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THE HOME RULE SITUATION

The victory gained by the Home Rule association is one that brings in its train a lot of hard work for those who are to put it in force. Just how it is to be done is not clear. It is not absolutely certain that there are any laws in existence that will be of service and the chances are that a special enabling act will have to be passed by the next legislature to define the scope and the methods to be employed to enforce this new amendment to the constitution. Citizens generally are disposed to stand back and see what is going to happen. A talk with a number of prominent prohibitionists in this city proves that at least a part of them are disposed to let the home rulers attend to their own affairs and to permit them to do this they will step aside and give that organization an opportunity to enforce the law without hindrance as far as they are concerned. Other believe that the amendment is inoperative, from the fact that they claim it to be pernicious legislation, inasmuch as it is taxation without representation. It is claimed that the taxpayers outside of the cities have to pay a large share of the burden of criminal prosecutions brought on through the saloons and they get no share of the proceeds of the license.

The chairman of the executive committee of the state prohibition party, J. P. Newell, says that he can not see his way clear to assist the Home Rule association in anything it advocates. This is giving it the cold shoulder indeed. He finds fault with the proposition of the home rulers to take away the power of city councils to grant liquor licenses and vest that power in the courts. To do that, he says, would tend to corrupt our courts. The council, he claims, is closer to the people than the courts, therefore he thinks they should handle the business.

The superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league says:

"I would not place a straw in the way of the Home Rule association. It has all the machinery to work with and if it is able to bring about reforms I hope it will succeed. It is undertaking a big fight and it will soon know it."

Rev. Clarence True Wilson, one of the foremost temperance workers in the state, announced soon after the election that he would gladly assist the Home Rule association to bring about any reform in the saloon business, although he doubted that it could be done.

The above opinions fairly show the temper of the prohibition people of the state and it remains to be seen what the home rulers are going to do. General Manager H. C. McAllister, of the Home Rule association, has given to the papers the following statement, which proves he is not pleased with the attitude of the prohibitionists and their friends generally.

Here is his statement: "There is no disposition on the part of the Greater Oregon Home Rule association to lay down at this time on the promises which it made before election regarding the future regulation of the liquor traffic in this city and every other one in Oregon.

"I think, however, that some of the members of the prohibition party and the Municipal association are taking snap judgment and urging us to get into action on a matter which they themselves could not arrange to do in the length of time they allot to us. If they will give us their aid and not their censure in the efforts which will be made in the immediate future, I think they will have no cause to complain. But this matter of regulation can not be brought about in five minutes' time, as they evidently expect. No reasonable man could expect that.

"This association intends and expects to make good its promises. I do not believe that the people at this time will countenance any kind of regulation proposed by the liquor interests. But I do believe that the public generally, now that the home rule bill is assured, looks to this association for relief from existing evils. In that the people will not be disappointed.

"The advisory board of this association will meet early next week to take up matters which are pressing for attention. In closing up a campaign of this kind it is impossible to clear the decks of a vast accumulation of business in a few short hours, and matters concerning the organization itself will be taken care of. Then will come the larger work which the prohibitionists are not alone in clamoring for.

"In addition to the other work to be done, the association will use every effort before the legislature to have the law amended with regard to incorporating cities so that at least 500 people are necessary in a community before such action can be taken. This will relieve any anxiety over the probability of cities voting dry being surrounded by smaller incorporations where liquor can be sold.

"We are not asking for months to begin carrying out the promises made, but will bend every effort within a short time towards the ends desired."

The public will await with interest for the next move in this important matter. The law abiding people of the state will in no way oppose the enforcement of home rule, but on the contrary they will demand that every pre-election promise made to the people by that association shall be kept.

TAKE THE GALICE DISTRICT OUT OF RESERVE

The communication from Galice in last Sunday's Daily soliciting assistance from the Commercial club and the people of this city and county to throw that mining district outside of the forest reserve should not be allowed to rest until this great and growing mining camp is relieved from the regulations which are holding back development work.

The Courier has been friendly with our local forestry officials, past and present, and it has no desire to criticize the work as it is carried on. We favor conservation, and yet at the same time have given consideration to all facts presented that show the bad policy of having this rich mineral belt which is almost entirely covered by valid mining claims, (hampered by rules made by persons who know nothing of the mining industry. The strongest argument for retaining this camp within the reserve, and one that in the beginning appealed to the prospector, was that it prevented entry of mineral lands under the timber and stone act and thus protected the miner from the timber shark. But when the miner desired to secure outside capital to make a mine out of his prospect, he found the reserve boundary was as effective in keeping out capitalists as it was the timber shark, and now that it has become generally known that this land can be thrown out of the reserve and be opened to homestead and mineral entry and be closed to timber entry, the last argument in favor of keeping it bottled up is gone and so the miner is anxious to be once more under the more liberal regulations of the interior department.

It makes little difference whether the forestry regulations themselves, if fully enforced, would retard development or that they are elastic as claimed and not to be strictly enforced. The fact remains that these mineral lands are subject to a lot of fool provisions that can be interpreted or amended at the suggestion of some eastern theorist to the disadvantage of the mining investor. Capital carefully avoids investment inside the reserves for either mining, water power or lumbering, and this, as a matter of course, retards development.

Congressman-elect Lafferty of the second Oregon district was elected on a platform promising to revise the forestry system to the advantage of the state and it is proposed to hold a western conservation congress next spring to place conservation on a more sane basis and under state control. But these reforms, though certain, will be slow, and local relief should be sought by the Commercial club, and, in fact, the people of the whole county. Congressman Hawley will undoubtedly take up the matter without delay, providing petitions are prepared containing the names of the many people of Josephine county who desire to see the Galice district developed.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY A SCARCE ARTICLE

The agricultural department at Washington and the state agricultural colleges must at once take up the subject of a turkey supply to be equally distributed over the whole country or Thanksgiving day must be abandoned. Ever since that memorable time during the Civil war when President Lincoln issued the first national proclamation for the observance of thanksgiving a turkey has been demanded in every household. But during the last few years the national bird has become a scarce article and every year the demand has been increasing. Our market men tell us that turkeys are likely to sell at thirty cents a pound in Grants Pass this year and that they will be scarce at that. This state of affairs calls for prompt action on the part of our farmers next year. Turkeys are easy to raise and it is needless to say that the business will be profitable to every one who will undertake it. Our friends in the city who have facilities for the business should set one or two hens another season on turkey eggs and thus insure not only a supply for Thanksgiving, but for other holidays. The Pilgrim Fathers had no idea of the troubles they were to cause the people a few hundred years later when they went out and killed wild turkeys and supplied the same to colonists for their first Thanksgiving dinner. The wild turkey gave out many years ago and the tame one has, as before stated, become a scarce article in our markets. In the days of the Pilgrim Fathers the Lord not only supplied the bountiful harvest but the turkey as well.

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION NEAR AT HAND.

The city election this year will mean much to Grants Pass, for the reason that should we fail to place progressive men in the various offices prosperity will cease to remain with us. Every ward must be certain to choose reliable, up-to-date business men to the council, and the voters of the entire city will be called upon to elect a mayor whose ability to fill the office will be unquestioned. No man should be selected for this important position who is not known to have ability of the first order and the good of the city at heart. Politics and factions must be ignored if our city is to continue to be an important commercial center of this valley. A mayor must be a man who is known to willingly give his time to the important work of building up the city and every member of the council must be in his place at every regular, adjourned or special meeting. The voters can and must find such men if a greater Grants Pass is desired. Remember, the election is close at hand and that we must be prepared to vote when the day rolls around. Let there be no north side or south side, no wet nor dry, but let every body work for a better Grants Pass.

OUR STREET WORK THIS YEAR

Grants Pass is certainly very fortunate in its public work this season.

As its street improvements will rank with the best work that has been done in any municipality in this state, not only has its paving and other improvements been put in in the best manner, but in every instance the price has been kept at the minimum. The council has worked in harmony with the taxpayers and this unity of action has brought about the very best results. The committee on streets, under its chairman, J. L. Myers, has co-operated with the committee of property owners through their chairman, J. D. Fry, and the result has been satisfactory along this line. Mr. Myers has given freely his time and nothing under his direction was allowed to go by default. The city engineer, F. E. Hobson, established grades for streets and walks which are a credit both to the city and that official.

Mr. Myers has been the active head of paving construction and his ability to carry forward work has been demonstrated in a most satisfactory manner. There is another pleasing feature in this connection and that is the property owners' appreciation of his efforts. The street work is now nearly finished. The macadam on lower Sixth street will, if the weather holds good, be finished within a very short time. It is to be regretted that the property owners from 1st street to the

bridge did not see their way clear to cover the entire distance with bitulithic, but there is every indication that the macadam will make a good street for a time at least, and if it should show signs of giving way bitulithic pavement can be put down.

WILLIAMS ITEMS

Miss Mabel Mahan went to Grants Pass Thursday, returning Saturday. John Kincaid took a beef to Grants Pass Tuesday.

Reverend Herd and family have moved into their new house on the old picnic ground.

A. L. Blodgett and family went to Grants Pass Saturday and returned. Sam Lettiken and Miss Messinger were buggy riding through our streets Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Topping and Bert Booth were the guests at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilkinson's Sunday.

O. C. Bigelow is out in the mountains rounding up cattle.

Earl Topping had a runaway Monday. One of his horse was hurt real bad, but he was unhurt.

Charles Kincaid was the guest at Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cogle's Monday.

Mrs. Gertrude Herriott is at her mother's and is very ill. We hope her well soon.

Miss Mabel Mahan, Earl Kennedy, Mrs. O. C. Bigelow and Mrs. Grace Cowan and children attended the dance Saturday night and report a good time.

E. E. Topping had the misfortune to loose a valuable milk cow.

The farmers are busy putting in their fall grain.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 18, Friday—Frieda Langendorf, of Metropolitan Opera company. First number Entertainment course. Admission 75c and 50c. 42tf

Nov. 20, Sunday—Wm. P. McKenzie, C. S. B. lecture at Opera house, 3 p. m. Subject, "A Present Redemption." 54*

Nov. 21, Monday—Ward caucuses.

Nov. 22, Tuesday—City convention.

Nov. 24, Thursday—Thanksgiving.

W. R. C. Entertains

Saturday afternoon, November 12, was a red letter day in the history of the local Woman's Relief corps, when it entertained Mrs. Lizzie Smith, of Salem, department president. Mrs. Smith complimented the efficient floor and ritualistic work of the corps and its large membership. After the meeting she was given an auto ride through the principle streets and then returned to the hall, where were gathered the G. A. R. members and their families, who had been invited to meet the guest. A bountiful supper was spread and enjoyed by about 80 people, and the evening was spent in sociability.

Mrs. Smith is vitally interested in the work of the W. R. C. and was one of the tree delegates from Oregon to the 28th national convention held at Atlantic City last September. The delegates were not backward in calling the attention of the convention that Oregon was in line for the national honors in 1912, and that Portland, the rose city, was an ideal place to hold the 46th national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that an Oregon woman would be a candidate for the national presidency. The encampment will be held next year at Rochester, N. Y.

While there are several posts in the state without auxiliaries, there are 38 corps and 1800 members, and they are doing a grand work.

On Monday Mrs. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Hildreth, went south to inspect the corps of Central Point, Medford and Ashland, and later, Klamath Falls, where a new corps will be organized.

Mrs. Smith is a woman of business ability and a pleasing person.

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MURPHY ITEMS

Miss Mellissa Green, of Merlin, came up Tuesday to visit relatives and friends at Murphy for a few days.

Several of our young people attended literary at Missouri Flat Saturday evening and had one interesting time. J. D. Hayes came down from Portland last Wednesday to visit relatives at Murphy for a few weeks.

We regret to announce the serious illness of Grandma Williams. Dr. Smith was called Monday morning and she is somewhat improved at this writing.

Miss Fronia Sauer, who has been working for Mrs. Selleck for the past 14 months, left for her home at Kerby the first of the week.

Miss Ella Williams came down from Williams Monday to remain with her grandmother during the latter's illness.

The new store building of T. E. Gilmore had a narrow escape from being burned down on election night. The fire was discovered before it had made much headway and was extinguished before much damage had been done.

The Hayes Brothers sold 25 acres of their fine farm last week to Amos Smith, of Grants Pass, the purchase price being \$150 per acre.

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LODGE MEETINGS

THE KAPOYLAE Lodge, No. 66, Knights of Pythias, meets first and third Tuesday nights in W. O. W. hall. F. W. Huggert, C. C.; Lincoln Savage, K. of R. & S. 2-11-10 The Club Renovatory cleans and presses ladies' and gentlemen's clothes. 281

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