

The New Local Option Law.

The state law is very rigorous in regard to smallpox and physicians and all others are required to report at once to the county health officer or to the town authorities any case of the disease that comes to their knowledge, failure to do so is punishable by a fine.

The Oregonian has the following to say of the local option law that is to be voted at the next general election:

Voters of Oregon will decide at the general election in June whether this state shall have a local option liquor law. Upon the petition of over 8000 qualified electors, a local option law has been proposed by the initiative, and the measure will be enacted or rejected by the people without any action whatever upon the part of the legislature. A majority of all votes cast upon that subject will determine the result, and in this respect the election will differ from those in which constitutional amendments have been submitted to the people by the Legislature. In order to adopt a constitutional amendment a majority of all the votes cast at the election was required, so that a ballot not marked upon the subject submitted counted as a negative vote. In elections under the initiative and referendum, whether upon laws or constitutional amendments, only a majority of the ballots marked upon the subject submitted is necessary.

The proposed local option law provides that upon petition of 10 per cent of the legal voters of any county, sub-division of a county or precinct, the County Clerk shall submit to a vote of the people the question whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited in such county or subdivision. Two or more precincts may make up a subdivision of a county. Elections under the local option law are to be held on the first Monday in June of any year, but in 1904 may be held in connection with the Presidential election in November. When the prohibition question has been once settled in the affirmative it can not be submitted again for two years. Violation of the law is made punishable by fine of from \$50 to \$500, or by imprisonment from ten to 30 days, and by both fine and imprisonment for second or subsequent offences. Circuit Judges and District Attorneys are required to see that the law is enforced, and peace officers are authorized to proceed under search warrants to search for evidence of violation of the law. Persons who purchase intoxicating liquors are declared to be competent witnesses.

The measure thus briefly outlined is an important one, for, if enacted, elections will be held in every county in the state under its provisions. This is not in itself a prohibitory law, but is a measure intended to give to the people of such precinct or county the power to say whether the liquor traffic shall be conducted in such political subdivision. It is a step in the direction of prohibition, and, in a measure, opens up the whole saloon question. There remain over three months in which the proposed law may be discussed, and in that time every voter can and should prepare to vote intelligently upon the matter when submitted to him next June. Copies of the law will be placed in the hands of County Clerks for free distribution early next month, and it is understood that a vigorous campaign will be conducted in favor of the enactment of the law. The fact that in two weeks over 8000 voters signed petitions asking that the law be submitted is alone sufficient to entitle the proposed law to a careful and fair consideration.

That the law will meet with strong opposition is certain, for it opposes some heavy personal interests and is also regarded by some temperance people as not being an expedient measure. Local option laws have been enacted in several other states with results beneficial or detrimental according to the opinion of the man who makes an argument. In the campaign which will soon begin there should be an effort to get at the facts rather than prejudiced opinions. The friends of the local option law owe it to the voters to submit facts showing results in other states. Opponents of the law will have but a weak argument if they make the sweeping assertion that prohibition has been a failure in Maine or Kansas without taking into account the difference between prohibition and local option. The question at issue is one upon which honest, reasonable men may differ in opinions, and the discussion should be conducted with that fact in mind.

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Real Estate Activities.

Deeds recorded in the office of the County Recorder since last report:

Armeda I. Johnson to F M Gaines; quit claim deed to lt 6, sec 25; lt 6, sec 26, tp 37; lt 7, blk 52, Medford; \$10.

J H Huffman to F W Gaines; q e d, to same as above.

G A Gaines to F W Gaines; same land as above, \$1.

S C Gaines to G A Gaines; same \$1.

I S Buchanan to Mary M Dunn; land in Ashland, \$100.

Edna H Bogue to F D Robbins; land in Ashland, \$75.

F D Robbins to J M Wagner; land on Ashland creek, \$200.

Alice Kane to Mary B Densmore; lts 1, 2, Matthews add, Ashland, \$375.

W B Pracht to T E Hills; land in Ashland, Hargadine ave, \$2000.

W E Darling to C R Ray; 120 acres in tp 36, 3 w, \$600.

E A Carter to H E Stone; land in Ashland, \$1.

J A W Lyon to I S Buchanan; land in Ashland, \$60.

A E Graham to I F Buchanan; land in Ashland, \$50.

H E Stone to I S Buchanan; q e d to land in tp 39, 1 e, \$12.50.

Dagmer Martin to A E Graham; land in Ashland, \$35.

G M Low to Matt Dora; north 1/2 lts 28, 29, Pracht's add, Ashland, \$550.

Nelson Wait to F H Ray; land in tp 36, 2 w, \$3000.

Aztec Land and Cattle Co to F C Hyde; land in tp 19 n, r 10 e; power of attorney.

E D Elwood to W W Eifert; land in tp 37, 2 w, \$200.

J N Rinehart to R J Johnson; land in Pracht's add, Ashland, \$1.

Louisa J Howard to Margaret Beswick; land in tp 38, 1 w, \$180.

R J Johnson to Mrs C E Rinehart; lt 64, Pracht's add, Ashland, \$1.

T E Hills to F H Carter; right of way deed for pipe line.

Antoinette DePeatt to F H Carter; right of way deed for pipe line.

U S to Frank Mixer; placer claim in Steamboat mining dist, 160 acres.

Norris Oden to C H Kellogg; west 1/2 of nw 1/4, sec 20, tp 34, 3 w, \$505.

F L Camps to S O Chautauqua Association; land in Ashland, \$5.

Ella J Watson to Alex McLeod; lt 8, in Hargadine tract, Ashland, \$450.

Guardians Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of J. G. Brown, an insane person, to present the same to the undersigned guardian, of the said J. G. Brown, on or before six months from the expiration of this notice.

CHARLES BROWN.

Guardian of the Estate of J. G. Brown, an insane person.
Jacksonville, Oregon, January 22, 1904.

Jessie Shirley Coming.

An event of more than ordinary importance is the announcement of the famous actress Miss Jessie Shirley's appearance at the U. S. Hall on Monday evening Feb. 22. Miss Shirley stands to day as one of the foremost actresses of this country. She is supported by an exceedingly strong company numbering twenty people. Her engagement just closed at Portland has been the biggest there this season having played nightly to crowded houses for two weeks. She is now en route to San Francisco, where she opens at the Grand Opera House for four weeks. "A Modern Magdalene" is the play in which Miss Shirley appears here, was the biggest success of New York last season where it was for more than 200 nights at the Bijou Theatre. In this Miss Shirley appears as "Katinka" a part which has added greatly to the fame of the actress. During Miss Shirley's engagement at Seattle she was signally honored by Madame Adelnia Patti, the greatest artist in the world who attended the theatre with her entire company to witness Miss Shirley in "A Modern Magdalene" and the close of the performance the great artist expressed her pleasure in most complimentary terms. There is no doubt but everyone will turn out on Monday night to give Miss Shirley a welcome to Jacksonville. The sale of seats is now on at Miller & Davidson, and as there is sure to be a big crowd, it is well for all who intend going to secure their seats early.

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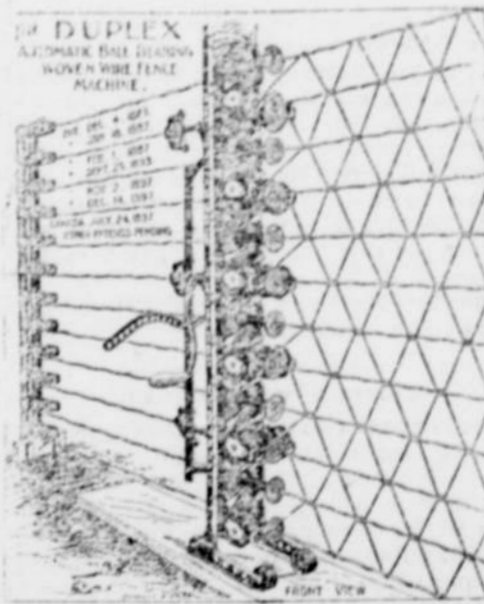
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