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**FORUM**

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It will be interesting to note how many Grande Ronde citizens appear in the Observer pleading for the saloons.

It ought to be a satisfaction to every good man to be able to say after the election whatever may be the result and however the saloons may violate the law and however much sorrow and shame they may produce and however shamefully officials may break their oaths, "The saloons do not exist by my vote and this sorrow and shame and crime are not the result of my stand on this matter." I endorse what Dr. Hinson of the White Temple of Portland said last Sunday night:

"We are solemnly told the law will be violated if we pass the prohibition statute. Yet a woman told the chief of police recently she would give him

a list of more than 400 "blind pigs" in Portland, if he would call upon her. I have always understood it was the business of the chief of police to ferret out crime. If it isn't done under license restrictions, it comes very poorly from the lips of those people that it will not be done under prohibition law.

"All through the coming months, if the saloon continues to be licensed it is your saloon to the extent of your vote. Whenever you pass a saloon you will be justified in saying, "That is mine so far as my vote would make it. Whenever you hear of one coming to his death by the liquor curse you may say, 'I did that so far as I could do it by my ballot.' And it is your privilege to become a very large man in your own estimation, as you look abroad upon all the ravages of the traffic which kills more victims than all the wars, famines and pestilence

put together.

**Permit Nailed Up.**

"A man complains because a saloon keeper seeks to pay attention to his daughter, but that same man, by his vote said to that man, 'Be a saloon keeper.' If you defeat this anti-saloon project by your vote, there will be nailed up on the wall of the saloon your permit that this man sell liquor; you, a deacon in the church, a trustee of God's house, a Sunday-school teacher. Are you going to do it? Then be decent and quit your ecclesiastical question before you vote. You have no right to authorize another mother's son to do what you pray God your own son may never do.

"I argue against the liquor traffic for the sake of the victim. I deny absolutely that old statement that all are fools who become drunkards. Any one who has watched the world for a

score of years knows that this blighted curse lays its fingers on the brightest and best of our land."

Is the advertisement of the Home Rule association to be taken as indicative of the characters of the members of that association? Where is there any warrant for saying that if we have state prohibition any homes will be raided at the midnight hour in search of liquor? When a cause or organization is compelled to resort to such misrepresentation it is hard pressed. A cause that must be bolstered up by such misrepresentation is a bad one.

It is reliably reported that a very large fund had been raised by the liquor people to defeat prohibition. If prohibition is such a good thing for the liquor trade, why all this money for its defeat and why all these posters and why all these speakers we

use to bear in behalf of the saloon?

When it was proposed to have the "dry" column in the Observer it was understood that a committee would furnish material for it. The committee has been doing just what was pro-

posed. The prohibitionists say the saloon must go. Our opponents say the saloon with its attendant crime, poverty and insanity shall stay.

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