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## Home Rule

Mr. J. R. Knoedell, state superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, takes the editor of the News to task for espousing the cause of a constitutional amendment giving cities and towns the right to vote, exclusive of the county precincts, on license or no-license and further exclusively empowering incorporated towns to license, regulate, control or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the municipality. Further, he states that the Home Rule people ruthlessly break the law in a score of places in Oregon, furnish bootleggers with liquor and have encouraged them to trample the Local Option law under foot, etc., etc.

In the first place it must be taken for granted that Mr. Knoedell is a professional prohibitionist, otherwise he would not be occupying the position he does. It is also probable that he is either imbued with the hatred and prejudice that mention of any broad view of the liquor question stirs in a man of this character, or he is acting as a hired agent. In either case he is entitled to indulgence. Mr. Knoedell is not the first prohibitionist to brand any man or men who believe in handling the liquor traffic or evils of liquor in a different manner from him by the name of "rummy," or that has given way to a fanatical sentiment that exists with the individual or among people in the mass. We find this sentiment as far back as history goes and with it the use of liquor. In fact we find it in Lincoln's time and we find that this great man delivered an address on the subject before a society that was organized to spread the gospel of temperance through persuasion, and that in one part of it he gave voice to words that fit the times admirably and were as follows:

"The warfare heretofore waged against the demon intemperance has somehow or other been erroneous. Either the champions engaged or the tactics they have adopted have not been the most proper. These champions for the most part have been preachers, lawyers and hired agents. And again, it is so common and so easy to ascribe motives to men of these classes other than those they profess to act upon. The preacher, it is said, advocates temperance because he is a fanatic and desires a union of the church and state; the lawyer from his pride and vanity of hearing himself speak; and the hired agent for his salary.

"In my judgment, it is to the battles of this new class of champions that our late success is greatly, perhaps chiefly owing. But had the old-school champions themselves been of the most wise selecting, was their system of tactics the most judicious? It seems to me it was not. Too much denunciation against dram-sellers and dram-drinkers was indulged in. This I think was both impolitic and unjust. It was impolitic, because it is not much in the nature of a man to be driven to anything; still less to be driven about that which is exclusively his own business."

This is the keynote of the Home Rule amendment; to let the people of their own districts decide their own business.

As to the men who are advocating the passage of the Home Rule amendment, the statement that they are interested in the liquor traffic is untrue. It numbers among its advocates many of the prominent business and professional men of the state, none of whom are interested in the liquor business. If they were, however, they would certainly have a right to a sane view of the question. The constitution of the Home Rule association defines the eligibility of its members consensually as follows:

Article III—Sec 1. The members of this Association shall be citizens of Oregon, firms, associations or corporations engaged in business in Oregon, but no person, firm or corporation engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor shall be eligible for membership, except hotel and innkeepers whose principal occupation is the serving of food and lodging to guests.

The Home Rule amendment is not for the purpose of pouring a stream of liquor over the state, as avowed by the learned superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, who apparently knows so much more of its objects than those who are advocating it. The object of the amendment is to make each city, town and precinct responsible for abuses of the liquor laws, whether it decides for or against liquor; to

place the enforcement of the law on the authorities who police the cities and to do away with a conflict of authority between county and town officers. Three officers can enforce the law more efficiently in a small area than 100 can in a district bounded by the county lines. It is easier to perform custody on 3,000 persons that are segregated than it is three scattered over an unpopulated district within any limits.

The statement by Mr. Knoedell that the men who are advocating the Home Rule amendment have made a farce of the Local Option law is erroneous. The men who voted to put the Local Option law into effect are the same men who are now in favor of the Home Rule amendment. Any student of this question knows that it is not the avowed prohibitionist who makes the laws prohibiting or regulating the sale of liquor. It is the man of independent thought who wields that power on this serious question and who steps in when the unscrupulous element gets into control and puts it out of business. It is these men who are seeking to control the situation with the support of the sovereign people.

Mr. Knoedell knows intimately, or else he is ignorant of the good that exists in the rank and file of the American people, that any such statement as the following is absolutely false:

"Allow me to suggest the first and most immediate evils that would flow from such a consummation. Every restrictive law would be repealed. The law against selling liquor on election day, selling to minors, keeping saloons open on Sunday, selling to women without meals, allowing women within saloons, selling to confirmed drunkards, placing saloons near schools and churches; in fact, all law, state and local, on the liquor question would be by this enactment wiped from our code, and the liquor saloon would stand as a special favorite entrenched in the constitution of the state."

The law abiding, progressive, fair minded and honest citizens of the great commonwealth of Oregon, which we thank Providence are still in the majority in the state, will see to it that no law is adopted "sweeping from the statute books all laws now restraining the liquor traffic."

As to Home Rule not being as efficient as the Local Option law, it is more efficient and wherever the people insist on it, it is absolutely prohibitory, as is evidenced in the Sunday closing of saloons in many cities, while liquor is obtainable in the country districts on that day.

This opponent of the Home Rule amendment tells us that if every city in the state but one prohibited the selling of liquor, from that one a constant stream of the latter would flow all over the state. We will go further than this. If every city in the state voted to prohibit its sale, unless the people of Oregon did what has never been done in this country or any other since the taste of fermented liquor was discovered, a constant stream would still flow in to be consumed secretly, the most demoralizing of all forms of tippling.

Again, "prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor is not the only safe cure." If prohibition laws restraining its sale and manufacture in the United States were passed and the government employed its entire naval forces in patrolling both coasts and its army on the borders of Canada and Mexico the drink evil would still flourish. For over fifty years the authority and resources of the United States government have been employed in endeavoring to restrain a little band of men in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia from distilling liquor secretly and have failed. Prisoners have manufactured liquor in jails and bootleggers in cellars. Its use is universal. It is something that is, and cannot be eradicated by force. Safety lies in the direction of its control and in the gradual, reasonable education of the people against its use or abuse, rather than through tyranny or a drastic legislation which fails to get the support of the people.

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## POLITICAL COLUMN

## Candidate for Sheriff

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff before the primaries September 24th, 1910.—Wm. Ganger.—Adv.

## 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.

**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.

## 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.

**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

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 decision of the voters at 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.

## 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. Rhoades.—Adv.

## 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.—Jasper Wickham.—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.

## 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.

## County Treasurer

Having been recommended by the Hood River Republican county assembly for county treasurer, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for that office at the primaries Sept. 24th.—J. M. Schmeitzer.—Adv.

## For County Commissioner

Believing that the interests of the upper valley are entitled to a representative in the affairs of the county, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for that office at the Republican primaries September 24th.—Chas. Steinhauer.—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.

## County Judge

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination as County Judge of Hood River county on the Republican ticket, subject to the Republican primaries. I am in favor of Statement No. 1 and am an enthusiastic advocate of the extension of the good road scheme and if nominated and elected will do all that I can toward the same.—Chas. N. Clarke.—Adv.

## For Joint Representative

Having received the unsolicited recommendation and endorsement of the Republican State and District Assembly, as Joint Representative, for Wasco and Hood River counties, I hereby announce myself as a candidate, subject to the decision of the voters of the Republican party of said district at the primary to be held Sept. 24, 1910; and if nominated and elected I shall use my best judgment and ability to the discharge of the duties of the office.—Alex. Stewart.—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.

## For Joint Representative

I desire to announce to the voters of Wasco and Hood River counties my candidacy for the Republican nomination for joint representative. I am opposed to the assembly plan of nominations. I have signed statement No. 1 and if nominated and elected will support the direct primary, the initiative, the referendum, and work to improve school and road legislation. Wise economy should be practiced in the use of the people's money.—Frank M. Gill, Dufur, Wasco Co.—Adv.

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