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## WHAT WILL LOCAL OPTION ACCOMPLISH?

What stand does The Journal take on the local option question? Is it afraid to have its position known? These are two of the questions which confront us on the eve of election.

It is regrettable that the local option proposition is to be injected in this election; either in this county or any other. The stress being laid upon its exaggerated features is likely to overshadow far more important measures which come up in June for consideration, and which are of vastly more importance to the general welfare of the state. Nevertheless local option is here to be threshed out by the voters and The Journal does not hesitate under taunting words to express freely its views.

Paradoxical as it may sound, local optionists do not want local option. The measure itself was conceived in a prohibition hot-house and prohibition is the goal which the local optionists expect ultimately to reach. They demand one thing, but are intent upon gaining another. The closing of the saloons in one given locality is the final and conclusive result of a successful application of the law, and it seems the height of folly for sensible men and women to demand that prohibition shall rule in one precinct or county while a block away or across the county line the liquor interests flourish in unbounded splendor, where everyone who desires has the right to buy and transport to suit his choosing.

It is going at the matter upside down. It is an attempt to solve a problem by the application of puerile logic. A bull's neck was never broken by twisting his tail and to endeavor to regulate the liquor traffic by closing the saloons on one side of the street and allowing those on the other to run wide open 24 hours of the day is worse than folly. No little boy, with an appetite for jam, was ever kept from it by closing the lid on one jar when another stood uncovered on the same shelf. Such abortive efforts to abolish the saloon evil place a premium on "blind pigs," pave the channel of prejudice and treachery and create an open market for the illegal traffic of liquor, bolstered up as it must be in many cases by perjury.

There are saloonless towns in the Willamette Valley where drunkenness is more prevalent than it was in the time of high license. The reasons? A few steps away, where local option does not predominate, the saloons thrive on twice the patronage enjoyed before the law became operative. And even in the prohibition districts themselves the very nature of the secret and illegal traffic of the "blind pigs," gives rise to excesses. Local option fails miserably either in prohibition, regulation or hindrance.

When the state as a whole places upon the statute books an unqualified prohibition measure then there is little doubt that a commendable and worthy step will have been taken. When it is made a crime to manufacture whiskey or beer within the state; when the selling or buying for individual use is branded an act which finds classification in the penal code of our statutes; when the sale of Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Peruna, Dr. Pierce's feminine highballs and a score of other liquor-polluted nostrums, imbued now as freely among the church members and prohibitionists as they are in the circles of those who oppose their creeds or who are in business diametrically opposed to their doctrines—whenever the manufacture, importation, sale or traffic of intoxicating beverages is made a crime punishable by imprisonment, then the prohibitionists and the prohibition movement will have gained the goal towards which it strives and a step taken worthy the support of every right-thinking and moral man.

But local option can never accomplish this much. To endeavor to check the sale of liquor in one precinct or county when a few steps away the beverage can be purchased and brought in borders on the farcical. The theory is so unreasonable, so impractical, so futile, that the wonder is there is any man of sound mentality who seriously considers the scheme.

Whiskey and beer are manufactured for sale. The manufacture and sale is made legal by state and national laws, and the retail traffic is legalized by similar laws. Repealing these laws will dig the root from beneath the octopus, but the much vaunted and over-estimated local option law only tantalizes the sting and clutch of its tentacles.

## Socialist Column

(Paid for at advertising rates.)

### Tenets of Social-Democracy.

(Continued from last week.)

The class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production or the making of goods, has long since ceased to be individual. Labors of scores or even thousands, enter into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by seas and continents—working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners of the tools and means of production; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interest, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded on fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

The Social-Democratic program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what forces, if the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Social-Democratic movement. The Social-Democratic party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Social Democracy means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be in the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

To that end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Social-Democratic party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class, for shortened days of labor and increases of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pension for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of income, inheritance, and of franchise of land values, the proceeds to be applied to the public employment and bettering the conditions of the worker's children and their freedom from the workshop; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the workers.

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-oper-

ative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow-workers, both for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world or even to preserve itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the constitutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of this strain and crises of civilization, the Social-Democratic movement comes as the only saving or conservative force for the workers of America and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause, to cast their lot and faith with the Social-Democratic party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers is at once an appeal for the common good and freedom, and for the freedom, and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourselves and those which we present to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic freedom of the whole man.

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