

# 2,677,890 VOTES WERE CAST YESTERDAY BY CONTESTANTS

Saturday Was Banner Day of the Mail Tribune's Big Contest.—Many of the Candidates Voted as if It Were the Last Day—Much Rivalry Among the Towns Outside of Medford.

## Not Good After October 18, 1910 The Mail Tribune Popular Voting Contest This Ballot Counts for TEN Votes

For District No. Address Good for ten votes when filled out and sent to the Contest Department by mail or otherwise on or before expiration date. No ballot will be altered in any way or transferred after being received by the Mail Tribune.

Each and every nomination blank that out from the Mail Tribune counts twenty votes and a girl can get blanked as many times as she can get blanked. With the passing of each day the interest in the contest is spreading more and more and the enthusiasm of the contestants is reaching a higher pitch.

Both in the city and in the territory outside of the city over which the contest extends, there is the element of activity that bespeaks favorable for some great things during the next three weeks, or even days. Every day many votes are received from the candidates or their friends which completely changes the aspect of the contest in certain districts.

The voting of the last few days was very heavy indeed. Every candidate is working hard and straining every nerve to win out. Contestants are entreaching themselves for the final struggle. You must work to win.

The contest has been running just five weeks, and but three more weeks remain before the ballot box closes off the last time.

A glance at the standing of the contestants is the best evidence possible of the way interest is being aroused. Get every available subscription now and let the end of the race take care of itself. There is no time to be lost. Success in a contest of this kind, and that is the staying quality. Those who have entered the contest with the determination of staying with it to the end are going to come out victorious.

For the benefit of those who are not able to get to this office during business hours, the Contest Department will be open every evening until 9 o'clock.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Includes all the territory in the city of Medford. Table listing names and vote counts for various candidates.

DISTRICT NO. 2. Includes all territory outside city of Medford. Table listing names and vote counts for various candidates.

# THE SALOON MUST GO; IT IS CRIME, ROBBERY AND MURDER

This letter, written by a real estate man of Portland, in answer to one in favor of the saloons ought to be read by every voter:

## ON THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF PROHIBITION

PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I would kindly ask your permission to reply to an article published in The Sunday Oregonian, entitled, "What Prohibition May Do to the State," by Thomas B. Merry.

I will quote Mr. Merry's own words, that we ought to do that which is best for the greatest number of our citizens.

Let us see from the financial side, as I have proven it in dry territory. Mr. Merry would suggest and attempts to prove that a panic would ensue immediately. Has that been the case in any other city where it went dry? Is that the reason for the panic three years ago?

Mr. Merry says that not one man in ten who is employed by the saloon interests owns his own home. Just think of that 90 per cent without a home. Tell me the reason. Is it because of the wages paid, and the absorbing of the same wages by the saloon which employs, giving nothing in return?

There is no other class of laborers, not even the poorest paid ditch digger but what a greater percentage than that mentioned own their own homes.

So prohibition would be a benefit to the men employed in the liquor business.

Mr. Merry says the butcher, the baker, the peddler and the grocer would lose; would feel the depression at once. Wherever the saloon has been put out of business the class of business mentioned has not only sold more goods, but men who failed to pay their bills were now able to do so. So bad accounts were turned into cash; where customers were slow pay, now pay up promptly. More money was spent for that which nourished, and which brightened the home, and making the customer have a greater earning power.

Mr. Merry says the easiest way to reach a man's heart is through the pocket. The liquor dealers are very heartless, for he says it is a proven fact that more liquor is consumed where prohibition exists. If that is true, the liquor men must make more money. Their pockets must be filled faster in dry territory, yet I believe they are the ones most opposed to prohibition. How consistent.

Real Estate. "I am in the real estate business and have been for eight years, and from my observation I am convinced that values here in Portland, or anywhere else, are not based on the number of saloons or on the men employed by the liquor interests, but upon the population. You admit that only one in ten employed by

the liquor interests owns his own home. If such is the case, we real estate dealers need have no fear of losing any sales from that source.

The Moral Side. "The moral side I will discuss but little on account of space. Mr. Merry says that if prohibition partially decreased sin or drunkenness it might be looked at favorably. Let us see if it reduces crime (or taxes) in dry territory.

"The secretary of the Commercial club of Kansas City, Kan., gave the following facts: He said prohibition there had reduced the cost of government and saves money to taxpayers and reduces crime. Under saloon rule the number of police were 68; average number of murders per annum, 15; amount received in fines

from joints, \$90,000, rate of taxation, 19 mills.

Under present conditions, which are as dry as possible under the interstate commerce act, until August 10, 1910, not a single homicide this year; no revenue at all from joints; number of police reduced to 36; rate of taxation reduced to 18 mills; salary of all firemen and policemen raised; \$500,000 expended for new school buildings in four years; pavements have been greatly pushed; water bonds of \$2,500,000 issued, and yet a clear reduction of 1 mill in the rate of taxation. This is a city of 100,000 in a state of 1,800,000 people.

"In Leavenworth they had 17 prisoners, which is less than half the average for 15 years. Take the state

of Kansas as a whole, there were 54 counties out of 109 without a prisoner last year. One hundred and five counties did not send a prisoner to the penitentiary, and the state has only one to every 7000 of its population in the county jails.

In our own Portland, and from the statement of our court, and county officials, there is ample proof that the liquor consumed is the cause of a large percentage of our crime.

"The statement was made in one of our daily papers a few days before Christmas two years ago that the jailor had said: "There are 12 prisoners confined under my charge who are here for murder and 19 of the 12 said that drink was the cause." This in Portland. "A few weeks ago one of the pa-

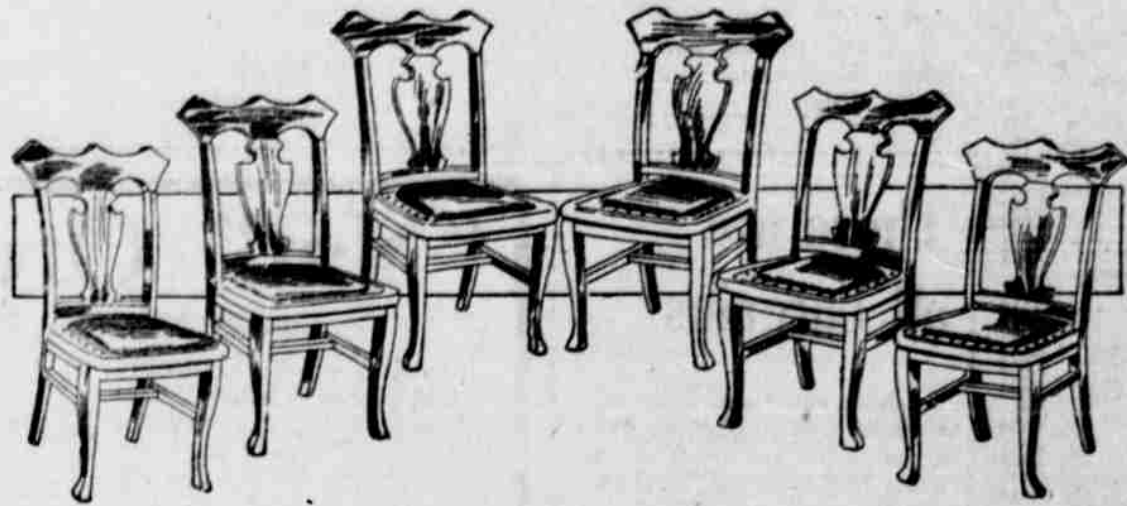
pers mentioned the fact that one of our judges granted 11 divorces that day and that seven were on account of drunkenness.

"These facts alone ought to prove to all men who want to do that which is the best for the greatest number, that financially and morally a prohibition state is the best.

"E. C. HURLBERT." (Paid advertisement by the Anti-Saloon League.)

N. D. Brophy, having sold his 226 acre fruit farm to a syndicate of Medford men, has purchased the Eads property and will take possession next Friday.

F. Hubbard returned from Grants Pass Saturday.



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This store of ours is so big that a lot of people cookcases, tables and divans? stock. Do you know we carry a great assortment of the very best linoleum? Did you ever go through our drapery department, or rug section on the second floor? Were you through our furnished bedroom section on the second floor? Did you ever examine our great array of chairs, bookcases, tables and divans. Have you seen the Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet in action? This store is as interesting and varied as a furniture exhibition. When you have an opportunity, we'd like to have you examine it with the same freedom you would an art exhibit.

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