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**The Liquor Question**

In looking over the news of the day one is impressed with the number of states which will wrestle with the liquor question at approaching elections.

Washington is struggling with the county unit plan; Idaho with the movement to spread prohibition over its entire face, and Oregon, already grown weary of unintelligent attempts at regulation, is being called upon again to plunge its arms into the turmoil. Luckily, however, Oregon has reached the cross-roads on the liquor question. It has come up the hy-path of local option, strewn everywhere with 50 per cent alcohol patent medicine and "near-beer" bottles, and must choose this fall one of two measures, namely:

Once more the Commercial Club exhibit booth has been furnished and garnished. The dust has been removed from the windows and the weeds and debris relegated to the dump. Red ripe apples repose in it in exchange for coin of the realm, and the master hand of it all is Henri de Redding, better known to his friends as "The Count." M. de Redding has been with us several seasons and has many friends. Originally he came from the land of the alpenstock and the chalet, and where scenery is a glut on the market. As a resident of Switzerland he became a connoisseur in cheese, and speaks three languages. He is as agile as a chamois, as polite as a Frenchman and as neat as a Dutch housewife. His patrons will be served with éclat (if apples aren't handy) and will be told of the charms of Hood River in language seductive. As purveyor of the fruits of the valley in extraordinary to the public, the Commercial Club could have made no better selection. Hats off to "The Count" for his energy and enterprise, and success to his efforts.

Initiative Bill No. 328, giving to every incorporated town and city in the state exclusive power to regulate, suppress or prohibit the sale of intoxicants. A measure, in other words, that will give prohibition that really prohibits, if a community wants it; local option that really localizes, if a community prefers that, and the law back of whichever remedy is chosen; or

State-wide prohibition, so-called.

One has only to read the news reports appearing in the daily papers to draw conclusions as to the reason for the state-wide prohibition movement in Oregon this year. A short time ago 15 men were in jail in Malheur county for boot-legging; scores of men have been arrested at Gardiner, Condon, Madras, Roseburg and a dozen other places for the same offense. The greatest infractions of the law have, for the most part, been in the "dry" counties. In these districts, where local option under the present statute has been brought into play, the sale of intoxicants continues. "Near beer" resorts scrape off the labels on beer that is nearer. The contents are the same as before. Consumers, as a rule, are not analytical chemists and so, of course, do not subject their draughts to the test to determine whether they contain more than the regulation 2 per cent alcohol.

Along this same line comes the report from Collector of Internal Revenue Dunne, in whose summary it is shown that although 21 of the 34 counties in Oregon are "dry," the collections on distilled liquors and beer licenses are nearly \$57,000 larger than last year. The figures are indisputable. They establish a startling and commanding fact: Prohibition, instead of reducing, has actually increased the consumption of liquor.

In the face of these facts and statistics, one pauses to ask what increase in law-breaking and liquor consumption will be in evidence if the entire state votes itself into the "dry" column. Rather wouldn't it be wiser to enact a law that will control the evil instead of having the evil control the law and the people?

To give each community the absolute and exclusive power to regulate, suppress or prohibit the sale of intoxicants, such as is proposed in Initiative Bill No. 328, providing for a constitutional amendment, has a truer ring and is apparently rounded on better logic than the local option law, which has largely failed of its purpose, or state-wide prohibition, whose effectiveness is subject to heavy discount.

**Random Shots**  
 BY THE EDITOR

For several years, as the time for the fruit fair came around, everybody got up on their hind legs and declared we must have a fruit fair building. There was no use talking, we must have it. After the fair was over the idea of constructing a building gradually became a dim memory until a few days before the next fair. Then once more the chorus. The howl last year being a little more vociferous than previous efforts, resulted in a committee being appointed to solicit funds. The committee worked faithfully, but some time had elapsed, the necessity for the building was beginning to be forgotten and it was almost allowed to fall by the wayside again. Happily this time, however, a committee of energetic citizens got busy, circulated a subscription paper, told the people we must have the money, and it now looks as if the long talked of fruit fair building would materialize. With the coming of a home, the Hood River fruit fair will take rank as one of the most important events, not only in the valley, but on the coast. There will be other apple fairs, but none like Hood River's. Its benefits will be incalculable. Hurrah!

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For the first time since his triumphant return from South Africa, T. Roosevelt was made aware during the past week that he is no longer president, and that the seat of Uncle Sam's government has not been transferred from Washington, D. C., to Oyster Bay. The job was administered indirectly through President Taft and directly through the powers that be in the New York state Republican party, who turned Teddy down as an aspirant for temporary chairman of the state convention. While only a slap on the wrist, the noise reverberated through the land and gave the potentate of Oyster Bay notice to keep off the grass. Nobody can deny that Teddy had something coming to him after being the father of the movement to make Big Bill president, and then butting in. This he has done repeatedly since his return from shooting up darkest Africa and telling the powers of Europe where to get off. Of course if the constitution of the United States allowed of two presidents, it might be nice to have one of them located at Oyster Bay, if Kansas had no objection, but so far we have managed to peg along very nicely, thank you, with one. The big man in the White House has been able to give his countrymen pretty good government without an assistant president, and we doubt not that there many who would appreciate T. R. more highly in the position of the nation's foremost private citizen rather than in the role of self-appointed dictator. The hero of San Juan hill is too big a man to jeopardize the high position he is held in by the American people by stooping to petty politics. His honors are many, his admirers legion. He can well be content to rest on his laurels and let Taft conduct his administration unhampered.

**POLITICAL COLUMN**

**County Surveyor**  
 I wish to announce my candidacy before the primaries on the Republican ticket for the position of county surveyor of Hood River county.—P. M. Morse.—Adv.

**County Clerk**  
 Having been recommended by the Republican County Assembly as a suitable candidate for county clerk, I wish to announce that I will come before the primaries September 24th for the nomination. I believe that I am duly qualified to administer the affairs of the office, and will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.—Howard Isenberg.—Adv.

**Candidate for County Surveyor**  
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county surveyor at the Republican primaries to be held Saturday, September 24th.—Harry Hackett.—Adv.

**Candidate for County Clerk**  
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of county clerk of Hood River county at the primary nominating election to be held Sept. 24.—W. E. Hanson.—Adv.

**County Surveyor**  
 I wish to announce myself as a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Hood River county on the Republican ticket at the primaries September 24th.—Murray Kay.—adv.

**County Surveyor**  
 Having been recommended by the Republican County Assembly as a suitable candidate for county surveyor, I wish to announce that I will come before the primaries September 24th for the nomination.—C. M. Hurlburt.—Adv.

**Candidate for Sheriff**  
 I wish to notify the voters of Hood River county that having been recommended by the Republican assembly for the office of sheriff, I am a candidate for the nomination for same, subject to the primaries September 24, 1910.—G. R. Castner.—Adv.

**For Sheriff**  
 I wish to announce that I am a direct primary candidate, on the Republican ticket, for the nomination of sheriff of Hood River county subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election on September 24, 1910.—Thos. F. Johnson.—Adv.

**For County Judge**  
 The undersigned wishes every voter to understand that as an Assembly Republican he expects to be a candidate at the primary nominating election, Sept. 24, 1910, for the office of county judge, or any other office he can get. No cocktails.—Newton Clark, Aspirant.—Adv.

**Candidate for County Commissioner**  
 I hereby announce to the voters of Hood River county that I am a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner on the Republican ticket at the primaries Sept. 24th. If nominated and elected I will serve all the people of the county to the best of my ability. O. H. BROADBENT.

**Candidate for Assessor**  
 I wish to announce that I am a candidate before the Republican primary for assessor and have duly filed my declaration. Having been deputy assessor for five years I feel that I am competent to fill the office and if elected will serve the county and taxpayers to the best of my ability.—Joseph Wicker.—Adv.

**For County Assessor**  
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of county assessor at the primary nominating election to be held September 24, 1910. In making this announcement I wish to state to the public that if I receive the nomination and election to this office, I will endeavor, to the best of my ability, to perform the duties required by the office in a systematic and business-like manner and in a way that will be satisfactory to all concerned.—Henry L. Howe.—Adv.

**Candidate for County Judge**  
 I herewith announce to the voters of Hood River county that I am a direct primary candidate, on the Republican ticket, for the nomination for county judge of Hood River county, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election on September 24th. Yours for good roads.—G. D. Woodworth.—Adv.

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