

# PRAISE FOR LOCAL WETS

**Liberal Says Jackson County Made Best Fight in State—How Liquor Men View Election.**

"The Liberal," the Oregon liquor dealers' paper, in commenting upon the recent prohibition election, says that Jackson county wets made the best fight against prohibition of any county in the state. It might have added the fact that the hardest fight for a dry county was also made here.

The way the success of prohibition is viewed from a liquor dealer's viewpoint is shown in the following editorial from the Liberal:

**Instructive, Not Encouraging.**

The result of the prohibition elections held all over Oregon on June 1 is instructive if not encouraging. There seems to be no question that Oregon has been bitten badly by the prohibition bug and that the ensuing fever is now raging through its veins.

It is true that Lincoln county, which was dry, voted down prohibition in favor of the license system. Reports are conflicting as to whether Tillamook county did the same thing. At any rate the election here was very close. The East Side in Portland voted wet by enormous majorities in almost every precinct. But taking the election as a whole, it is evident that prohibition has made enormous strides—strides which are large enough to amaze even the Anti-Saloon league and those smart and clever gentlemen who make a good living by keeping the prohibition question alive.

**County Dry, Towns Wet.**

Complete elections were held in 29 counties in Oregon. Of these 29 counties only nine went wet. In the other 20 counties the dry majorities were large and decisive as a general thing. Lane and Linn counties went dry by increased majorities. Umatilla and Union went dry by nearly 600 votes apiece, although in previous elections they had been strongholds of the liberal element of the community. Sherman, Grant and Gilliam counties, on the other hand, went dry by very small majorities—less than 100 in each instance. All the dry counties with the exception of Lincoln and the possible exception of Tillamook, voted wet. In Umatilla county the city of Pendleton voted wet by a majority of more than 200 votes. The returns from the country districts, however, simply ate this majority up alive. Umatilla county went into the dry column with a rousing majority of 694 votes.

**Jackson County Complimented.**

It is probable that the retail liquor dealers in Jackson county made the best fight that was made anywhere in the state of Oregon. They organized early and made a systematic campaign. They presented their arguments intelligently and thoroughly. They made an accurate canvass of the county. They made lists of the registered voters and on election day they brought the "wet" voters to the polls as well as they could. Lined up with them were a majority of the responsible business men and many persons who are prominent in the public life of Jackson county as thinkers, sociological students, speakers, legislators and men of action. Nevertheless, Jackson county went dry by 257 votes.

Now, what does all this mean? The ready answer of the Anti-Saloon league is, of course, that it means that the saloon has got to go, and with it the brewer and wine merchant. This answer has just as little truth in it as the majority of the Anti-Saloon league arguments. It resembles their arguments also because it is apt and apparently backed up by facts and election returns. Nevertheless, it is not true.

**Former Prohibition Wave.**

Most of us are too young to remember the prohibition agitation of many years ago, when Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Nebraska, Illinois and even the great state of New York adopted prohibition.

Look at this list:

Maine adopted prohibition in	1831
Vermont	1832
New Hampshire	1835
Massachusetts	1835
Rhode Island	1835
Connecticut	1834
New York	1834
Maryland	1835
Delaware	1837
Ohio	1835
Michigan	1833
Indiana	1835
Nebraska	1832
Illinois	1835

And yet all of these states except Maine have since repealed prohibition by enormous majorities. In New York state prohibition lasted for two years. In Delaware the same, Michigan preserved it in the state constitution for 22 years, and all the other states tried it for periods varying from two to 40 years.

**All Laws Repealed.**

If ever a policy has been tried in the balance and found wanting, it is the policy of prohibition. After 50 years it seems that the prohibition agitation of our grandfathers' time has returned to plague us. It takes nerve and a bosom full of hope to be cheerful in the face of the grossly unfair laws and fantastic court decisions of the present time in Oregon, and in other states which are still worse off. But the ready answer of the Anti-Saloon league that the liquor business is doomed is not borne out by ancient or modern history. The prohibition agitation of the early fifties was more severe, more drastic and more sweeping than the agitation of today even. In that old and forgotten war of opinion liquor merchants and brewers struggled, fought

and perished, and yet in time the public recovered from its insanity and at no time did the people cease to drink practically when and what they pleased. Prohibition affected only the pale as which they drank. So let us not despair.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

William T. Holmes to C. H. Vanpel, lot 17, Pracht's addition to Ashland	750
William T. Holmes to T. S. Engle, lot 16, Pracht's addition to Ashland	750
Emery J. Eastman to Edward Young, lots 11 and 12, block 1, Bunker Hill addition to Medford	350
Edward Young to J. E. Gribble, lots 11 and 12, block 1, Bunker Hill addition to Medford	1
H. F. Pohland to H. B. Hatch, lot 8, block D, Boulevard Park addition to Ashland	10
C. I. Hutchison to Mary E. Surran, property in Park addition to Medford	300
C. I. Hutchison to Royal Surran, property in Park addition to Medford	325
L. G. Porter to F. B. Higginbotham, land in section 24, township 33, range 1 E	1
W. H. Brown to Marie E. Borvstae, E 1/2 of S W 1/4 of S E 1/4 section 5, township 37, range 1 W	8000
Peter Lorenzen to P. C. Thomason, lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, block 33, Medford	10
Avintha Simmons to H. F. Pohland, lot 7, H. B. Carter's addition to Ashland	10
W. C. Hopson to W. G. Garden, 61 acres in D. L. C. 46, township 37, range 1 W	9000
John Zimmerman to J. D. McNabb, land in section 5, township 39, range 1 E	10
George B. Brown to Directors school district 19, land in section 20, township 36, range 2 E	1

**EIGHT THOUSAND MEMBERS OREGON STATE GRANGE**

Master Buxton's annual report states that the total membership of the grange in the state at the present time is in round numbers 8000, and that there are 123 organizations. The two largest granges are Evening Star grange and Russellville grange, both in Multnomah county, with a membership of 301 and 175 respectively. Master Buxton recommended several changes in the initiative law as follows. A provision that no bill can be initiated unless it first goes to the legislature in order that it may be given more publicity by the press and that it may be more thoroughly discussed and understood by the voters; that no remuneration shall be allowed for obtaining signatures to an initiative petition; that a majority vote be necessary to make an amendment giving the state the right to control water rights. He favored the accounting system for all public officials and favored education on denatured alcohol. A resolution was introduced later on the water right question, and it was referred to a committee. It will probably be adopted late on in the meeting.

**SAYS HUSBAND HYPNOTIZED BY BUSINESS PARTNER**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 18.—Alleging that her husband had been hypnotized by his business partner, E. J. Phelan, Mrs. C. M. Dunning had issued a warrant against him charging with failure to provide for her and her seven daughters. Mrs. Dunning also charges that Phelan kidnapped her daughter and that she regained possession of the child only by threatening him with arrest. Phelan and Dunning were arrested here some time ago on state and county warrants charging them with having obtained money by fraudulently luring laborers to Imperial valley. They were formerly mining promoters and made much money by selling Nevada properties that had their chief value on paper.

Mrs. Dunning says that she stood in the bread line and that her husband at the time of the San Francisco disaster deserted her.

**JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.**

Mrs. O. Harbaugh, Mrs. Nellie Newbury and Miss Mollie Britt, who were O. E. S. delegates to Portland, have returned.

Mrs. E. Fauett of Medford spent a few hours in town Thursday.

Mrs. Oris Crawford and children spent Thursday with Mrs. T. T. Shaw.

Mrs. Josephine Russell was a Medford visitor Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. S. Rosenbaum was over from Medford Thursday spending the day with Mrs. W. W. Irving.

Mrs. Chris Keegan and Mrs. Gene Thompson spent Thursday afternoon in Medford.

Mrs. F. M. Evans left for the Willamette valley one day this week to join Captain Evans, who is interested in a railroad project in that vicinity.

**BASEBALL SUNDAY.**

Grants Pass vs. Medford, Sunday, June 21.

Medford has come into its own at last and will be represented by the best team in this end of the state for the remainder of the season.

You knuckers, come out and see for yourself, and if not, stay at home and put your money on the other team.

Sanderson and Boussum will do the battery stunt, Wilson, Ross, Eifert and Miles will tend to the infield, while Pavette, Strang, Rothmel and Davis are eligible for the outfield.

Charles King will handle the infield, or and Bud Pernoll may leave them over for the Grants Pass bunch.

**NEW CASES.**

Gertie M. Olsen vs. Ole A. Olsen, suit for divorce.

J. E. Watt vs. John W. Johnson et al., suit to remove cloud of title.

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30-35 H. P. four-cylinder Roadster or Touring Car	\$2500
30-35 H. P. four-cylinder Roadster or Touring Car, double ignition	\$2600
40-45 H. P. six-cylinder Touring Car, 7-passenger	\$3750

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