Gorvallis Times. cosvainas, onecos, JJSE 2s, In Benton Local Option-How will the November. Local option, since the recen
election, succeeds in being a election, succeeds in being a fruit-
ful theme of conversation. Whereful theme of conversation. Where-
ever three or four men congregate,
there, sooner or later, local option bobs up to be talked, about. Gen erally, there is speculation con
cerning where and when the new law will be put into operation there is wonder if the measure will stand the fire of the courts, and
usually an agreement that it looks asually an agreement that it looks
as as if the saloons must go from
many of the counties of the state.
Of course the question will be voted on in Bentou in November
and oplinion is general that it will and opinion is general that it will
carry the county. A vigorous fight of course, will be made both for and against it, and with many the issue will completely overshad-
ow the presidential compaign ow the presidential compaign.
In Benton, the majority in favor
of enactuent of the law was 380 . The majority for it in Corvallis
was 144, as follows: Corvallis
number 1 , for, 118 : against 69 number 1, for, 118: against. 69 ;
majority, 4 ; Corvallis number 2 ,
for 113 ; against, 67 ; majority, for 113 ; against, 67 ; majority, 46 ,
Corvalis number
保, against, 7 ; majority, 3; Corvallis
number 4, for 74; against. 53; manumber 4, for 74 , aganss. 53 ; maevery precinct in the town carried
for the measure.
With this profor the measure. With this pro-
nounced majority for the enactment
of the law it is figured that in any event and under any fight, there
will be sufficient votes to put the will be sufficient votes to put the
provisions of the law into operation and to put the saloons out of
business when another ballot battle is had.
In the other precincts of the
county, the vote was as follows: county, the vote was as follows:
Soap Creek, for, 41; against, 21 ;
majority, 20 ; Willamette, for, $6 \mathbf{r}$; against, 37; majority, 24; Monroe,
for, 60 ; against, 42 ; majority, 18 ; for, 60 ; against, 42 ; majority, 1 ;
Kings Valley. for, 39 against. 44 ;
majority against, $5 ;$ Alsea, for 75 ; majority against, 5 ; Alsea, for ${ }^{75}$; for, 10; against, 20; majority
against, ro; Philomath, for, against, 10; Philomath, for, 209 ;
against, 67 ; majority, 142; Blodgett
for, 15 ; against, against, r3; Bellfountain, majority
ion,
against, 45 ; majority.
3; against, 45; majority. 33; Wren,
for, 9: against, 25; majority against
16: Fairmount, for 16; Fairmount, for, 50 ; against,
55; majority against, 5 ; total, for, in the county, 1,055 ; total against,
675 ; majority for, $3^{80}$. Majorities nere cast against the measure in
Kings Valley, Summit, Blodgett. Wren and Fairmount, but it carried every other precinct. The
heaviest majority in any one pre-
cinct for it, was in Philomath, where it carried by 142, or but two
less than the combined majorities less than the combined majorities
of the four Corvallis precincts. The cinct against it was in Wren where 16 more people didn't want
the law than was the number that the law than was the number that
desired it. All told the number o
votes Nearly 200 hundred people in the county, did not vote either for or gainst local option, and this afford
some hope for those who are against the measure. On the local option
question, the total vote was only 1730. Apparently, 200 voters dic
not have their minds made up not have their minds made up, or
else overlooked the amendments en tirely, and accordingly failed to go on record on the local option ques
tion. It is also claimed tion. It is also claimed on one side
that some people voted for the law not knowing that ifthe whole coun
ty should petition for and put loca aptiou into eirect that no indinct could by its own vote a gainst it, in the November election, still retain saloons In other words,
it is claimed that some of those who voted for the law have changed
their minds, and will not in November vote to put its provisions in
to effect. On the other side a similar condition is declared to exist,
and accordingly, there is room for continuation of debate ahd specula tion. And it wrill doubtless continWhile in the above seem to te chance that in another test the ma-
jority might be reversed, belief is general that such an event will not happen Of the 200 people who
did not vote on the subject, befor one side to get a portion
of them as there is for the orthe Some who voted for the measure will now vote against, but the sam conditions may prevail as largely
on the other side. Of course, me may have voted for the adop some may have voted for the adop-
tion of the law having done so fo the purpose of giving people local sell as in educational and other questions who will not later vote
for enforcement of its provisions; but over against this is the stifif majority of 380 by which local option carried the county, and in the sum.
there are figures hard to wipe out.


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