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TERSELY TOLD

There is hope for more street improvements in Salem. The progress of public thought has been slow, but sure, in the direction of better streets. To ride along some of our finest residence streets, and realize that they are almost impassable, far worse than any country road in the country, and further realize that the abutting property has never in forty years been assessed one dollar to improve them, is to arrive at the conclusion that we, as a people, have had little pride in being the Capital City of a great commonwealth. To ride out and come to places on fine residence streets, where one turns in vain to find a way to escape from impassable quagmires, and find absolute indifference to such conditions on the part of prosperous property owners, is disheartening in the extreme, and one wonders when Salem will ever put on city airs. But the light is breaking and petitions are now in circulation for improvement of several streets, and persons now living may see them improved. If the chronic and habitual remonstrant does get in his deadly work, for which he is always lauded.

Candidates for the legislature are still taking the pledge to respect the popular vote for United States senator. In Marion county it does not look as if anyone would get onto the ticket without taking that kind of a pledge. There is still some hesitation about party leaders in becoming candidates for the legislature and for the United States senate taking this pledge, but under the direct primary law it is not likely they can get onto the ticket on a deliberate proposition to ignore the expressed will of the people. As the Statesman says, it will take a great deal of strength of character to do that, and there may be a lack of the necessary votes to get onto the ballot. The direct primary law is growing in favor and the singular spectacle of a Republican club meeting in this city recently, where a man who ventured to stand up for the direct primary law met with almost universal opposition, does not indicate that politicians are inclined to pay much attention to the unbought suffrage of the common people until they are compelled by the force of numbers to respect the popular will. Republicans generally are about as united for the new law as they are in support of President Roosevelt. Two sentiments that can be said to prevail in all parties about in the same degree.

The progress of Salem towards becoming a dry town has been marked in the past two years. First the local option law was adopted by the people, and, in spite of the fact that only five counties were carried for the law at the June election, great advance was claimed under the law locally by the Prohibitionists. The failure to amend

the law of its drastic prohibition features in the legislature showed a great deal of public sentiment for it, or at least a great many members of the legislature who so regarded the condition of public sentiment that they refused to amend the law. Next, in spite of the fact that the anti-saloon candidate for mayor was defeated, the Salem city council enacted more stringent ordinances than ever for the regulation of saloons, and more recently an anti-gambling ordinance, drafted by the attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, was put through, with but one vote against—Baker, of the second ward.

The further fact leaks out that the combination of Republicans and Democrats who recently took charge of the Salem city government was formed secretly at the office of the Anti-Saloon League attorney, and all work was directed from there. Thus it would appear that there is but one man in the city council of any party who is not on record for the policy of making Salem a closed town. This is not stated as an argument for or against anyone, but to show the progress we are making toward prohibition. There are those who look for the time when, beyond a few bottled goods clubs, a few drug stores, there will not be a saloon left in Salem. This is more remarkable, when it is remembered that the principal industry of the place is the hop business—about one-fifth of all the hops in the United States being handled right here at the Capital City of Oregon. How long will it be before the crusade extends to the hop grower, and it will be attempted to pass laws making hop growing a crime. That is the only logical outcome of the movement—for the juice of the hop cannot be evil unless the vice itself is included.

WHY NOT SEE PUBLIC MEN?

At the Albany meeting President Hofer invited all political candidates present to seats on the stage. Unfortunately, there were none present except Republican candidates. While we do not think that President Hofer's purpose was to give a political coloring to the meeting yet such was the effect. We heard a number remark, some of whom were Republicans, too, that but very little more of like work would destroy the development league. We think that the exhibition there made of the gentlemen who aspire for office, was an injury rather than a benefit to the chances of either for the nomination for the offices they are seeking.—T. L. Dugger in Santiam News.

We know that Brother Dugger, who is an honest man and a man of more than average ability, would not do us an injustice in this matter of having candidates appear at such gatherings. No one has worked harder than this writer to keep the development league from being used for political purposes. The candidates have rigorously been kept off the platform more and more ever since the campaign opened. At Albany if Governor Chamberlain had been in the state he would have been invited to a seat on the platform along with the Republicans. What is more, if he had been in the state he would probably have been the only man on the program because the Albany local committee would have invited him there, just as the local committee at all the other cities where league meetings have been held have invited him, and just as he has been invited to Silverton February 14-15. The Santiam News will not object to that. How can anyone object to prominent citizens like Geo. Johns and Witherspoon who were present in the opera house at Albany, being invited to sit on the stage, where the people generally could see them?

This writer believes in democratic simplicity, and if there are candidates at Silverton aside from Governor Chamberlain, and the people want to see them, what harm is there in their being asked to come upon the platform or even in being asked to speak? So long as all are treated alike, without regard to persons or party, where is the injustice? The people certainly have a right to look at and to hear from the men who would serve them in high office. The development league and farmers' and shippers' congress are purely voluntary gatherings of the people and

there is no law laid down for shutting out any public man from appearing there. The towns that entertain these conventions should throw open widely their doors to all public men and to all county candidates to come out and meet the people. Because Governor Chamberlain was absent in California and could not be present at Albany, it is unfair to charge that the development league has ever been used for political purposes.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MR. TOOZE.

Col. Hofer of the Salem Journal, who seems to be the chief booster for Walter Tooze for congress, overflows his columns with black type denunciations of those who have ventured to suggest that Tooze is not a suitable man. He charges them with mud slinging, blackmailing and various other things that would not be creditable if true. But by strange oversight the colonel fails to deny the charges. Now we don't want to throw any mud, but we would like to know about some of these things charged. Does Tooze rent a building for a saloon? Does he patronize saloons until he ceases to realize what the proprieties of life are? Does he play cards so skillfully that fellows who join in the game with him frequently come out poorer and less richer? We have heard all these things charged and much more pointedly than here stated, and we would like an answer from Colonel Hofer whether he believes them true or not.—Forest Grove Times.

The Forest Grove Times is respectfully informed that Col. Hofer is no more booster for Mr. Tooze for congress than he is booster for any other man whose cause he espouses. He has boasted just as hard for Governor Lord and Governor Geer and Governor Chamberlain, and for forty other men as he ever has for Mr. Tooze and expects to boost just as hard for forty other Republicans as he has for any of them. There is nothing self-heated or sluggish about the Journal's support of any man or cause it champions.

The Forest Grove Times is advertised as a Republican paper, and if it will show us that Mr. Tooze is not a good Republican a good business man, and a good citizen in the community in which he lives, we will turn our support over to the Washington county candidate for congress. In reply to the other charges we will say:

Renting a building for a saloon or not is not yet made a test of Republicanism in this country. If the Times wishes to make it a test, we will ask it to have the man it supports for congress come out and say he believes it is a crime or morally wrong to rent a building for saloon purposes, when the state laws and the city laws license and legalize the saloon business?

Does he patronize saloons, is the next test put to Mr. Tooze. That, again, is not a test of Republicanism or citizenship. If the Forest Grove Times is a Prohibition paper it has a right to raise such a question. If it is supporting a Prohibitionist for congress, or if it is supporting a man who will come out and say it is morally wrong to go into a saloon or to take a drink in a saloon, we will admit its right to demand of Mr. Tooze that he be a total abstainer. So far as we know personally Mr. Tooze drinks nothing stronger than lemonade, and is always able to attend to business. He has been the country postmaster of a town that has been alternately wet and dry for years, and could not be the gambler and inebriate the Times would have us believe and hold that office, small as it is. Besides, we do not know that a man without certain elements of sociability would amount to much as a congressman for Oregon anyway. If you have a candidate who will neither smoke, drink nor play cards, and can elect him to congress you can do better than nine communities out of ten. In conclusion the Journal will say flatly that if it believed Mr. Tooze were a drunkard or a gambler it would not support him for congress. On the other hand it denies that any such standard as the Times sets up is asked of our governors or United States senators or congressmen, and are not tests of availability outside of the Prohibition party.

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SHIRT
FIRED

East Oregonian Tells of the
Troubles of a Medi-
can Man

Knee S. Shirt, medicine man among the Umatillas, has been deposed. He has been barred from further practice within the boundaries of the reservation, and thereby hangs a tale. It is the old story of the passing of former Indian customs and practices, and the substitution of the white man's mores.

Knee Shirt is a White Salmon Indian, and he has been making the habit of visiting among the different tribes in this section. This is the second time he has been among the Umatillas, and it was once too many for the more civilized members of the tribe, who have learned to place more faith in the skill of Dr. Henderson, the agency physician, than in the magic of the medicine man.

It was because of this complaint from the Indians themselves that Knee Shirt has been ostracized. However, he was not without followers upon the reservation, for many of the uneducated Indians still have faith in the ways of their fathers and look with suspicion upon a white doctor.

But recently the work of Knee Shirt was brought before Major Edwards in such a way that it was decided to make him give up his practice. However, this was not done without giving the medicine man a hearing, and in order to demonstrate his system the aged healer was induced to give an exhibition of his work. This was held on Monday and was witnessed by Major Edwards and Dr. T. M. Henderson. The only others in the tepee were the patient Knee Shirt and his three young assistants, whose function it is to provide the noise during the treatment.

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During the giving of the treatment the words and singing of the medicine man and assistants were taken down by phonograph, and the records will be retained by Major Edwards as a reminder of the occasion.

After the consultation held Monday, it was decided Knee Shirt would no longer continue his practice. Accordingly, the first step towards his removal was taken when, upon orders from the agent, his long hair was shorn. Naturally, this was a hard blow and one which alone would have ended the efficacy of the cures. However, it was subsequently followed by orders to leave the reservation. In compliance with these instructions Knee Shirt the medicine man, and his three young helpers have since folded their tents and silently stolen away. As a result there is now no medicine man upon the Umatilla reservation, and Dr. T. M. Henderson is left in undisputed control of the situation.

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