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COMMENDS BOWERMAN.

The following letter tells of some important things that Jay Bowerman the candidate for governor, stands for: Salem, Ore., Nov. 4.—(To the Editor)—There are several commendable features of Jay Bowerman's plan to create a central governing board or board of control for the public institutions located at the state capital. Such a board would not only minimize the operating expenses of all public institutions, but would bring about a more systematic management of these institutions by placing them all under one governing board, said board to consist of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer as ex-officio members. This arrangement would bring the Oregon State penitentiary under the control of the proposed board and would thereby lessen the political activity of the officers and employees of that institution. The penitentiary is at present under the direct supervision of the governor. A review of the history of the state shows that the penitentiary has cut a big figure in our politics and that the various superintendents, wardens, guards, and in some instances even the convicts, have been active boosters for certain candidates for public office. The other state institutions have been comparatively free from politics, but the penitentiary has continued to operate with immunity and impunity. Two years ago, the penitentiary was an active booster for Chamberlain; now it is doing its best for his protegee, "Oz" West, democratic candidate for governor.

Jay Bowerman's plan of a central board of control for all institutions will compel the governor to share the patronage of the penitentiary with the secretary of state and the State Treasurer. In advocating this reform, Mr. Bowerman takes high ground. He is willing to waive the question of patronage in an effort to systematize the management and control of our state institutions and save money for the taxpayers. No other candidate for governor has ever been willing to make this concession or to advocate this much needed change. Mr. Bowerman certainly deserves commendation for his attitude.

We are often told that there are too many board, commissions and offices. The charge is true. It is particularly true at the state institutions here in Salem. We have separate boards of trustees for the Asylum, Reform School, Blind School, Deaf Mute and State Stove Foundry. Besides

these we have the Tuberculosis Commission, the Public Building Commission and the Capitol Building Commission, and the governor is the one man board of the penitentiary. In other words, there are ten different boards, with ten different sets of officers, and in some instances the membership of the boards is not the same as in others. The Bowerman plan of abolishing all three boards and creating in lieu thereof a single board of control can be carried out without the expenditure of additional money for salaries, etc., and when such board is once established, it will prove the wisdom of its choice.

MILTON Z. JONES.

LATE IN QUESTIONING.

With the article that appears this evening in the People's Forum it is presumed that those favoring prohibition have fired their parting shot. That it should come from Dr. Gillilan is not surprising, for he is an old warrior and a splendid man.

It will be observed that he fires a broadside of questions at the editor of this paper, which he no doubt did not expect would be answered. At this stage of the game it is not what a country newspaper may or may not think of the issue or the men who compose the Home Rule association, but it is what the farmer and the business men think. For several weeks Dr. Gillilan, Dr. Seaman and others have been represented in this paper almost daily, and the editor has, in his way, answered some of what seemed to us unreasonable statements. All of this has had its effect one way or the other. People have either believed the Observer or they have believed in what the ministers have been saying. Little more can be done. The election is only two days off and there will be no change in sentiment.

But we again reiterate that the Home Rule society is composed of many, very many of the best people of Oregon. We claim that the bill is not bad, as our prohibition brothers would paint it, but that it is a fair measure which will give power to cities to regulate liquor traffic and in our opinion the power should be vested in every city thereby attaching responsibility to that city.

As far as defining a prohibitionist, as the Doctor has interrogated us, it seems to us that the majority of prohibitionists are splendid people, but they view this question in the wrong light to obtain the best results. This conclusion is based upon years of observation and experience with them.

The cost of this campaign is also mentioned in the Forum tonight. Admitting that considerable money has been spent by the Home Rule association, is it not also a fact that the prohibitionists have spent more than the \$160 shown by their books? It costs to campaign for anyone or anything, and that feature does not bear directly upon the question, which briefly stated is this:

Cannot Union county handle the liquor traffic under a system of regulation better than it is handled under the so-called prohibition?

Many splendid people think it can be and they are going to vote that way, Tuesday, after which it is up to the cities and towns to make good.

ASSURANCE IS POSITIVE.

Should Union county repudiate local option and adopt the system of regulation for liquor selling, everyone liv-

ing outside of La Grande can feel the most positive assurance that the regulation adopted will be no subterfuge; there will be no bickering, no dilly-dallying, but a straightforward movement to better conditions.

This is something the people will expect if they accept the proposition of regulation offered, and it is something they must have. We wish to state the full weight of this newspaper will be thrown to that side of the scale, and no matter who may be the saloon-man who violates the laws made by this city, he shall suffer the odium of publicity as well as punishment for his crimes. By this we do not mean to assume the custodianship of people's morals or to tell a man what or how much of anything he shall drink, but there is an inward conscience that dictates and defines right and wrong, and it must be followed along with ordinances of the city. Should regulation prevail no saloon-man who sells liquor to a man who is known to be a drunkard, a man who has a dependent family, a man who is abusive to his family, or a minor; the saloonman who disregards public decency in his own decorum and falls to run a place of business that is not open to public inspection at all times; one who insists on having side rooms and dark corners, shall be looked upon as undesirable and unsafe in the business. And when a saloon has been personally notified by a parent or a guardian not to sell liquor to a certain person that order must be obeyed.

Some will laugh and say, "how is that to be known?" Let us tell you something, such things cannot be carried on without being known, not even by a saloonkeeper.

We are going to have real regulation in La Grande if the voters are for regulation and everyone may as well make up their minds to the fact.

COUNTY TICKET SAFE.

There is little doubt that the entire republican ticket in Union county will be elected next Tuesday. The present republican officials have paved the way for further republican administration by their spotless careers as officials and by the remarkable manner in which Union county's business is looked after.

The fight on Judge J. C. Henry has not been far-reaching and outside of the political machine which was dethroned in this county and those who expect to be a part of the machine should be reestablished, there is no clamor for a change in the judgeship.

Men who have come in contact with the county judge's office since Mr. Henry has filled the place have universally been pleased with the careful manner in which he has handled the county business. If a bill was unreasonable it was immediately cut and the cause given in full for so doing. The result has been an enormous saving to the county.

The probate business has been kept up and odd business that had accumulated for years has been settled. This of itself is a recommendation for an official that gets close to the hearts of the people.

Next Tuesday when the ballots have been counted it is a safe guess that a republican corps of officials will have been chosen to office in Union county.

In Oregon with 21 out of the 34 counties in the state "dry" the revenue receipts on licenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, were \$57,000 in excess of the previous largest year. Does this look like prohibition is being enforced.—Paid Adv.

Vote for X—101—Against Prohibition in Union County, which means a vote for the strict and permanent regulation of the liquor traffic in the county.—Adv.

PEOPLE'S FORUM.

Here are some questions, Mr. Editor, I think are sane. As this is the last opportunity I suppose I shall have of using your unvarying kindness in this manner and matter, I desire to thank you publicly for the aid you have afforded the public by opening your more and more widely read columns.

Why is the Greater Oregon Home Rule in politics?

The joint issue is: Shall liquor legally be sold?

The Home Rule man says it shall. What has he to gain?

The prohibitionist says it shall not. What has he to gain?

The prohibitionist is neither the li-

censed seller nor the "boot-legger." It is not far to find why he is spending his time and too little money opposing the legalizing of what so many concede to be wrong.

Who is the prohibitionist? Hon. David S. Rose (whose name the prolocutor almost forgot the night he introduced him), says the boot-legger is the prohibitionist. Well, if those recently indicted in Union County for illegal selling of liquor are the prohibitionists, I think the gentleman from "famous" Milwaukee should be indicted for lying, don't you? Soberly, though, I think his definition of the term "boot-legger" was not relished by some of his mass of hearers or else they "were put next" to his joke. But it was a ghastly joke.

None of your readers would believe my twaddle if I should say there is neither brain nor honesty among those who oppose prohibition. I would be an uncommon liar; there are many who believe what was never yet proven: i. e. that there is less liquor and of better quality sold under that misnomer—Regulation—than under even poorly executed no-license law.

Let it be said of a man that he is a prohibitionist, and immediately the hearer, no matter what his character is, knows the undoubted reputation of the one mentioned.

During this campaign now closing, the speakers have taken pains to inform and assure their listeners what is the character of the men composing the Home Rule Association. It was fearful they should, or it would not have been done. The wisest would not have guessed it was not a Liquor Organization.

But the real Home Rule men are personally or commercially interested in the prohibition of prohibition. If not, why are they spending so much money in the securing of such eminent speakers as Messrs. Storey, Darrow, Rose, et al? Surely they are costly, for none of them seemed to be one-lung health-seekers in our salubrious climate.

The prohibitionist is an altruist who gives time, money and energy for the abatement of what he is assured is a true public and private menace.

What is the interest the Home Rule has?

What creates that interest? We are honorably told the members of this body are business men, and non-saloonists. If they are "putting up" for the excessive expenses of this campaign, where do they "get off at"? They see their return for this expenditure or they are poor financiers, I should think. I am only a fool preacher prohibitionist, but I think the above statement a safe one.

What business man is giving away money and working for nothing besides? Commend me to him. I can give him something for his money.

It is easy to figure out where the prohibitionist gets his reward, if we consider either Mr. Rose or our own reason. According to him, the prohibitionist is the boot-legger, making cares to prosecute him, by selling more liquor than does his nobler and legalized brother, the never-law-breaking saloon-keeper. (Mr. Rose's definitions.)

According to reason, the prohibitionist has his reward in the expulsion of the open saloon from the community.

Now, my reader, if you do not conclude the Greater Oregon Home Rule affair is an association begotten, bred, backed and boosted by Brewer & Brothers, I have missed my guess as to your guessing qualities.

"With malice for all and charity for ourselves, the Home Rule is of the Brewers, by the Brewers, for the Brewers" must be the motto, else why, Mr. Voter, why the many speakers, paid ads and bill board decorations.—J. D. Gillilan.

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Notice to Publishers.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder until Wednesday evening November 9th, 1910 for the printing and binding of five hundred city Charters, also give price on 1,000, the size and style of binding to be ascertained at the recorder's office. By orders of the City Council, November 2nd, 1910.

D. E. COX, Recorder.

Nov. 3 to 9.

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Do you know what state wide prohibition means? Just this: That neither the farmer nor the city man can have liquor of any kind in his possession, not even in his own home. Vote 343—X, against prohibition. Vote 345—X—Against search law.—Paid Adv.

Vote 101—X—Against prohibition in Union county.—Paid Adv.

HOT LAKE NOTES.
Hot Lake, Nov. 5—Sheriff Childers delivered the ballot boxes and ballots to Election Judge Wallington to

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Mr. and Mrs. Goodlander are now established at the sanatorium. Mr. Goodlander is the O. R. & N. agent, having relieved Gilbert Barron, who owned the station.

Mrs. Anna Stevens was a sanatorium visitor today, the guest of Mrs. Hattie McDonald who is recovering from an operation. Mrs. McDonald will be able to return home soon.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Barton of Baker City returned home today. Dr. Barton submitted to an operation some weeks ago and has recovered sufficiently to be able to return to his practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Grangeville, Idaho, who have been at the sanatorium the past week, returned home last evening. Dr. Campbell was suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning contracted while performing a surgical operation.

Mrs. Geo. H. Currey is a patient at the sanatorium this week.

Mrs. J. Snodgrass who was operated upon some days ago is recovering nicely and will be able to return home soon.

Wm. Randall, republican candidate for sheriff, spent a day at the sanatorium this week shaking hands with the boys and making himself known.

Hot Tamales tonight at Selder's.

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