VOTE FOR \$1000

SALOON LICENSE

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was carried, as was a motion of Mr. Watson that the bond requirement be left out. During the entire meeting there was such a decided sentiment against the pro-visions of the bill that there is certain to be a stubborn fight when it comes up CARRIES BY ONLY ONE VOTE to be a stubborn light when if comes up for adoption in the committee's report at the special meeting. If sufficient op-position can be mustered it would not be surprising if at that time it would be decided to drop the matter entirely. According to statements made last night there will probably be several withdrawals from the organization if the bill is indorsed in its present form.

By a bare majority of one the Initiative One Hundred last night voted its indorsement of a \$1000 saloon license

for Portland. The consideration of the license bill brought about a bitter fight that threatened at times to disrupt the organization. Although the mail features of the bill were carried. the opposing factions were so evenly mitched that an attempt may yet be made to kill the bill in the organization or to materially change it before it is submitted to the voters next June. The bill, which includes the \$100) license and many drastic restrictions upon saloons, was brought up as a special order of business. Its provisions were immediately assailed with a storm of objections and an attempt was made citaer to drop the measure altogether or to change it almost completely. Friends of the bill ralled to its sup-port and after a spirited debate the \$1600 license was recommended as op-

No sooner had the license question been made the order of the meeting than J. Frank Watson began the atupon the measure. The bill itself ny part of it was not read during ression, but the discussion revolved any part of around the general project, centering from time to time upon motions made.

Thinks Organization Presumptuous.

"I do not believe that this bill has any place in the duties of the Initia-tive One Hundred," said Mr. Watson when the subject was opened. "When I joined this body I understood that subjects along the lines of politics, religion and morals were not to be taken up. If I had not believed this the case I would not have joined, and I shall say right now that is you do take up such things I shall draw out from the committee.

I have seen every phase of the "I have seen every phase of the liquor question. I have seen high li-cense, low license and prohibition, and

rote the amendment was lost by 10 to 11 and the original motion was carried by he same vote. Further objection was raised when Mr. McKenna made a motion against allow-ing women in saloons, as was another concerning early closing. Mr. McKenna then moved that the provision against free lunch be stricken from the bill, which was consider a stricken from the bill, which

effects to his cell, but Captain Slover re-

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ern Railway.

to liquor legislation and kindred sub-icets, instead of the higher interests of the city, we are going to get into trouble

"Those are practically my sentiments," declared George P. Lent. "I favor a high license, but I do not think that we have ess considering a subject of this In my opinion the committee will break up if we do not drop this bill." Seneca Smith, chairman of the com-mittee that prepared the bill, was the first to come to its defense. He called attention to the fact that the bill had heen authorized by a resolution which provided for practically everything con-tained in R. "We cannot back out now if we want to," he declared. The public knows that we have taken up this sub-ject and there is talk now that the liquor men do not like the bill that we have prepared. If we give up now, the pub-ile will regard us as under the control of the liquor element, just as they look upon the Council. If we do not go on with this bill, we might just as well dissolve the Initiative One Hundred."

C. Ainsworth resented any insinuation that the committee is under the influence of the liquor dealers, but he as-serted that the proposed bill was far from being the sentiments of the organization as a whole. The liquor business, he said, has rights which should not be attacked unjustly. He then took up the questions asked by President McKenna in his call for the meeting and said that an \$500 H. cense would bring in more money to the city than one of \$1000 and that it would be preferable in many other ways. He was also of the opinion that the committee should not enter into questions of such character.

Has Helped in Other Citles.

On the question of increased revenue, issue was taken with Mr. Ainsworth by P. L. Willis. He said that the \$1000 license had proved beneficial in other cities and that it would be the same in Portland. He was of the opinion that the bill would be given general support and urged that it be indorsed. Because of his connection with the ho-

tel business, D. J. Quimby said that he was the only member present connected with the saloons. He opposed the high license on the grounds that it would shut out the small saloons, which he said were the least objectionable in the city. "I run a small har in my hotel and it is an orderly one," shouted Mr. Quimby. "If you want to put me out of business and other places of the same kind, go ahead and adopt a \$1000 license."

For the sake of the workingman, H. H. Emmons said that the bill of the com-mittee should be killed. He spoke against the Sunday closing clause, saying that the privilege of buying beer when he the privilege of buying beer when he pleased should be conceded to every one. In attempting to prevent a few loafers from drinking too much, he said, the bill would work a hardship upon thousands of

this juncture President McKenna called Vice-President Drake to the chair in order to speak upon the subject. "I want to make myself clear that I am in favor of better whisky and better morals and more taxes for the city, Mr. Watson," he said, referring to the openng speech against the bill. "This is of the most important subjects that the committee could take up and there is no ceason for us to back out on the step that we have taken. I did not shrink from a fight and I believe that the peo-ple will back me up in this matter by



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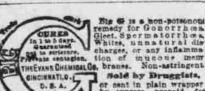
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