

## WAS A LIVELY DEBATE

### State Wide Prohibition Subject Fully Discussed.

### AT ARMORY LAST NIGHT

"Wets" and "Drys" Listen to Col. Hofer, of Salem, and Rev. Wilson, of Portland in Interesting Debate.

A large audience was present at the armory last evening to listen to the debate between Rev. Clarence True Wilson, of Portland, and Col. Hofer, editor of the Capital Journal, Salem, the latter speaking against state-wide prohibition and the former advocating the measure. The audience was mixed with the "drys" predominating and applause was frequent throughout the discourse for both speakers. Hon. A. C. Marsters introduced the gentlemen and Col. Hofer was the first to take the podium and give his views against the proposed measure to come before the people of Oregon at the coming election and his reasons for not supporting state wide prohibition. He spoke as follows:

The News in its receipt of answers from all parts of the county to the "Knowledge Contest" which was published the first of the present week. A decided interest is being shown and many are striving for the prizes offered. The winners will be announced in Saturday evening's News and the Monday edition of the semi-weekly. The contest will close Friday evening.

Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen: In opening this debate, which I wish to assure you is entirely friendly on the part of myself and Reverend Wilson, for whom I have had profound admiration for a number of years, and I accepted the invitation on the part of the Civic Federation to engage in this joint debate more out of desire to contribute slightly towards public interest in the question, and I only regret that some abler man might not be standing here in this magnificent presence, some man much better qualified to represent the affirmative side of this question than your humble servant; I take pride in saying that I am one of the busiest men in the state, and I hope, in my way one of the most active men; and I take further pride in saying that I am only a private citizen, and that one of my greatest, that my chief ambition as a citizen of the Commonwealth, is to be well and favorably known merely as a private citizen.

I am not here as the representative of the Liquor Dealers' organization, or of the wholesale or of the retailers, or of any political party or of any faction; nobody but God and I are responsible for what I say here tonight. And I make my statements in the sight of God and before you as one of your fellow-citizens, not under any instructions, nor following any suggestion from any source whatever. I would like that plainly understood.

Now, I am also here to say that I am willing to give credit to the temperance workers of this state and of all states for all good work that is done along educational lines. I am glad to know and I am glad to say that in the fifty years of my life I have witnessed a great diminution of what you might call hard drinking. The fact is the hard drinker is passing away, and the man of ordinary intelligence knows today that when he is punishing liquor he is simply punishing himself. It doesn't take a genius nowadays to know that simple fact. But I also believe that the way to reform men is through the teachings of the gospel, through the teachings of Christianity. I believe in the transformed individual, the man whose spiritual life is awakened and who is renewed and regenerated according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. I am ready to say that I include all Christian denominations when I say Christianity, and the teachings of Christianity; I don't just mean this particular sect, or that orthodox church, or my particular brand of religion. I believe in all the Christianity that the sun shines on all over the world, and I want to belong to that great brotherhood of Christianity that extends over the entire world.

Now, in this whole discussion I would like to have you bear in mind that the question is, shall we adopt state wide constitutional prohibition by adopting an amendment to the constitution, or shall we retain the ironclad, rock-ribbed local option law drawn by these same people who now want us to change our minds and adopt a new state policy to suit their notions? That is the proposition, ladies and gentlemen, and I am not going to let you get away from that proposition.

Now, I am opposed to this constitutional amendment. I don't believe in littering up the constitution of Oregon with all such propositions as might emanate from all these different sources and these different organizations. I don't think it is wise, I don't think it is right and I don't think it is necessary, and I hope to present a few arguments along that line before I get through. Now, of course, as you all understand, the local option law represents what might be called the home rule principle; that is, the doctrine of local self-government is bound up in the local option law, and when that law was presented and was advocated about one half of the people of this state believed that it meant local option for the country precincts and the right to carry on what is known as high license in the cities. It was not pretended at that time that there would be anything but the right for each community.—In fact, I have a circular that was published by the Anti-Saloon League in which they said that every precinct, every locality, every city under this system could absolutely decide this question for themselves and have the local self-government control upon that matter, and that cities could license and regulate and cities could control, and country precincts and residence wards of cities could vote out the saloons and the whole thing was to be on that adjustable self-operating basis, and it was especially not to violate the principle of local self-government. That is what we have now, and I want you to bear that in mind, that if you adopt this prohibition amendment to the constitution you will absolutely wipe out and nullify and destroy the local option law, the principle of home rule and the principle of local self-government, and cities like Salem and other cities in this state would be absolutely prohibited from regulating or licensing or doing anything in this matter of

to remain permanently. He has accepted a position at the "Bee Hive" grocery.

## ESCAPE FROM KEEPER

### Two Desperate Criminals Take to the Brush.

### NO COMMUNICATIONS

Damage in Island of Yezo may Exceed First Report—Officials are Awaiting Wireless from the War Ships.

(Special to Evening News)

SALEM, July 27.—Officers are scouring the countryside today for Frank Wade and Christopher Smith, who with three others, all patients, escaped from the criminally insane ward of the State Hospital for Insane near this city yesterday. Three of the escaped patients were almost immediately recaptured, but Wade, who is a murderer, and Smith, a robber, eluded the officers and escaped to the brush. They are both desperate men and possess are hunting for them, as there is no telling what damage they may do if not retaken, 9,000 Homeless.

TOKIO, July 27.—Absence of additional news from the island of Yezo today leads to the belief that the earthquakes and the volcanic eruption of Mount Usu may have been more damaging than at first reported, and the admiralty is anxiously awaiting word by wireless from the war ships sent northward and which are due off the stricken island tonight. One ship loaded with supplies, including medicine and surgical appliances, sailed from Awonori this afternoon for Yezo. Last reports from the scene placed the number of homeless at 9,000.

### LOCAL NEWS.

The front of the Weatherford barber shop is being treated to a fresh coat of paint today.

Ah, that sounds fine; Arundel, tuned it. Only tuner of experience in Douglas county.

Deputy Fish Warden Wilson, of Yoncalla, is spending the day in the city attending to business matters.

Miss Cora Belle went to Winston late yesterday afternoon where she will spend a few days visiting friends.

When looking for good, quick service call at the Maddix barber shop, Cass street.

M. R. Ryan, of Drain, came over this morning to attend the special meeting of the county court.

Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Coquille City, is spending a few days in the city attending to business matters.

Miss Alice Stranger left for her home at Springfield, Oregon, this morning after a visit with friends and relatives in this city.

Now is the time to buy your low cut shoes during the special sale at the Cass Street Store while they have all sizes on hand.

C. K. Root and family spent the day at Winchester enjoying a brief outing. Mr. Root is employed as salesman at Harth's Toggery.

Howard Ward and family left for their home at Grangeville, Idaho, this morning after a visit with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Henry Harth left for Grants Pass this morning in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Dean.

W. F. Hodge, the popular Looking Glass farmer, is spending the day in town looking after business matters and incidentally greeting old time friends.

Julia Hinkle left for her home at San Francisco this morning after a prolonged visit at the home of her father, Thomas Hinkle, near this city.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, of Portland, who participated in the debate at the Armory last evening, left for his home at Portland this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bellamer left for their home at Los Angeles, California, this morning after a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gillam in this city.

Attorney B. L. Eddy and family, who have been spending the past week at Brewster Valley, enjoying camp life are expected home this evening.

Daily stage line to Myrtle Point for passengers only. Reduced rates, four horse stock and careful drivers. Stage leaves Farmers Real Estate office at 6:30 A. M. d-a-13

Frank Blackman, for the past two years a resident of St. Johns and Portland, arrived in the city recently

## OHIO REGULARS WON

### Garfield Forces Uterly Routed Withdraw from Race.

### BRYAN TURNED DOWN

### Nebraska Democrats Kill all Hopes for County Option Law— Bryan's Leadership days are Ended.

(Special to The Evening News.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 27.—A stand-pat platform was adopted by the Ohio republicans today without a fight. There were only a few scattering noses heard when the viva voce vote was taken on the report submitted by the committee on resolutions. The stand-pat platform seemed to be absolutely in control of the convention and Garfield was badly worsted. It is expected that Garfield will now withdraw from the race for the gubernatorial nomination. The regular candidates for the first place on the state ticket are Carl Thompson, O. B. Brown and Warren Harding. Following the election of Senator Burton as permanent chairman, Senator Dick read the platform. It recommends Taft for a second term, endorses the administration, recommends the ship subsidy and a larger navy, harbor and river improvements, an amendment to the anti-trust laws in order that quicker justice may be had and endorses conservation.

Bryan a Has-been.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 27.—Looking crushed, Bryan stood on the floor of the Democratic State Convention at an early hour this morning, after he had lost the fight for control of his party in Nebraska, and intimated that he would make no further attempts to direct democratic affairs. Mr. Bryan said afterwards that he expected defeat, but hoped to secure a compromise. It is the general consensus of opinion that the days of Bryan's leadership are over. The platform adopted condemns the tariff bill and Taft's administration, recommends a daylight liquor law, but makes no mention of the county option plank for which Bryan fought.

Jessie and Alice Huffman, daughters of Marshal Joseph Huffman, leave Saturday for points on the North Umpqua where they will spend

some time visiting with Miss Rhoda Watson.

County Commissioner Nichols, of Riddle, arrived in the city this afternoon to attend the special meeting of the county court.

Prof. Austin and wife, who have been spending the past few days in the city returned to their home at Wilbur this afternoon.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the local lodge of Yoeman will be held at the Eagles hall this evening. Every member is requested to be present inasmuch as there are several important matters scheduled for consideration.

Colonel Taylor, who has been spending the past month at Winchester visiting at the home of his son, Grant, arrived here this morning to visit with friends. The Colonel says that he is much improved in health since going to Winchester, and attributes his good luck to the delightful climate in that locality.

LOST—My skull, "The Wasp," formerly "The Collier." Finder please notify Fred Dillard.

## Gem Theatre

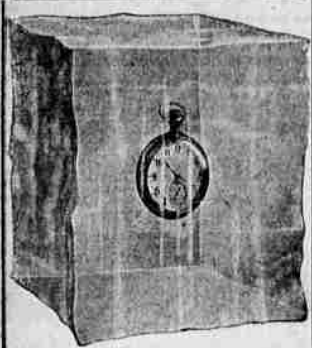
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