

# Lincoln County Leader Supplement

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## To the Voters.

Editor LEADER:—The whisky people are having a great deal to say about the conditions in Lincoln county since the county voted out the saloons. Does any one think they are telling the truth? They say that more whisky and other intoxicants have been used in the county since it was voted dry than before. This is not true, but if it were true, does anyone suppose they would wish for the saloon again and that by having it their supply of liquor will be cut off.

The county has received about \$1000 in fines. And this amount would have been more than doubled had many of the people who knew of the violations reported the cases and assisted the authorities in prosecuting them.

The county has reduced its debt from \$50,000 to \$10,000 since the saloons closed their doors. This is good proof that our county is moving along nicely without the saloon. When the saloons were in the county the incorporated towns received the license and the taxpayers of the county had to pay the expenses caused by them. Every taxpayer and every voter in the county, voting for his own interest and for the interest of the county, which is every persons interest, will vote that saloons be kept out and not only that saloons be kept out but work to see that the violators be prosecuted and made to obey the laws of the county.

Since the saloons have been closed the little town of Toledo has done a great deal of improvement and is fast reducing its debt with the same levy.

The breweries and liquor firms are sending money and whiskey into the county and employing men to work to put the county wet. Have we a voter, within the boundaries of Lincoln county, who will be influenced by the literature, money or whiskey sent here? It is hoped and expected that every voter will cast his vote for the good of the county and not to help the liquor houses to rob the people of the county.

Many of the voters received a circular letter from the Salem Brewery setting forth their false views on

the situation in this county.

They say, that those responsible for the Act becoming a law, that the sale of liquor would be absolutely prohibited. We have law violators here as else where. The lovers of the law have done their part but the violators of the law have been at work whenever and wherever they could. We have laws against robbery and murder. Are these crimes entirely wiped out?

They say that the saloon has been closed and that we have in there place double the number of "blind pigs" etc. Do you find the prohibition people running the blind pig or do you find people who have no regard for law or respectability? Would it not be a wise thing for the whiskey people to look about them for a while and see if they can not find the violators of the law in their own ranks. Say, whiskey man, have you no respect for law and order? If you have why not be honest and help the law abiding people enforce the laws.

They say that drunkenness has vastly increased and that minors who never would have secured liquor from a well regulated saloon are now frequently drunk. This is all false. Did anyone ever know of a well-regulated saloon?

Say, whiskey man, would you like to have your wife and daughters spend their time in one of these "Well Regulated Saloons" and become associates with the men found in them?

It is needless to comment more on the false statements set up in the brewery letter mentioned.

Every lover of law and order knows that the conditions in Lincoln county are better that they were when the saloon was here and furthermore if the law violators will become obeyors of the law conditions will become much better.

Now voter, what are you going to do on next Monday, are you going to vote for building up good homes in the county or are you going to cast your vote for a thing that has broken up more homes, caused more murders and crimes of all kinds than any one thing that ever existed?

GEORGE BETHERS.

J. F. Brown was over from Siletz Wednesday.

Harry Eyer came down from Elk City last evening.

Pres Price of Kings Valley has business in Toledo today.

Scott Lane was over from Siletz Wednesday and Thursday.

I. M. Tindell went down to the lower bay on last evening's train.

Toledo ball team and a big bunch of fans will go to Elk City Sunday to play a game with the Elk City boys.

E. J. Avery went to Yaquina last evening to fit the pipe and steam fixtures in the new steamboat Newport.

Miss Ethel Ross who had been taking testimony in the government contest cases, returned to her home-stand on the lower Siletz Sunday.

Capt. Dick Evens passed through from Corvallis last evening, accompanied by his son, Leslie, who has just recovered from a severe case of scarlet fever.

Rev. Feese preached the Memorial sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday. Those who were fortunate enough to hear him were well paid for attending.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. W. J. Wade, who suffered a broken arm by a fall a year ago next Monday, is now able to use the injured arm considerable and that it is nearly healed.

Col. Robert A. Miller during his visit in Toledo last week called on the Toledo Schools and treated the teachers and pupils to one of his eloquent, instructive and entertaining addresses, which was highly appreciated by all.

A deal is on whereby E. L. Chatfield will probably sell out his hardware business here to Frank Newton and Arthur Nye. Invoice of the stock will be commenced tomorrow and if the deal goes through Messrs. Newton and Nye will take over the business immediately.

Rev. C. M. Brown, our former County Judge, who with his family left this county two years ago and has since been living in New Mexico, is now at Ashland and will probably locate there. The family is yet in New Mexico. People simply cannot remain away from Oregon after having once lived here.