

REFORMERS FIGHT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND ATTEMPT TO REGULATE SALOONS.

MINISTER STARTS TURMOIL

Efforts of Rev. H. G. Kemp and W. C. Fisher to Close a Wide-Open Town Results in Violence and Discord.

INVESTIGATION OF RAINIER CONDUCT

A staff correspondent of The Oregonian was sent to Rainier last week to make a personal and impartial investigation of the factional controversy now being waged in that city.

A city divided against itself, full of strife and contention, with her citizens split into two factions, and the most sharp drawn that neighbors do not see as they pass and even families disagree on the engrossing question of reform.

On the streets, the reformation of Rainier is the principal subject of conversation. In the logging camps of the lower river the strife between the saloons and the anti-saloon faction is earnestly discussed.

"We do not want Prohibition," say the reform element, "but we are forced to it because the saloons will not obey the laws and the local authorities will not do their duty."

The saloon element, as the opposition is called, though somewhat unjustly, because the faction contains some who have hitherto been content in the temperance element, contends the present agitation has been made as much as possible for its effect upon the general election, and that the reform people are for Prohibition.

When the town of Rainier will again subside to a normal condition, no man knows, for the fight has now spread to other interests, with two rival banks and two rival hotels, the prediction is made that the recent trouble will drive Columbia County into the Prohibition ranks when the question will be voted on next Monday.

Rev. H. G. Kemp, pastor of the Rainier Methodist Church, is charged by many of the town with being chief of the local trouble-makers. Till his coming, his opponents, the town was peaceful and content, and it was the saloons were running days, all nights and Sundays.

Arrival of Rev. H. G. Kemp. Rev. H. G. Kemp, pastor of the Rainier Methodist Church, is charged by many of the town with being chief of the local trouble-makers.

Anti-Saloon League Active. Since the activity of Kemp in the town, an Anti-Saloon League has been formed with about 40 members.

Mayor is Interviewed. Mayor Dean Blanchard, 40 of whose 73 years have been spent at Rainier and who owns half the town, is an extreme reformer.

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act, as he pleaded guilty. He asked the Marshal for protection, and the officer is alleged to have told him that he could not promise him protection.

Tom Williams is Beaten. All these things stirred the town to a ferment of excitement. The Fischer assault added bitterness to the fight.

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Rainier is a good town, with the good people far outnumbering the bad.

Town is Flourishing. "I like this town," said he. "I claim today it is the best town in this part of the country."

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