

WILSON TALKS ON PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—In response to a letter from Rev. Thomas B. Shannon, the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in New Jersey, Governor Woodrow Wilson has defined his attitude on the local option question. The governor's reply is as follows:

"The question asked in your letter of April 27 about my attitude toward the important question of local option is, of course, a perfectly legitimate one, and you are entitled to a very frank answer. I would have replied sooner had I not been prevented by imperative public engagements. I have explained my views to you in private, but have, of course, no objection to your making them public.

"I am in favor of local option. I am a thorough believer in local self-government and believe that every self-governing community which constitutes a social unit should have the right to control the matter of the regulation or of the withholding of licenses.

"But the questions involved are social and moral and are not susceptible of being made parts of a party program. Whenever they have been made the subject matter of party contests, they have ent the lines of party organization and party action aghast to the utter confusion of political action in every other field. They have thrown every other question, however important, into the background and have made constructive party action impossible for long years together. So far as I myself am concerned, therefore, I can never consent to have the question of local option made an issue between political parties in this state. My judgment is very clear in this matter. I do not believe that party programs of the highest consequence to the political life of the state and of the nation ought to be thrust on one side and hopelessly embarrassed for long periods together by making a political issue of a great question which is essentially non-political, non-partisan, moral and social, in its nature."

WOODVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. C. E. Smith left Friday morning on a visit to Albany. Mrs. Smith expects to be gone several months and will meet a brother in Portland whom she has not seen for 17 years.

Mrs. F. D. Eisman of Grants Pass was in Woodville on Thursday looking for furnished rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Eisman recently purchased the Titton ranch, across Rogue river, and expect to make their home in Woodville until school closes and then move to the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilcox took possession of the Woodville hotel on March 1.

Dr. and Mrs. Woods entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith and son at dinner on Thursday night.

Sam Mathis attended the funeral of Mrs. Colvig in Medford last Monday.

A big delegation from the Odd Fellows lodge attended the gathering of that order in Medford last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chapel of Charlevoix, Mich., arrived in Woodville last week and will make their home on their ranch on Rogue river.

Mrs. Jim Whipple and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in Central Point.

Mrs. Charles Seaman was in Grants Pass last Saturday.

Mrs. George Loud was shopping in Grants Pass on Saturday.

Mrs. Lance of Medford is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Seaman, this week.

J. W. Jacobs was in Medford on business last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, of Medford, spent Sunday at their ranch near Woodville.

Mrs. Emma Rule expects to leave this week to make her home with a son in California.

Mr. and Mrs. James Loud left for California points Sunday morning after a three weeks' visit with their son George Loud.

Mrs. Emma Pauley and children left on Saturday to make their home in Los Angeles.

The city council has engaged Engineer Hobson, of Grants Pass, to establish street grades and to widen Oak street from Main to Second street.

Professor Main has been engaged as principal of the Woodville school for the coming year.

The city council will call an election in the near future to decide on changing the name of our town to Rogueriver. Public sentiment is in favor of the change and we feel sure that the vote will carry by a large majority.

P. P. Pierce, of Butte, Neb., left for his home this week after a month's visit with relatives in Woodville.

ADJUST TIRE TROUBLES HERE

Owing to the large amount of automobile business done in this city Robert A. Flynn, who returned from Portland Monday, was able to bring with him the adjusting rights of five automobile tire companies and hereafter all adjusting between consumer and company in this section will be done at Medford. Mr. Flynn secured such rights from the following companies: Morgan & Wright, Hartford, Goodyear, Fisk and Kelly Racine. Medford is the only city between San Francisco and Portland where such adjustments can be made.

While in Portland Mr. Flynn went closely into the status of the automobile trade and states that this year will break all previous ones in the amount of business.

"Where dealers formerly shipped in their cars in carload lots they are now ordering by trainlots," states Mr. Flynn. "A large number of agencies cannot meet the demand. One man already has the money for nine 1913 models having run out of cars some time ago.

"Medford is touted pretty strong by the automobile men of Portland. It's the only auto city in the state outside of the metropolis and per capita we have it all over them."

Mr. Flynn visited Portland in the interests of the Pacific Motor Supply company of this city with whom he is connected.

CLUB TO MEET

There will be an important meeting of the Medford Commercial club Wednesday evening and a full attendance of members is requested. I have several matters of importance to lay before the club.

WILLIAM M. COLVIG.

ADVANTAGE OF GOATS SHOWN

James Kershaw, Jackson county's Angora goat king, who owns a large number of goats, ranging them on his holdings on upper Antelope, was in Medford Tuesday boosting for the goat industry. This year Mr. Kershaw will ship over 1200 pounds of mohair for which he has already been offered 33 cents a pound, which is an excellent price.

One of the greatest advantages of goat raising according to Mr. Kershaw is the manner in which they enrich the land on which they feed. A year ago Mr. Kershaw secured four tons of hay to the acre from a pasture which had never produced before, as a result of pasturing the goats there. Mr. Kershaw believes that each mountain ranch should have a band of goats.

SLIGHT DECLINE CATTLE MARKET

PORTLAND, March 5.—Receipts for the past week have been as follows: Cattle, 2363; calves, 19; hogs, 1977; sheep, 6006; goats, 10; horses and mules, 81.

The close of the week shows little change in the market with the exception of the steer division. The bulk of the cattle receipts being steers, the demand was well supplied and the price has fallen off from 10c to 15c per hundred, tops now being quoted at \$6.50. Cows and heifers remain steady to strong with very few offerings, one lot of choice spayed heifers bringing \$5.90 and good cows finding ready sale at \$5.60. Light calves topped the market for the season at \$8.50, bulls and stags were in good demand at an advance of a quarter over last week's quotations for the best grades.

The hog market remains the same as quoted heretofore, tops readily bringing \$6.75 with plenty of buyers.

Sheep continue to be very scarce, those offering bringing good prices. Some good wool lambs weighed off the cars brought \$6.15, wethers \$5.15. Three doubles of Idaho ewes were snapped up quickly at \$4.60, lighter and poorer grades selling around 4c. Taken all in all the mutton division showed the greatest strength for the week.

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 5.—By a vote of 17 to 12 the Texas republican committee today endorsed Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy.

EUGENE SCHMITZ "NOT GUILTY"

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 5.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the trial of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz here this afternoon at the direction of Judge Lawlor. When the case was called this afternoon the situation which caused the continuance of the trial from last Wednesday remained practically unchanged.

District Attorney Fickert assured the court that no action had been taken on the motion to dismiss the indictments pending before Judge Dunne, and Attorney Schlesinger, representing Abe Ruef, stated that his client was still determined to stand on his constitutional right and refuse to testify until the indictments had been dismissed.

Judge Lawlor then said: "Under the circumstances I am legally required to bring this trial to a close."

The district attorney then moved that the jury be directed to return a verdict of not guilty as no evidence has been produced either during this trial or before the grand jury connecting Schmitz with the offense charged, that of giving a bribe to former Supervisor Andrew M. Wilson, in connection with the gas ordinance scandal.

Judge Lawlor addressed the jury at length regarding the law touching on the matter, and informed them that even should they exercise their prerogative and return a verdict of guilty he would be constrained to set it aside.

The jury retired and after deliberating three minutes returned a verdict of not guilty.

In closing the jury, Judge Lawlor said: "Even if the testimony of Abraham Ruef had been presented, no delicate question would have been presented because he is a direct principal or accomplice under the law and would have added nothing to the testimony already offered."

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TEDDY FIRST STRAW VOTE

C. E. Whisler, who is on his way to Washington to oppose the Sulzer apple box bill, which is a copy of the original obnoxious Lafean measure, writes The Mail Tribune from Omaha, giving the result of an interesting poll on the train. Mr. Whisler says:

"We conducted a poll and elected a president on the train yesterday, taking the men's vote and the women's vote separately. The men voted as follows: Roosevelt 29, Tatt 23, La Follette 1, Wilson 4, Clark 4, Bryan 5, Underwood 1.

"The women voted: Roosevelt 3, Tatt 9, Clark 1, Bryan 3, Debs 1."

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Governor Hunt has matched the Florence state prison baseball club against the Phoenix team for next Sunday at Phoenix. He denies that the infield will wear ankle jewelry. The club's uniforms are causing discussion.

A SNAP

60 acres, six miles from Medford, good graded road crosses the tract, all free soil, at \$50 per acre. \$1000 will handle, easy terms on balance. Part is creek bottom land, suitable for alfalfa. Several springs on the place. Timber enough to pay for the tract. No buildings. In the Griffin creek district.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage License.
Charles A. Renard and Lillian Nunn.

Probate.
Estate Chas. B. Toothaker; order made or sale of personal property.
Estate Mary H. Pankey; order appointing Candace Pankey administrator and Charles A. Pankey, Jobediah Pankey and Guy Tex, appraisers.
Estate C. B. Severn; order fixing March 31, 1912, as day for final settlement.
Estate H. L. Simpkins; report of guardian filed and approved.

Circuit Court News.
C. C. McCorkle vs. Lloyd Howe et al. Dismissed.
R. W. Gray vs. Lottie L. Pelton et al. Decree for defendant.
Wm. H. Stewart vs. Mary H. Daggert. Dismissed.
Chas. Ranala vs. H. C. Rowney et al. Judgment by default.

Probate.
Estate Stillman A. Gray, inventory and appraisal filed showing estate valued at \$1750.
Guard. Gerald Owen. Guardian's bond filed and approved.
Estate Wm. L. Howard, order discharging administrator, final account filed and approved.
Estate Chas. Hukill, order approving

Dr. Jefferson



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Ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend his free lecture this Sunday, March 10th, at 11 a. m., at the Ugo theater. Office hours 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. every day beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, March 6, at the Oxford Rooms, 224 Main St. Bring this notice to his office and receive a free consultation this week.

KIMMEL JURY HANG OVERINSURANCE POLICY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 5.—After deliberating for seventy-three hours, the jury in the case in which relatives of George A. Kimmel, a Niles, Mich., bank cashier, tried to collect an insurance policy, reported to Judge Amidon today that it was unable to agree, and was discharged.

The jury yesterday repudiated the claims of Andrew J. White, that he is the missing man, but was unable to decide whether Kimmel's mother and sister were entitled to the insurance.

first and final account of administratrix.

Guard. Carl and Lelah Magerle, order appointing Ida M. Magerle guardian.

Guard. Frances Lourde Normayd, order appointing L. M. Wilson guardian ad litem.

TROOPS IN CONTROL AT WEI HAI WEI

WEIHAIWEI, China, March 5.—Republican troops today are in complete control of the situation here. In the fighting outside the British concession between the republicans and the villagers, 1000 persons were killed, and it is believed the damage is more extensive than at Pekin or Tien Tsin.

When the looting was completed here, the mutineers marched south, sacking and pillaging other cities.

MRS. BOARDMAN'S FUNERAL AT 2 O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Charles M. Boardman will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Weeks & McGowan's chapel on Sixth street. Rev. Father O'Farrell will officiate. Interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

MAN YELLED "FIRE"

BUT FORTUNATELY IT WAS ONLY A FALSE ALARM

A man passing along West Main street last night saw a mighty blaze leap out of the windows of the new cottage being built by Contractor Gates on Rose avenue. The excited man yelled "Fire" and ran double quick towards the building, but upon drawing near the structure he observed that instead of a destructive blaze it was only the sudden throw of the switch turning loose a brilliant cluster of some 46 lights in this elaborate and artistic bungalow. If you are not busy tonight just take a walk out and look at this five thousand dollar home that some one who knows real values will buy perhaps today for \$3740.

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