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WHAT IT ALL MEANS.

The alleged prohibition in Union county is now a debatable question, but what people want is a solution of the unsatisfactory conditions that obtain and have obtained ever since the local option law was passed.

There is no disposition to make heroes of saloon-keepers; there is no desire to argue in favor of the use of liquor in intemperate quantities; and far from it, be the wish to let the old-time frontier saloon run in La Grande or Union county.

Then what is the desire?

It is this: Union county has seen the old-time saloon keepers cavort; has witnessed insult after insult from him, and the people rebelled, which was right and proper.

In that rebellion the other extreme was reached.

This is quite natural in all public questions. But after the other extreme has been tried, and it has been tried in Union county, and found unsatisfactory, then there appears an element of conservative, yet decidedly honorable citizens who are neither booze-fighters nor advocates of indiscriminate sale of liquor, who contend that it would be much better to have the business under a heavy restriction, thus protecting the young as they are not protected under local option and placing the men who sell liquor in a position that they will be responsible to some one besides the United States government which never interferes so long as the federal license is paid for.

Recital of the fearful scenes which accompany drunkenness does not tend to solve the social problem that confronts us. Everyone knows that excessive use of liquor makes brutes of men, deprives wives and children of what they are entitled to, and the question is how to avoid these things. Surely the remedy of local option does not do it. At least it has not in Union county and in many other places. This being understood it is up to the honorable citizen to find a remedy that will best accomplish the result desired. The remedy lies in controlling the liquor sellers and controlling them in a way that the community will see and know exactly what is being done.

The story of Oregon City's regulation is one that must not be overlooked, for it is close home and that city found the key to the situation by refusing license to men who could not show a good record and by cancelling licenses at the least provo-

cation.

But keep this in mind and do not be swayed from the facts: We have taken a stand on the question because to our mind this worse than hypocritical condition in La Grande is the worst example that can be set before the growing generation, and because we are all working for what we believe to be the best for the city and county.

We think every advocate of prohibition either state wide or local, is sincere in his opinion, and wants what in his mind is the best for La Grande. But in their zeal too often men who work continuously on a question become so enthusiastic that they dwell on the theory instead of condition. Nothing counts for so much as results. They tell the story of success and failure. La Grande has results on local option too plain to be reviewed by this paper.

It is a question that is now up for consideration. People differ on it, but throughout these differences, keep in mind that it is a case before the court of the people. Every citizen and voter is a juror who must from observation and experience pass upon the matter. Then analyze it thoroughly and honestly keeping down prejudice, the same as if you were before a tribunal that demanded a fair and impartial decision.

GENERAL PRAISE EXPRESSED.

This paper has received nothing but kind words of praise for the Annual Industrial edition issued last Saturday evening, and it is extremely gratifying to all who helped make this edition. The most pronounced loyalty on the part of every employee of The Observer was given to the work and the product plainly shows the care and interest displayed. From the linotype operator who made the slugs for the edition down the line including make-up man, press feeders and the loyal young ladies who folded the edition, it was a case of doing things correctly with that splendid pride in the result always uppermost in each mind.

Does La Grande and the two counties benefit from such work? Most assuredly, yes. Many months from now you will hear of some one being attracted to this valley by that issue of The Observer for it is receiving very wide circulation in localities that furnish homeseekers. The result at home is also good. Many people have lived here a long time and hardly knew what resources the valley has. If they did know they never stopped long enough to reflect until they were confronted with the many halftones and descriptive matter. Telephone and mail orders have been numerous from home people who wanted to send a few copies to friends and relatives in the east and a few of Saturday night's Observers have been sent across the waters to foreign countries.

Financially such editions make no money for newspapers, but they inspire the local community to publicity and help broaden the view of immediate resources. It takes a great deal of labor to make such a paper where printing facilities are only intended for every day grind. But we are delighted that the Annual was undertaken for the reason that our readers are delighted. Every subscriber to this paper is a member of its family, in a way, and we feel the keenest interest in him. When

we have pleased our readers we have cause to feel satisfied.

There remains a number of copies of the Annual edition and those having friends at a distance can have them served with the Grande Ronde gospel by giving us their names and paying the mere cost of postage.

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations? He comes into the world without his consent and goes out against his will, and the trip is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the features of this trip.

When he is little, the big girls kiss him. When he is big the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest. If he needs credit, he can't get it. If he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics, it's for graft. If he is out of politics, he is no good to his country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it is for show. If he is actively religious, he's a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner.

If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen; if he cares for no one, he is cold blooded. If he dies young, there is a great future for him; if he lives to an old age, he missed his calling. So.

"If you save your money, you're a grouch;

If you spend it you're a loafer;

If you get it, you're a grafter;

If you don't, you're a bum;

So what the—the use?

—Contributed by C. M. Humphreys.

OVERDRAFTS.

In flush times, when money is easy some bankers are undoubtedly inclined to relax the reins of caution a trifle, and this is how we account for the little irregularities which may have been allowed to creep into the banking methods of a few districts during the reign of prosperity since, let us say, 1908, remarked, a banking journal. It has not been an unusual thing since then for men of affairs in some localities with schemes to finance to draw heavily at the bank and then step in to make necessary arrangements afterwards.

Bankers could hardly afford to blink at such procedure, even in order to retain the customer, under the prosperity cry; but inasmuch as this tacit privilege was extended to long-headed men of affairs alone, who were considered well able to carry all schemes to execution, the risk did not seem to be so great.

Within the past few months, however, a word of caution has been passed along the line and we find bankers in those districts which were most lenient in the matter of overdrafts passing the word along to the customer, who now is much more likely to call at the bank concerning accommodations at the very receipt of his scheme to "double his money" or to finance his business needs than to dare an overdraft and risk being turned down.

Comptroller Murray is really back of all this. It is his belief that overdrafts are the most objectionable form of credit that a bank can extend, and he believes also that, through co-operation between National and State banking departments the practice can be done away with to a large extent. Thus it is that he has instituted a systematic campaign by which he hopes to eliminate this abuse entirely from banking records. National institutions are to be requested to enter into an agreement with state banks in their respective localities to discontinue permanently the practice of allowing overdrafts under any conditions.

Blue Grass Bankers.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 14—Financials from all over Kentucky are participating in the session opened today by the State Bankers Association. The convention will be concluded tomorrow. Financial and banking topics of national interest are on the program for discussion. The bankers will visit the state fair before returning to their homes. Officials of local banks have arranged several entertainment features.

Revise Greek Constitution.

Athens, Sept. 14—The assembly which will revise the Greek constitution assembled here today to begin its deliberations. The session is of the greatest importance, since upon the action of the revisionists will depend in great measure the fate of the



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present Greek government. Dissatisfaction with King George's government is now widespread, and the dissatisfaction has permeated the army and navy.

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Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability. favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, C. A. BARRETT.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election.

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon—I wish to announce my

candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

An Open Letter—Rusk to Hockett.

Joseph, Oregon, Sept. 1, 1910.
To Dr. C. T. Hockett, Enterprise, Ore.

Dear Sir: Inasmuch as you were a delegate to the late republican assembly at Portland, and as you state in your announcement for the republican nomination for joint representative, Union and Wallawa counties, that you favor holding assemblies in this state, I as a candidate against you and pledged to uphold the Primary Law, Statement No. 1, and opposed to assemblies, do hereby challenge you to publicly discuss the assembly proposition before the voters of our district, you may fix the times and places during the primary campaign and defend while I shall oppose the assembly schema.

I also invite you to discuss adversely, if you please, my record last session or any part of it.

No "pussy footed" campaign for me. Let us see if the people deem themselves capable of choosing their own officials.

Respectfully,
JOHN P. RUSK.

Republican candidate for renomination joint-representative Union and Wallawa counties.
Paid advertisement.

doubtful of women's temper will be put at ease when they see this picture. "A Fair exchange," is the story of a doctor's revenge on a plumber and is a good laugh all the way through. A daughter of Dixie is one of the strongest films of the Southern states during the war that has ever been run here.

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Notice of Taxpayer's League. Notice is hereby given to all concerned to meet in La Grande, Oregon, on the 16th day of September, 1910, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a Taxpayers' League of Union county in accordance with the agreement heretofore circulated.

JOHN W. McALLISTER,
President of County Union.
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