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ANTI-PROHIBITION.

(Grant's Pass Observer)

The Observer is opposed to attempted prohibition of alcoholic liquors, on grounds of reason based upon observation and experience. Oregon is passing through now what the eastern provinces of Canada passed through 25 or 30 years ago, ending in the practical abandonment of prohibition as a means of correcting the evils of the liquor traffic, Oregon prohibitionists sought a remedy in local option, but apparently finding that a failure, they resorted to county prohibition. It must oe assumed that this, too, is a failure, since the aim now is to banish the sale of liquor by state law and amendment of the constitution, as in that unfortunate state of Maine. It is not possible, of course, to enforce prohibitory laws in the larger cities of any state, and if Oregon should make the mistake of passing a prohibitory law. it is safe to forecast that it would fall in its purpose, while inducing a mass to be expected that the sane people I congratulate you and you know you of Oregon will load the state with a have my best wishes for the paper, the to be harmful.

But while this paper opposes prohibition it is not bigoted in its measure of men who think otherwise. For inprohibition and a candidate for governor, he can get no support from the Observer. We have no quarrel with those who differ with us and seek to avoid such; but we will maintain our right to free opinion, and will state facts and express views on prohibition and other public questions as may seem to us best in the public interest.

HOFER OBJECTS.

In a personal letter to the editor of the Evening Observer, E. Hofer, of Salem, objects to the way some newspapers, including the Observer, have told of his different attitudes regarding the direct primary law. He says he was one of a commission appointed by Governor Geer to draft a primary law and it was much differ- the First Annual Industrial edition ent from the one now in use. The of the Observer and am delighted present law, he claims, is a product with it. We have the highest regard of the People's Power league and that for our neighboring city and realize

GEORGE PALMER, Pres.

F. J. HOLMES, Vice-Pres.

against his wishes. But Mr. Hofer stontly affirms that he is now favorwhich we do in this editorial, not because there is any disposition to retract what has been printed regarding E. Hofer but purely to give the man Entered at the postoffice at La Grande from Salem a square deal and fair

The Observer is in receipt from John Collier, one of La Grande's foremost citizens, who is now in Chicago purchasing goods for his stere and in that letter Mr. Collier speaks of different places closing with the remark that everything being considered he has seen no place the equal of La Grande on his trip.

When you analyze their resources and compare with La Grande your loyalty for home will swell you up. He ordered a number of copies of the Observer's special edition forwarded to him stating, "I want to do some missionary work while I am in this part of

Senator Abraham found La Grande's paved streets quite a blessing last evening for his outdoor meeting last

Every Mail Brings Letters of Good Cheer for Annual Edition.

Portland, Sept. 14-My Dear Mr. Dennis: I appreciate copy of the Observer. The paper, print, illustrations and matter are worth while. The issue is one that will attract attention and it will do good work for of crimes that are always associated the Grande Ronde valley and of course with prohibition. It is however, hardly the benefit will accrue to La Grande. measure that all experience has shown valley and the city for which you la-Sincerely.

TOM RICHARDSON.

stance, the Observer two years ago Dennis, La Grande, Ore. Dear Sir: The supported a candidate for the State Annual Edition of The Observer was Senate who made his canvass as a pro- what I consider one of the exponents hibitionist. This year it heartily sup- of remarkable progress for La Grande. ports Mr. Hawley, who also is in fa- With the concrete foundation she has get a copy of the First Annual Indusvor of prohibition ,and though Col. to stand upon La Grande is bound to trial edition of the Evening Obser-Hofer, of Salem, is passing through be a fine little city. It would be a ver. It will be carefully preserved for the state as an avowed opponent of credit to any city several times the size of yours. Yours truly,

WILLIAM POLLMAN.

er it affords me the greatest pleasure all equipment for the most modern Annual Industrial edition of The Ob-Ronde valley in fine shape and it is bound to bring results. La Grande loyally supporting it, all of which I can find time to visit us.

Sincerely yours.

server, Dear Friend: I have examined

able to the law and asks us to so state.

NO PLACE LIKE LA GRANDE.

And that is the correct way to view this city and the surrounding country. You may travel in every direction and observe other municipalities.

SUME ATTRECTATIVE WORDS.

First Annual edition of the Evening the town and I congratulate you up-Yours Truly,

Baker City, Ore., Sept. 15-Bruce

Baker City, Ore., Sept. 14-Dear Mr. Dennis: As your friend and well wishto acknowledge receipt of the first server. You have covered the Grande has a good newspaper and she is am very glad. The latch string in Baker hangs out for you when you

F. H. DEAN.

Baker City, Sept. 14-Editor Ob-

W. L. BRENHOLTS, Ass't. Cash. EARL ZUNDEL, 2d Ass't Cash. F. L. MEYERS, Cashler.

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how it is advancing. The edition just | printed will be of great benefit to on its splendid appearance.

> F. P. BODISON. Pres. Commercial Club.

Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 15-Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Dear Sir: The Annual Industrial edition was a hummer. Am certain La Grande appreciates the remarkable efforts being made in a newspaper way.

Fraternally. W. C. E. PRUITT.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15-Dear Mr. Dennis: We are certainly pleased to its typographical neatness and its splendid appearance. La Grande is growing fast and we are glad to know that The Observer will grow just as fast as the city. We filled your order for the new job press which is the best that money can buy, fitted with printing, and rejoice to know that you are building a good business. You are now laying a foundation by hard and continuous work. The reward will come later.

Yours truly, American Type Founders Co. By O. C. BALL.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15-The Observer, La Grande: The Pacific Paper company through me wishes to extend thanks for the Annual Industrial number of The Observer, and to compliment you in the highest terms for its remarkable appearance. We have placed it on file that others may see the good work you are doing for La Grande. We are also pleased to see the support given the paper and believe that La Grande is a thoroughly appreciative community.

Very truly, EDDIE J. BROWN.

Baker City, Ore., Sept. 15-Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Ore.,: While I do not live in La Grande I want you to send me some copies of the First Annual Industrial edition of The Observer. I consider it a splendid piece of work and a correct portrayal of the resources of one of the very best parts of Oregon.

Very truly, W. C. CALDER.

Baker City. Ore., Sept. 13-Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Ore.-My Dear Sir: This morning's mail brought me a copy of the First Annual Industrial edition of the Evening Observer and the tone and style of the whole issue is so attractive and elegant I felt I wanted to acknowledge receipt and thank you for it. Such work as that counts much for a city, and I want to congratulate you upon it.

Yours truly. GUSTAV ANDERSON. City Attorney.

BOWERMAN AND PRIMARY LAW.

Various papers throughout the state have been charging that Jay Bowerman, Acting Governor and candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, is opposed to the direct primary law. The accusation is without foundation. The charge is completely refuted by the following excerpt from an interview by Mr. Bowerman in which he clearly and unmistakably defines his position with regard to the direct primary law:

"I am for the direct primary law and never have been against it as my record for the last six years in the state senate will show. I have had opportunities for six years to introduce bills in the legislature for its repeal but I have not done it. What is more, I shall be no party to its repeal. C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I may fix the times and places during they will have to do it themselves. I never voted for the amendment or repeal of any measure enacted by the people. I have been for the direct primary, am for it now and shall continue to be for it. What more can be

Anti-Assembly Republicans, socalled assert that the 1200 representative members of the State Assembly and the many other members of the several county assemblies violated the primary law. But the people still have their primaries just as though no Assembly had been held, says the Oregonian. Nobody will be nominated without the people's sanction. The very men who inveigh against assem-He assembly recommendation ought to bly recommendations are appealing to the voters in the primaries. The pubhave more weight with the voters than the secret conference selections of their opponents. Both will be passed upon by electors in the primaries. Then why this stuff and nonsense trying to boss the people?

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 fifth day of August, 1909, creating Improvement District No. 1 and designating Adams Avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the twentyfourth day of August, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Adams Avenue, 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

amberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-Remedy is today the best known medno in use for the relief and cure of bowel complaints. It cores griping, diarrhoea, ayoentery, and should be taken at the first unnatural looseness of the bowels. It is equally valuable for children and adults. It

Political Announcements

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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 sion or any part of it. 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,

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon. announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary elec-

C. A. BARRETT.

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, resentative district, September 24, 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 T. B. KAY.

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candi- to the late republican assembly at date for joint senator for Umatil- Portland, and as you state in your la, Union and Morrow counties sub- announcement for the republican nomject to decision of republican pri- ination for joint representative, Unmaries. "I firmly believe in the di- ion and Wallowa counties, that you farect primary law, economy in the vor holding assemblies in this state, I use of public funds, good roads, as a candidate against you and pledgbetter schools, strict and prompt ed to uphold the Primary Law, Stateenforcement of law, the square deal ment No. 1, and opposed to assemband eternal progress of man and his lies, do hereby challenge you to publicly discuss the assembly proposition before the voters of our district, you the primary campaign and defend while I shall oppose the assembly scheme.

I also invite you to discuss adversely, if you please, my record last ses-

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 Wallowa counties. Paid advertisement.

W. W. RANDALL, LA GRANDE.-I wish to announce that I am a candidate for the republican nomination to the office of sheriff, subject to the -The Observer is authorized to decision of the primary held September 24th.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

T. B. KAY, Anti-Assembly candidate for State Treasurer has had wide experience in business and public life. He is president of the Salem Board of Trade, is manager of the Salem and Oregon-f wish to announce my Eugene Woolen Mills. Has been a candidacy for joint representative member of the Oregon legislature for for the 24th representative district the past eight years and has a good subject to the voters of the republi- record. He always supported meascan party at the primary nominat- ures in the interest of eastern Oregon. ing election to be held in said rep- Such as the Portage Railway bill, the Sheep Inspection law, the Experimental station, the bill to establish a branch insane asylum in eastern Oregon and many others, and is in sympathy with the eastern Oregon counties. He is well qualified to fill the position of State Treasurer. Vote for

and benefitted by such improvement, That the Council will on the twentyorder that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so im- 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said estiproved are as follows:

the east line of Third street. Notice grieved by such assessment. is hereby further given that the Coun- La Grande, Oregon, September 7, cil will levy a special assessment on 1910. ted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such im- Recorder of the City of La Grande, Orprovement is the sum of \$3742.70. Sept. 9 to 20.

first day of September, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of mated cost and the levy of said as-All that portion of Adams Avenue sessment, when a hearing will be from the west line of Fourth street to granted to any person feeling ag-

all the property affected and benefit- CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE,

By D. E. COX,