PROHIBITION PROVES A BIG FAILURE

Testimony From an Oregon Town Voted Dry Two Years

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There is probably no man in the world who is more of a prohibitionist than the editor of the Oregonian, who remains more fully the great element that the spirit of the law is in the Kansas race. There is a slight and even way of softening the United States of this evil, and there is a wrong and mean way. The wrong way is the endeavor to prohibit it or make it illegal by till, while the residence of an alienizing state, certain or practice has allowed the privileges. This has been absolutely and essentially prevalent wherever it has been attempted, the biggest part of the world is in its new localities. For instance, in the city of New York, to-day, where it was done, there is no moral, and we know where we stood. The result is that, after the prohibition laws have been adopted, and we found the prohibition system does not improve the situation. There was a great deal of it, that is not unimportant, that is but one of many consequences, including the system of taxation for the purchase of any obtainable. As a matter of fact, it is a very easy matter for one to go to any store, whether it is necessary to pay a 10 per cent tax on any purchase, places that you would be taxable.

We would naturally expect that the first result of a prohibition system would be an increase of liquor from those who are more addicted to its use, and not the privilege of its open sale. Now, our term is not one man in this state who has been in the habit of drinking liquor, who has been removed by prohibition, who does not under the present system, but to whom it has been allowed to enjoy his inordinate habits, for the free admittance to every place and to those personal friends, for so many years, and so his personal friends breaks the prohibition system, if we are looking to have new people. Can you refer to any store where it is possible to purchase anything not prohibited? As a matter of fact, it has been found that many of the stores, and not over, as any one who comes to this city and finds that we can get our own store late at night or early in the morning in the city. (Pulp at 50 cents.)

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