaway, candidate for state printer.

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