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THE REV. MR. WASSON.

Judge Ramsey uses the People's Forum today in discussing the Rev. Mr. Wasson's connection with the liquor question. For fear that many readers will not understand why any discussion is due Mr. Wasson we reprint an interview of his on the question of prohibition:

"I am deeply interested in the cause of temperance, and I wish to do everything in my power to advance the cause. Prohibitionists have the nerve to call their movement a temperance movement. It is not a temperance movement at all, neither is the object it seeks to accomplish nor in the method it employs. Nor in its spirit and character has this turbulent prohibition propaganda any moral right to the title of temperance.

"The thing these people are seeking to accomplish is not the noble virtue of temperance, which means voluntary self-control, but the rigid puritanic rule of total abstinence, and they are seeking to establish this rule by the most arbitrary and tyrannical methods. If, in order to be temperate, one must be a total abstainer from alcoholic liquor, then the founder of the Christian religion was not temperate, for he used wine.

"The prohibition movement is a crusade, not merely against the abuse of liquor, but against the use of liquor as well. It is an attempt not merely to abolish intemperance, but actually to abolish temperance, for it would prevent men from exercising the virtue of self-control by controlling them with the policemen's club.

"Consciously or unconsciously, the prohibitionists are practicing a rank fraud on the public when they identify prohibition with temperance. The two things are as far apart as the poles.

"The question that confronts society is how to reform those that drink to excess and how to prevent others from falling into the vice. The problem is a big one and it is as odd as it is big. But the prohibitionists tell us the solution is simple and easy, that all you have to do is to enact a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors, and presto! the trick is done! Prohibition is on a par with the get-rich-scheme.

"A prohibition harrangue reminds one of a patent medicine barker at a county fair.

"The prohibition scheme is certainly a simple one and it is also unique. The proposition is to destroy a perfectly legitimate industry in which hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in good faith, an industry

that is older than civilization. It is an attempt to destroy this great and ancient industry and virtually to confiscate this vast amount of property by popular vote without trial and without compensation. It is also an attempt to deprive a vast multitude of decent self-respecting citizens of their liberty to indulge a perfectly legitimate appetite and to satisfy a legitimate social instinct, liberty that has been enjoyed under all ages and under all forms of government.

"According to this revolutionary policy, in order to keep one intemperate man sober, you must force 25 temperate men to follow the rule of total abstinence against their wills."

"Prohibition," Mr. Wasson continued "does not and cannot remove the evil of intemperance, but it aggravates that evil and introduces into our social and political life a great many other worse evils. Can the advocates of prohibition point out the case of a single drunkard in the whole United States who was reformed by a prohibitory law?"

He said that the recent revival of political conditions in Maine, was due to the disgust of the people with the "farce of prohibition; which has never prohibited." He predicted that Maine soon will join the other states and go back to license and regulation.

"I have too much faith in the intelligence and wisdom of the people of Oregon to believe that they will adopt a system that the people of Maine are now about to give up after a trial of 60 years."

He added that the question here is not as to whether they shall have liquor traffic or no liquor traffic but as to what kind of liquor traffic they shall have, an honestly conducted sale or the back-door and the "speak easy."

WILL NEED MORE EXPLAINING.

Mr. Wilson, who is running for county judge, has endeavored to square his former administration with the taxpayers of Union in a lengthy article, but when one has read and studied it there seems to be something more necessary. That is, the subject is not covered sufficiently to warrant anyone giving Mr. Wilson another trial at the county business.

The best proof of a public official is the result obtained. No one objects to paying taxes if they can see improvements and honest expenditure of public funds. Union county out of debt and Union County's many splendid improvements under the Henry administration are not only well known throughout this country but in all Eastern Oregon as well. The business administration that has prevailed here under Judge Henry is being patterned after by other counties, the same as the administration of Grant B. Dimmick at Oregon City is a model for the valley counties to follow.

There is no danger of a change in Union county because the people take an interest in what is going on, and for that reason are thoroughly familiar with the merits of what has been done.

Hot Lake Items.

Hot Lake, Oct. 29 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wright spent Thursday at the Sanatorium, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parker of Spokane. Mrs. Parker is Mr. Wright's sister. She has been here taking treatment some time, and has now recovered and will return in a few days to her home.



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where Mr. Parker is extensively engaged in the mercantile business.

A. C. Huntington, a patient this week and will most likely remain several weeks taking the baths and general treatment.

Mrs. J. W. Redhead was a Sanatorium visitor yesterday, spending the day with her son, who is here taking treatment.

The new station is properly opened for the public accommodation now. Business for the opening week was "all that could be expected." Thirty seven car load shipments besides the usual run of small shipments. There are no more long cold waits at Hot Lake now.

J. D. McKinnon, Warren Chandler and George Pierce, are buying cattle in the vicinity of Hot Lake and will make their head quarters here for a few days.

Mrs. Pierce, mother of Senator Pierce, is spending the week here. Roy Currey and Joe Whitby, Jr., were Hot Lake visitors yesterday.

Yard Master Buehler, who has been a patient for the past few days returns to La Grande this afternoon to resume his duties for the railroad company.

Mrs. Fred Currey will finish the week at the Sanatorium, attempting to keep her husband, "The Information Man" within bounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wright are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. B. Parker.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell of Grangeville, arrived this morning. The Doctor comes to consult with Dr. Phy regarding an injured hand.

There will be a special sale at the Toggery Saturday, of extra large sizes of Steinbloch suits.

In buying a cough medicine, don't be afraid to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is sure to follow. Especially recommended for coughs, colds and whooping cough.

Ordinance No. 480, Series 1910.

An Ordinance declaring the cost of improving Adams avenue from the east curb line of 4th street to the east curb line of Hemlock street, assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of City liens, authorizing the issuance of improvement bonds to pay for said improvement and declaring an emergency.

The City of La Grande Does Ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Council has considered the proposed assessment for improving Adams avenue from the east curb line of 4th street to the east curb line of Hemlock street, and all objections made thereto, and hereby ascertains, determines and declares the whole cost of said improvement in the manner provided by resolution duly passed by the Council on the 2nd day of February, 1910, to be the sum of \$41613.17, and the special and peculiar benefits accruing to each lot, or part thereof or parcel of land within the assessment district by reason of said improvement and in just proportion to such benefits, are in the respective amounts set opposite the number or description of each lot or part thereof or parcel of land in the annexed assessment roll, and said assessment roll, which is numbered 3, is hereby adopted and approved as the assessment for said improvement, and the Recorder of the City of La Grande, is directed to enter a statement of the assessment hereby made in the docket of City liens and cause notice thereof to be published as provided by Charter.

That said sums of money hereby levied as set out in said assessment roll annexed hereto, being assessment roll numbered 3, shall be and become due and payable at the expiration of 60 days from the date this ordinance takes effect; Provided however, that all persons whose property is affected by this assessment, may, upon application to the Recorder of the City of La Grande, be allowed to make payment of the respective amounts assessed against their property as shown by said assessment roll, in ten equal annual installments, under, and by virtue of the Statutes of the State of Oregon, in such cases made and provided, and of the Charter of the City of La Grande, deferred payments

to bear interest at 6 per cent per annum. If such application be not made as above set out, then the assessments shall be and become wholly due and payable at the expiration of sixty days.

Section 2. That there shall be issued and negotiated improvement bonds in the said sum of \$41,613.17, or so much thereof as shall not be covered by cash payments within 60 days, to run for a period of ten years, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, for the purpose of paying for said improvement.

Section 3. Inasmuch as the improvement herein mentioned is completed, and it is necessary and expedient that payment be made therefor at once, now, therefore, in order to preserve the credit of the City, and its peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in force and take effect after its approval by the Mayor and its publication for one issue of the La Grande Evening Observer on the 29th day of October, 1910. Passed the Council on the 26th day of October, 1910, by six members voting therefor.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1910. F. L. MEYERS, Mayor.

Attest:

D. E. COX, Recorder. Block 115, Lot 23, Chaplin's Addition, S. O. Swackhamer, \$115.10. Block 115, Lot 22, Chaplin's Addition, S. O. Swackhamer, \$175.34. Block 115, Lot 21, Chaplin's Addition, A. W. Rynearson, Est., \$253.19. Block 115, Lot 20, Chaplin's Addition, A. W. Rynearson Est., \$236.08. Block 115, Lot 19, Chaplin's Addition, A. W. Rynearson Est., \$210.80. Block 115, Lot 18, Chaplin's Addition, Maggie D. Mahaffey, \$200.36. Block 115, Lot 17, Chaplin's Addition, Maggie D. Mahaffey, \$221.51. Block 115, Lot 16, Chaplin's Addition, George Sutherland, \$263.89. Block 115, Lot 15, Chaplin's Addition, George Sutherland, \$299.19. Block 115, Lot 14, Chaplin's Addition, J. E. Foley, \$309.60. Block 114, Lot 22, Chaplin's Addition, J. E. Foley, \$324.15. Block 114, Lot 21, Chaplin's Addition, J. E. Foley, \$271.09. Block 114, Lot 20, Chaplin's Addition, J. E. Foley, \$271.09.

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