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SIDNEY STORY'S SPEECH.

It was out of the ordinary for a La Grande audience to hear an address against prohibition, but a large crowd was in attendance to hear Sidney Story, the man who has done things in New Orleans. Perfect attention was given and his argument—not for drunkenness and intemperance but for regulation of the liquor traffic—was well received. Mr. Story is a pleasant southern gentleman and during his entire talk did not deal in personalities or offensive criticism. His friend, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, who was in the audience was often referred to in a dignified way because Dr. Wilson is to talk on the other side of the question this evening.

The substance of Mr. Story's talk revolved itself into this. The sale of liquor has obtained ever since history's pages were first written; the curse of liquor abuse is admitted to be one of the greatest problems of social life; the manner in which to handle the sale of liquor is the paramount issue between "wets" and "drys". He took the stand that prohibition is not prohibitive; that it tends to increase crime rather than diminish it; that it drives the sale of liquor from the front door where all can see its operation, to the rear door and alleys permitting blind pigs and blind tigers to exist.

In this he is absolutely correct, for alleged prohibition does that very thing, and then the charge is made that officers do not do their duty. Perhaps they do not, but officers are only human creatures, and officers in all prohibition communities seem to be under the same charge, therefore there is something wrong and it must be admitted that the load placed on the officers is too heavy for the ordinary human to carry. The corrupt practice law was violated in the last campaign by many, in fact it is hard for a candidate to run for office without violating this unreasonable statute, and there are many other laws that are violated. Why? Because public sentiment is not behind the laws.

These points were made plain by Mr. Story in a way that was not offensive nor tiresome. His reference to ancient history and the fanaticism of olden times was not so pertinent to the question as his remarks on existing conditions.

Did Mr. Story impress his audience as a saloon loafer, a saloon owner or an immoral man? We think not. His face shows the light of human kindness, shows love for his fellowman and fairness for everyone. He loves the little children, often mentioned in

his address, more than he loves anything else in the world. Blessed with that remarkable southern air—not aristocratic, not of the Kentucky Colonel type, but mild, pleasant and sincere he made friends of everyone who heard him, even those who differ on almost every point that he mentioned.

BOWERMAN AND WEST.

The contest for governor of Oregon is on in dead earnest. Mr. Bowerman and Mr. West are each trying to be elected and the voter is called upon to decide the case. Mr. West is making his campaign on his record as railroad commissioner, yet he does not go into detail. He says he was the cause of the 15 per cent. cut in freight rates from Portland to Eastern Oregon but he does not add that the commission of the state of Washington did all the work on the case in order to benefit its shippers and when the Oregon railroad commission got onto the work being done by the neighboring state it immediately ordered the reduction in this state. West deserves no credit in this, neither does he deserve credit for giving the Cottage Grove people a new railroad depot.

Cottage Grove is the home of Mr. Campbell, one of the commissioners. The railroad company had decided to build a new station there and West heard of it. He visited Cottage Grove and told the people they must have a new depot, got up a petition and made the order to the company when as a matter of fact the supplies for the building had already been purchased and plans drawn for the structure.

Another thing. If West was such a friend of the people rather than the railroads why should he permit trains to run as late as they do in Eastern Oregon. Over in Idaho the state makes the railroads put on an extra train if the transcontinental trains are late and many is the time that passengers have long waits in Huntington for they are carried to that town in trains regulated by the state of Idaho and they wait for Oregon trains regulated by Mr. West and his railroad commission. Does this please the people?

The matter of express regulation is another thing that Mr. West seems to wink the other eye at. Every business man knows that for a blood-sucking, contemptible tyrannical corporation the express company is the king. It has no property along the line to assess, pays little tax and arbitrarily handles the public at its will. There has been a decided increase in express rates of late. Did you hear Mr. West object? Ask the people of Cove who ship fruit. Ask the dealers in La Grande. Ask any man who has occasion to use these insolent corporations what he thinks of the express company. Yet Mr. West, as head of the commission that affords the only relief to the public, remains silent and lets a vampire concern bleed the people of this state at will.

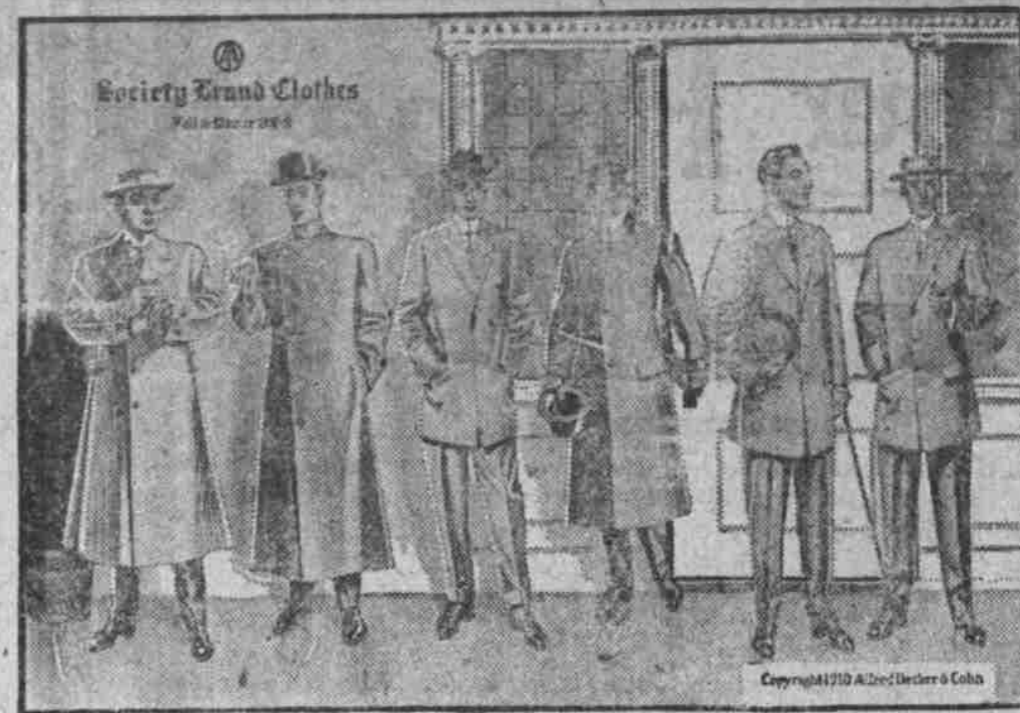
The express companies are going to get what is coming to them in the way of legislation, but they will not get it from Mr. West. It will be honest Jay Bowerman and the state legislature that will handle these commercial pets and the way they will do it will be lasting and noticeable.

Do you want a man for governor who has had ample opportunity to regulate train service and keep down express rates, yet never has made good. Or do you want a man for governor who is recognized as a doer of things and not a poser?

Up in Wallowa county no doubt Mr.

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West will give the people some hope of a passenger train on the branch line, but will he make good? ample time to make this order and save the people much inconvenience but it has not been made. Will the people of Wallowa county take a statement from him just before election with any degree of expectation as to result when Mr. West has had ample time to remedy these things in the past, and when it has been his duty to do so.

Bear in mind his department in the state is costing approximately \$50,000 to the taxpayers to operate. Do you think it is worth the price with Mr. West at the head of it?

This evening Dr. Clarence True Wilson, probably the strongest prohibition orator in the west today, will speak in La Grande and everybody should hear him. Those who heard Mr. Story last evening cannot do better than attend the Wilson meeting tonight. This question of liquor is not and should not be a narrow question, both sides should be heard and arguments of each should be weighed carefully. But stick to the arguments for ever since we can remember prohibitionists have been free to appeal to the prejudices and free to agitate along lines that were mostly sympathetic rather than argumental. The strongest character will shed tears at the picture of desolation, of ruined homes, of hungry children caused by a drunken father, and if prohibition really stopped such things we believe that there would be an avalanche of sentiment in its favor. But it does not stop them, as everyone knows and therefore the question how is it best to handle the liquor traffic—whether by strict regu-

lation or by the present unsatisfactory alleged prohibition methods. Go out and hear Dr. Wilson. He is a fine man and is in the class of gentlemen with Mr. Story. Listen to his argument and decide for yourself whether alleged prohibition or strict regulation is the best thing for La Grande, Union county and the state of Oregon.

**FREIGHT STOPP
TRAFFIC**

**MAIL TRAIN AND PASSENGER
HELD AT KAMELA.**

Carload Pipe and Furniture Car Demolished in Kamela Accident.

Sudden application of air while a freight was pulling on a siding at Kamela to let the morning mail train pass, spilled, a carload of pipe and a carload of furniture at the Kamela siding which delayed traffic for several hours. The flat car carrying the pipe was badly bruised up and fell on the main line blockading traffic. The wrecker was sent out from La Grande and the mail train did not reach here until after eleven o'clock. The passenger train, Number six followed immediately afterwards, it having reached the trouble before the wreckage was cleared up.

If your liver is sluggish and out of tone, and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets tonight before retiring and you will feel all right in the morning.

**WISDOM GUILTY
SAYS JURY**

**ALLEGED HORSE THIEF WILL BE
SENTENCED SATURDAY.**

Third Case Against Austrian Commenced This Morning in Court.

Fred Wisdom was found guilty last night by the jury which heard the case against him in which James Moss was the principal witness. Wisdom and an accomplice was caught far in the interior with the goods on them by Constable Faulk and they have been in jail since then, waiting trial. He will be sentenced Saturday at 9 o'clock.

The third case against the Austrian, who is accused of assault with a dangerous weapon, and in which case two separate juries have hung during the present term, will commence this morning. "I am determined to try this man until a jury either convicts or exonerates him," said District Attorney Ivanhoe this morning.

**WHY SALVES FAIL
TO CURE ECZEMA**

Scientists are now agreed that the eczema germs are lodged not in the outer skin or epidermis, but in the inner skin. Hence, a penetrating liquid is required, not an outward salve that clogs the pores. We recommend to all eczema patients the standard prescription Oil of Wintergreen as compounded in liq-

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