

## DECLARE MAJORITY PEOPLE AGAINST U. S. PROHIBITION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 25.—Brewers of the United States will use "every legal and constitutional means to keep that liberty and that property that is guaranteed to us by the constitution." Christian W. Feigenspan declared here today at the United States Brewers conference of which he is president.

"Continuing the non-ratifying states, those which have not voted for state prohibition and those which have voted against federal or state constitutional prohibition in recent years," he said, "we have 25 or more than a majority of the whole number. There are 21 referendum states, fifteen of which are not included in the foregoing. In these states the people have reserved to themselves 'the power to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislature,' they must therefore be counted as states which have not ratified. Adding these states to the twenty-five mentioned heretofore, we have a total of forty in which the people are either opposed to federal prohibition or have denied their undoubted right to pass upon it. No wonder the proponents of this system fought tooth and nail against letting the people vote.

"The present short period of prohibition has been a blessing in disguise. It has aroused the American people to the necessity of being keen on their guard to preserve their liberties.

"It is part of the prohibition propaganda today to pretend that the American people, through their own action, have brought about the existing situation. Never was there a greater falsehood. The American people never have acted upon national prohibition. They have never been permitted to do so.

"Only one state—Ohio—voted on this tremendous issue and there the verdict was against it."

## M. ERZBERGER QUILTS CRUSHED ENTIRELY BY DR. HELFFERICH

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Under Secretary of State Morse has been selected to succeed Matthias Erzberger, who resigned yesterday as minister of finance. Morse was appointed a deputy to Erzberger January 27.

The retirement of Erzberger from the cabinet is only temporary, declares the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

Newspapers whose sympathies are with the elements of the right say his retirement is the first step in his fall.

BERLIN, Tuesday, Feb. 24.—Matthias Erzberger, in tendering his resignation as minister of finance, based his action, it is said, upon a desire to have the investigation of his allegedly falsified tax returns proceed without prejudice or consideration for his official position. The minister's retirement and its alleged motive were completely eclipsed by the character of evidence which Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice-chancellor, succeeded in piling up against Herr Erzberger during the last two days of the latter's libel suit against him.

Twenty years ago a rural schoolmaster and since 1905 the stormy petrel of German parliamentary life, Herr Erzberger has for fifteen months been the most conspicuous figure in Germany's post-revolutionary era.

Personal friends regret the failure to use the recent attempt against Herr Erzberger's life as a reason for his retirement, thus depriving Dr. Helfferich of his decisive victory, which is now adding to pan-Germanic jubilation.

BERLIN, Tuesday, Feb. 24.—British interests are planning to establish five large banks in Danzig and a steamer service between Danzig, Copenhagen and London, according to Polish advices to the Vorwaerts.

## SUPREME NEED IN ASHLAND IS FOR MORE WATER

ASHLAND, Feb. 25.—More water is the supreme need. The city, in realization of this want, proposes to take active steps in this direction before the summer shortage is upon us. Even at this early date Ashland creek is at a low ebb, although there is plenty for domestic use. The irrigation period is what tests the system and the plan is to devise ways and means for adding to the supply before the critical time arrives, and thus tide over the months of July, August and September. With this end in view, a mass meeting has been called for Saturday evening, February 28, at the city hall, at which all interested should attend, and this means everybody. Professor Reimer of the experiment station, will speak, his talk being along the lines of an imperative demand for water in behalf of crops. Other speakers will express opinions as to supplementing the domestic supply, the expectation being that these discussions will result in active efforts being taken towards permanent, instead of merely temporary relief.

Miss Bertha Eliason, employed in Southern Pacific offices in Portland, visited home briefly the first of the week.

Air postal service, to ferret out liquor traffickers, will be urged at the next session of the legislature, with Ashland for the Southern base, and Portland the northern. The installation is expected to cost \$50,000 and yearly maintenance a like sum.

"The provisions of the Chinese exclusion act should be made to apply to all immigrants for a period of not less than five years," was the question which Ernest Abbott, Ashland student at O. A. C., as a member of the sophomore class debating team, assisted in winning oratorical prowess over the freshmen of the same institution.

Prospective attendants from the

Ashland clergy at a state pastor's training conference, to be held at the White Temple in Portland March 3, to 5, include W. E. Bean, Christian church; D. J. Gillanders, Congregational; C. A. Edwards, Methodist; J. W. Hoyt, Presbyterian; Rev. C. G. Morris, Methodist pastor at Talent; has also signified an intention of attending.

Pending the selection of a new pastor, Rev. A. B. Finch, clergyman on the retired list, will supply the local Baptist church, and has moved into the parsonage on Oak street.

An important realty deal has just been made through the Billings agency, whereby J. E. Angvin, present occupant of the property, comes into possession of the Frobbach place, corner of Bush and Almond streets, one of the most substantial homes in town and ideally located. Mr. Angvin is an employe of the Southern Pacific in the local yards. H. O. Frobbach, who sells the place, has become a permanent resident of Three Forks, Mont.

Co-operating with the American Relief commission, which has the devastated war countries as a field for extensive operations, the Citizens bank handles "food drafts" in addition to all the other mediums of bank exchange. These drafts are in various amounts, very convenient for this specific purpose, being redeemable in actual supplies instead of cash and receive the endorsement of the American Food Administration.

Dr. C. F. Schaller, osteopathist, will remove to Talent.

Word from Newell Wright, former well-known right hand man in the local S. P. ticket office, who took a year's lay-off from office work to join the "back to the soil movement," indicates that his "experiment station" is 80 acres in extent, and is located seven miles from Buhl, Idaho, a thriving town on the Minidoka branch of the Oregon Short Line, which section, Newell says, is the richest farming country in the United States—of course, excluding the Rogue River valley. He intensively farms 20 acres to wheat, 45 alfalfa, and 10 clover, thus leaving five acres for the home patch. In livestock, he has three horses and two cows, also 25 "head" of extra fine hens. Butter and eggs are also staples. Mrs. Wright, thoroughly weaned from the gay society life of Ashland, finds herself not only resigned to the new rural environment, but actually prefers it to the social whirl of this metropolis. The daughter is also well pleased with the change, hence the family is contented and happy. Their address is R. F. D. 5, Buhl, Idaho. They send greetings to many friends.

In that land of plenty, wheat has some 80 bushels to the acre, and butter 25 pounds to the cow, while the by-products from the poultry pay the income tax of the entire family.

M. C. Lininger and son, Bruce, have bought the vulcanizing works from Harrison Bros. and will personally manage this important motor-car industry.

Buying, selling, remodeling and trading are the order of the day as applied to "fowl" property. Geo. W. Dunn is repairing the old family home on Granite street, which indicates that he may retire from active work, although not implying directly that he "will rest from his labors." Bruce Lininger has bought the Harrison place on Oberlin street. Fred Putnam is fixing over newly acquired property in the Harzadine tract. E. A. Hoag has sold his home, including half an acre of orchard and garden on Beach street, and in turn has bought the Shelton property. H. S. Palmerlee of the Citizens Bank, has sold his model bungalow home on Granite street. Larkin Grubb has bought the Van Dyke place on Third street. The Hopwood property on Pennsylvania avenue has been sold to newcomers. Out in the country in the Bellevue district, W. L. Moore contemplates various improvements on his orchard and ranch, while in the Valleview district, Fred Hollibaugh has sold his 60-acre holding, but will remain on the same indefinitely as a renter.

The Carson-Fowler Lumber Co. has readjusted its interests at Grants Pass to the effect that its holdings are now represented by a firm under a new title, the individual partners including a Medford and Grants Pass resident respectively, in addition to the head of the firm living here.

Miss May Spencer was elected to the position of missionary worker at the recent state convention of the Christian Endeavor in Portland. Paul Brown of Los Angeles, prominently identified in the C. E. movement, addressed a worker's conference at the local Congregational church on Monday afternoon, and an echo meeting in the evening.

Felicitations are mutual as between teachers, parents and pupils, over

the reappointment of Superintendent Briscoe at the head of the city schools for another two-year term, to date from June of the present year.

Hal McNair and Tom Simpson are in Portland on a special business mission this week.

The Vining family have been enjoying a reunion of late, with the sons,

Ralph, Robert and Irving present. Ralph and family have since gone to California, Robert and family had not only from Seattle, but all the way up to Alaska in the neighborhood of Fairbanks. As Ashland's "favorite son," a number of intimate friends recently tendered a banquet to Professor Irving Vining as a manifestation of appreciation due to his kindly efforts ever extended to advance the best interests of the community.

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