Local Optionists Desert Prohibitionists.

SAY THEY WERE DECEIVED

Drastic Operation of Law Is Not Approved.

PROMISES ARE NOT FULFILLED

Even Dr. J. R. Wilson, President of the Anti-Saloon League, Will Vote Against "Dry" County, Although Opposed to Liquor.

Prohibitionists find themselves descried in Multnoman County by most of the lo-cal optionists who tolled by their side last June. 'The citizens' committee of 50 and the Anti-Seloon League are in large part working against the purposes of the Pro-his. The cause of the split is the action of the Probis in using the local-option law as a means toward securing county pro-hibition. The law is so framed that when county pro-libition is brought up as an issue, electors cannot vote for a "dry" precinct without casting their ballot for a "dry" county.

"dry" county.

The erstwhile allies of the Prohis do now depose and sar they never intended that the two issues should thus be hooked up inseparably together; indeed, many of them declare they did not know last June that such a yoking together was possible under the law. Consequently, confessions are frequently wafted through the circumamblent air to the effect that the Prohis are base deceivers. But the coldwater partisans deny the allegation.

Will Vote Against Prohibition. Dr. J. R. Wilson, president of the State

Dr. J. R. Wilson, president of the State Anti-Saloon League, says that he will not support the cause of county prohibition. In like manner speaks E. Quackenbush, the most active spirit of the Citigens' Committee, and four-fifths of the members of that body are of the same mind. Dr. Wilson, when asked yeaterday if he would vote "no" to county prohibition, replied that he would not support it. He said that county prohibition is not possible without a "vigorous and sustained" majority behind it, and that such did not exist in Multnomah County. But precinct prohibition, he averred, was feasible, and because the bill enacted at the polis in the last election was offered to that in the last election was offered to that end, he and the Anti-Saloon League sup-ported it. The use to which the law has been invoked, he declared, is inconsistent with the purpose which actuated him and he associates

Asked for a statement, Dr. Wilson gave

Dr. J. R. Wilson's Statement. I have said that I should not vote for pro-hibition in Multinomah County at the approach-ing election. This is not because I favor, un-der any circumstances, the saloon. As an in-stitution I regard it as an evil and a standing menses to society; as tending to lower the standard of morals, to corrupt positics, and to decrease the economic value to the community of its natures.

At the same time I recognize the fact that

chiefy for two reasons:

First—While many precincts of the county gave majorities for the local-option law, the county as a whole did not. Even if the vote could now be forced to a majority in the county as ty, a powerful opposition in a large number of precincts of the city would render the law in those precincts a dead letter and so react nfavorably on the sentiment of the commun

untravorably on the sentiment of the community at large.

Becond—A large number of those who voted for the law in Portland in June—perhaps a large majority of them—did so, I am persuaded, because of its local-option provisions. So far as I had any part in the presentation of the law it was as a local-option research. So far as I had any part in the presentation of the law, it was as a local-option measure. This is true also, I believe, of the association of which I am a member. Believing, as I do, that the majority of those who voted for the law in this county voted for it as thus presented to them, I cannot now vote for any measure for making that law operative, inconsistent with representations which I made or had part in making when asking men to vote for the law.

local-option continent of the state. If the law had been modified as some of us who were its active advocates wished it had been modi-fied, and hope yet to see it modified, it would have received a wastly larger vote in the city and a larger majority in the state at large.

Committee's Wishes Not Heeded.

Mr. Quackenbush insisted that the Citi-sens' Committee had never intended that the law should be used as the Prohibi-tionists have applied it to this county. Their purpose had been to secure prohi-bition only in precincts, he said. When asked what would be his choice in a close balance between a "wet" home precinct and a "dry" county, he answered prompt-ly that prohibition for the county as yet was inopportune; that abatement of the liquer evil could not be secured in that manner and that county prohibition, if enforced, would entail "social war." "I'm a Prohibitionist." he remarked. "but not of the theoretical partisan

J. Thorburn Ross, who was a promi-nent member of the Citizens' Committee, said he was a local optionist, but no Pro-hibitionist. "I had no idea," he remarked, "that county prohibition would be at-tempted in the coming election."

Violates Principle of Local Option. J. N. Teal has made a close study of the law and pointed out its incompati-bilities, showing how it "violates the fundamental principle of local option."

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was the fact.

The word "toption" implies a choice, and if such right of choice does not exist it is not an "option" law. Moreover, if a majority has the right ought to be as sacred in the hands of one set of persons as another. It is on this principle, as I understand it, the Prohibitionist takes his stand. If this falls his case falls. The law as adopted makes the "dry" majority effective, but limits the effect of a "wet" majority offective, but limits the effect of a "wet" majority to as a whole goes "fary every precinct in it must cease the sale of liquice, notwithstanding may be more presence in the county was

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One-Sided Feature of Law.

If, on the contrary, the county as a who

prohibition prohibition is enforced in such precincts. It will be observed in this case that the majority does not govern. If the rule is right in one instance it is in the other, or if wrong in one it is in the other.

This law violates the fundamental principle of local option, for under it a country community can force its will on a town or city. Besides this, the law is unfair in other particulars, and puts obstacles in the way of the community's reversal of its own judgment. For instance, if the election results in favor of prohibition an election cannot be held again for two years: if against prohibition an election can be held each year. If, in an election held for a whole county, it goes for prohibition, 'no election can thereafter be held in any subdivision or precinct thereof until after prohibition has been defeated at a subsequent election for the same purpose held for the entire county."

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It will thus be seen the "option" is largely one-edded. It can readily be seen what great injustice might and probably will result from the operation of the law as it now stands. As an illustration, if the voters in the country precincts happened to be for prohibition and outnumbered the city votes against it, even though the city went against it, even though the city went against it, prohibition would be enforced against the will of its citi-sens by the voters of communities having no direct concern in the matter so far as it affects the city.

On the other hand, if the voters of the city

At the same time I recognize the fact that the extinction or regulation of the salson in any community depends upon a strongly controlling sentiment in that community. A mere majority vote will not do it. The majority must be decided enough in numbers and vigorous and suscained enough in purpose to put its will into effect and keep it operative. Hence in temperance legislation I favor the principle of local option, which aims at the abolition of the salson in communities where the sentiment is strongly in favor of abolishing it.

To the measure as it is now before the voters of Multmomah County I am opposed, chiefly for two reasons:

First. While many precipits of the county. would approve the law, although he might sup port it. A prohibitionist could both approve and support it, for in it are the elements of a

TO CLOSE LOCAL CAMPAIGN.

Prohibition Rallies Will Be Held in Churches.

If the enemies of liquor in Oregon have not actual hatchets out like the lady from Kansas who has been the cause of so much trouble to the saloon men of the Middle West, they at least have

donned their war paint and are out to fight the fee to a finish on Tuesday. Those who are at the head of the Prohibition campaign say that they are very much pleased with the prospect for vic-tories here and there throughout the state. The reports that are coming in state. Permit me to add that I do not believe that he vote last June fully represented the real contests are being waged are good news for the prohibition cause, so the leaders and been modified as some of us who were say. In many of the counties the question is thought to be as good as settled, but in others there is a good fighting chance for either side.

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Letters have been sent to every min-ister in the state by the management of the prohibition campaign asking that today be set aside as Prohibition day, and that today each minister devote at least one meeting to the cause of temperance.

It is thought that the call will be generally heeded, and that today there will be scarcely a single church in all the state in which one meeting is not held in an swer to the request.
In Portland and vicinity the campaign

is being most eagerly carried on. This afternoon, at 3 o'clock, there will be a mass meeting at the White Temple, where the people will be addressed by several ministers on the question of pro-hibition. At the same time there will be a neeting for men only held at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms. This meeting will also be in the hands of some of the leading temperance workers of the city. Special meetings will be held in many of the churches, while at Sunnyside, Montavilla and Sellwood arrangements have been completed for prohibition meet-

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if they lose at this time they would consider their defeat to mean the virtual nullification of the local option law.

BELIEVES LAW IS WITH HIM Colonel W. E. Applegate Awaits Decision in Poolroom Case.

Colonel William El Applegate, of Louisville, Ky., owner of the Warwick Turf Exchange, which is the subject of important pending litigation, is at the Portland on his way to Southern California where he will spend the Winter. Coionel Appiegate is the owner of some 30 poolrooms in various parts of the United States, and last Spring he entered the Portland field and has expended considerable money here in attempting to operate his poolselling establishment.

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"We have conducted what we believe to be a respectable, orderly place here. Our business has been run honestly. I have never met with such difficulty as has confronted, me in Portland, and I've been in the business a long time, but I am a lawabiding citizen and if the law is against me here I shall abide by it. The matter is in the hands of my attorneys and I have nothing to say in the matter. It all depends on the decision of the courts, and I will comply strictly with whatever decision may be made. I didn't come here expressly to discuss the matter of the Warwick, but merely stopped off on my way to California, where I spend my Winters."

Ireland Day at World's Fair. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.—Ireland day was observed at the World's Fair today, and the regular attendance was considerably augmented by the members of the United Irish Societies of St. Louis. President Francis welcomed the assemblage and speeches were made by Archbishop J. J. Glennon, Dr. D. S. Phelan and Brother Bernardine, of Christian Brothers' College the latter being delivered in the Gaelic tongue.

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