

PEOPLES FORUM.

A Few Facts About Prohibition.

Prohibition is opposed by the brewers, distillers, wholesale liquor dealers and saloon-keepers. If prohibition does not prohibit, if as much liquor is sold under prohibition as under license, it is difficult to understand why these manufacturers of and dealers in this commodity are opposed to prohibition. It has never been believed that these people are in this business for any thing but the "reverse." If they are selling as much under prohibition as under license they would favor prohibition because they are saving the license fee.

And these men know very well when the officials make an honest effort to enforce the law the amount of liquor sold is reduced to the minimum. Hence these men oppose the law. Their business is not as profitable now here in La Grande as it was two years ago. And they fear that the time will come when the officials of the city and county will make a fair attempt to enforce the law. They know when that time comes their business is doomed.

The law can and ought to be enforced in this county. It was carried by the handsome majority of nearly seven hundred votes. This was done after a very hotly contested election. The "wet" people did all in their power to defeat the proposed law. But in spite of this a splendid majority of the electors of the county voted in favor of it. A law enacted under such conditions can be and ought to be enforced. It is the will of the people. It is idle to say that it can not be enforced. The writer remembers when he lived in Columbus, O., the Director of Public Safety said that it was a physical impossibility to enforce the Sunday closing law. You see that when you have "the regulated saloon" the saloon-keepers will not observe the regulations any better than they comply with the prohibition law. They will violate the law. But the people of Columbus insisted that the law could be enforced. They insisted on having a new Director of Safety. The new man found no difficulty in enforcing the law. When the liquor men realized that the officer meant business they complied with the law. Of course some fellows still tried to deceive the officers but in the main the saloons were closed on Sunday. So here all that is required is that the officials let the violators of the law know that they intend to do their duty, do that for which they were elected and for which they are paid. There would then be very little liquor sold.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." This is the authoritative test of men, institutions and laws. By this test the prohibition law will stand or

fall. Where it has been enforced, and it has always been well enforced where the officials have been in sympathy with it, the fruits have been good. Take the State of Kansas as an example. Mr. F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, not long ago made an address before the Kansas Club of Chicago in which he said in part:

"Prohibition was never before so popular in Kansas as now, after a thirty years' trial.

"Its effects upon all phases of society's welfare have been helpfully wholesome, and the aforesaid noisy threats of resubmission are no longer heard, even in whispers. Something of its beneficial influence upon society may be discerned in the official statistics, disclosing that at the end of the last fiscal year.

"Twenty-eight county poorhouses were without tenants.

Eighty-seven had no insane inmates.

Fifty-four had no feeble-minded inmates.

Twenty-one counties had no convicts in the penitentiary.

Thirty-six had no prisoners serving sentence in their county jails.

Sixteen were without a prisoner serving sentence in any institution.

"Statistics show further that Kansas, with practically one fifth of New York's population, has less than one tenth the number of insane; and that Cook county, Illinois furnishes more insane to the state hospitals and institution at Danmang than the total population of all the Kansas charitable, correctional and penal institutions combined."

Mr. Coburn also quoted the governor of Kansas, the attorney-general, the warden of the state penitentiary, the superintendent of schools and the mayor of Topeka, in support of his arguments. But he did not need more than the facts. Surely, they were impressive enough. Nowhere in license states can such a state of affairs be found. What prohibition has done for Kansas it will do for Oregon. We believe it will do more, for we have a better country.

S. W. SEEMAN.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the first day of December, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 9, and designating Fourth Street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the twenty-fourth day of August, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fourth Street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon bitulithic pavement, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Fourth street from the North Line of Adams Avenue to the north line of "N" Avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$27,883.60. That the Council will on the twenty-first day of September, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, September 7, 1910.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Sept. 9 to 20.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the seventeenth day of August, 1910, creating Improvement District No. 25, and designating Chestnut Street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the seventeenth day of August, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Chestnut Street, in said improvement district as herein-

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City of La Grande, Oregon
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October 15th, 1910

At the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. for the purchase of \$65,000 improvement bonds, the proceeds to be used for the construction of Bitulithic pavement, bonds of the denomination of \$1000 each, rate 6 per cent per annum to be paid annually, maturity ten years from date thereof, subject to call by the City Treasurer at any time that there is money in the Local Improvement Funds bonds to be paid in numerical order.

Bids shall be sealed and marked, "Bids for Local Improvement Bonds," and shall be accompanied by a certified check of \$5,000. The Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bonds are secured by lien on abutting property.

La Grande, Oregon, September 9, 1910.

F. L. MEYERS, Mayor.

D. E. COX, Recorder.

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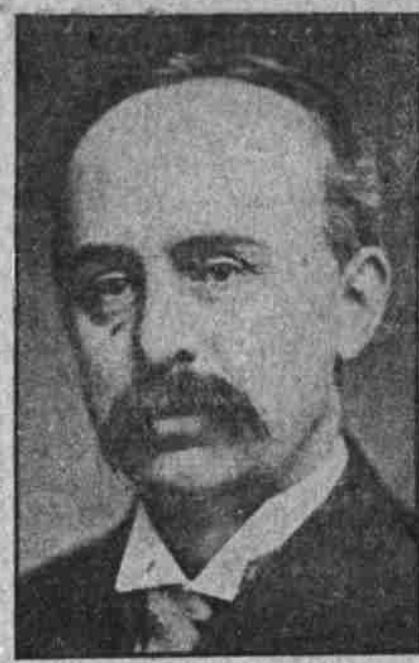
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