

## PEOPLES FORUM.

## PROHIBITION OR REGULATION?

I have often wondered how a man who has brains and a conscience and heart can say a word for the saloon and its hand to maintain the liquor traffic in any form. Few men who are engaged in the work of helping the fellows are its friends. They know the awful curse of the saloon and the regulation is and always was to be regulated. It has been tried for years. It will not obey any law that interferes with its profits.

We hope to discuss this question in the future. For the present we are content to let Father I. Gheldorf, priest of a large Catholic church in Douglas, Arizona, tell how it appears to him. This is how he writes:

I have been called upon to give my opinion with regard to the regulation or prohibition of the liquor traffic in Douglas and Cochise county, and hereby state my opinion to the people.

After investigating carefully the local and present circumstances of the

city of Douglas in regard to the prohibition question, I have simply been forced to the conclusion that, at least, here in Douglas, prohibition is, after all, the only thing to advocate and adopt, if we are to improve the moral conditions, which are, indeed, in a deplorable state. Cardinal Gibbons may be in favor of "regulation," and he may be right in the east, but here in Douglas regulation would be simply a farce as the saloons would not and will not be regulated. The very officials of the law that are in duty bound to watch and regulate the saloons and preserve the public decency of the community, frequently violate the laws enacted to that end. Besides the saloons may consent to be regulated for a while, as long as the scare lasts, but afterwards they are the same or worse than before.

The condition of the saloons here in Douglas is horrible. I do all I can against drunkenness, prostitution and crime, against unhappiness in the homes, and the saloons more than undo all my work by being feeders of these very same evils or crimes. They are regular devil's traps and tremendous temptations to drunkenness. If they are removed at least seven out of ten men would not drink or get drunk at all. These saloons are the cause of more than half the public prostitution that is going on in our redlight district. Some of them have the most immoral pictures on their walls to attract boys and men into

them and then to corrupt and demoralize them.

According to late statistics seven out of ten of all the crimes committed in Cochise county can be traced to drunkenness and to the evil of open saloons. They are the cause of the greatest unhappiness due to a drunken husband or son. I think it is the sacred and bounden duty of the Catholic priest and all the Catholic people, not only to help but to be in the very lead of any movement for the improvement of the public morality of the community in which they live.

Now, in this battle between good and evil in which we are engaged, in my judgment the only method whereby we may hope to improve the public morality and down, as far as possible, drunkenness, public immorality, crime and the unhappiness that exists in many homes, is prohibition of the liquor traffic—doing away, root and all, with the principal cause of the above mentioned evils, the open saloon. Therefore, I think and I am sure that it is my sacred duty before God and my fellow citizens, and also the bounden duty of all the Catholic voters in Douglas, to vote in favor of prohibition at the coming local option election on prohibition of the public sale of intoxicating liquors in Douglas and Cochise county, Arizona. This is the reason I am favorable to and doing all I can to advocate prohibition instead of regulation of the sale of intoxicating drinks in the city of Douglas and county of Cochise.—S. W. Seeman.

## Elections in South Africa.

Cape Town, Sept. 13.—General parliamentary elections are in progress throughout South Africa today. The legislators elected today will open the first parliament of the South African Union early next month. The Duke of Connaught will represent King George at the inaugural ceremonies. Postmaster Gen. Rudolph Lemmer will represent Canada, and all the other important British dependencies will send delegates.

## 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 benefitted 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 benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$27,893.60. 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 hereinafter

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Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and City Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, until Wednesday.

October 5th, 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.

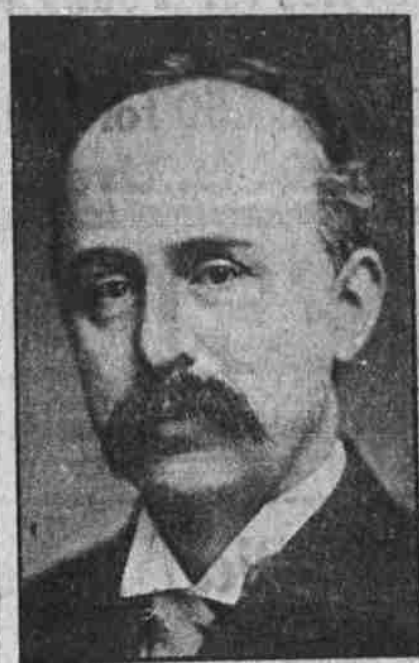
Bids shall be sealed and marked, "Bids for Local Improvement Bonds," and shall be accompanied by a certified check of \$5,000. The Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bonds are secured by lien on abutting property.

La Grande, Oregon, September 9, 1910.

F. L. MEYERS, Mayor.

D. E. COX, Recorder.

D-Sept. 9 to 28.



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