

DR. WILSON NOT ENEMY OF LOCAL OPTION LAW

Portland, Or., Feb. 3.—To the Editor of The Journal—In last night's Telegram, and on the first page, is an article headed, "Rev. Mr. Wilson Sole Champion," in which it is designed to place me in the position of advocating a certain bill amending our local option law and being pushed through the legislature by F. E. Reed.

My connection with this enterprise dates from a meeting of four or five ministers by invitation of Mr. Reed, at his home, with three subsequent meetings I was invited to meet Mr. Reed, singular to talk over certain changes that the brewers would like made in the local option law, and which they hoped the temperance forces would unite with them upon. While there are two or three very slight changes that could be made without serious detriment to our present law, I soon found that these were not the changes the liquor men proposed to make, and that therefore we could not deal. Since that time I have used my utmost endeavor to keep out of complexity with any of these moves, and have frankly told these gentlemen that their attempt to exempt cities from the local option law would be resisted by the combined temperance forces of this state to the utmost.

In spite of this fact that I had met and for the sake of getting together, been willing to consider one or two slight changes, has caused me to be quoted by some persons as a critic of the local option law. I have done what I could to correct this report, but now the climax is reached by a meeting on the Sabbath, supposed to have been called at my house to discuss the local option law, and which has been written up largely to my detriment, purporting to give at length long and eloquent speeches, the like of which I have never been able to deliver, in which I am supposed to have made myself the champion of the liquor dealers' amendment, and talked about being morally pledged to go to the legislature to extract the teeth from a local option law that for four years I have endorsed and done my utmost as a citizen to defend and enforce.

Trapped by Liquor Men.

But how came such a meeting to be held at the Centenary parsonage? Thereby hangs a tale. On Sunday morning, was called by phone by Mr. Reed and asked if I could spare a few minutes after church to see himself and Senator Bailey. Of course I was willing to see



R. A. Caples, Who Has Been Appointed Private Secretary to Senator-Elect Chamberlain.

written to a senator who had written me to ask what responsibility I had in preparing certain bills now being pushed by the liquor men at Salem. This was my reply:

Portland, Or. Jan. 30, 1909.—Honorable C. W. Nottingham, State Senator, Salem Or.—My Dear Sir: In reply to your recent inquiry concerning my relation to any amendments to our local option law, will say that I am in no way interested in any revisions or amendments to the people's law, which they passed in this state five years ago by a decided majority. After every clause had been thoroughly discussed, and which they have twice defeated proposed amendments to, by a majority ranging over 10,000 the first time to 14,000 at the recent June election. Besides, you may remember that four years ago an attempt was made in the legislature to defeat the local option law by the infamous James bill, but this was defeated because of the marked public sentiment then existing and which has since been consigned to political oblivion many of the advocates of that measure.

thing to my crowd for their acceptance or rejection. After discussing one or two minor suggestions, I found that they had a bill proposing to exempt cities of 3000 inhabitants from the working of the local option law, which would have cut off the possibility of any county voting as a whole. Finding that this was insisted on by the brewers, I was convinced that we could not get together, and that ended the transaction, as far as I was concerned.

And now it is strange to me that, having failed to enter into any agreement, I should be held as having made every concession which was mentioned in the interview, although no concession was made on the other side, for they now have five or six bills before the legislature, all designed to defeat the will of the people of Oregon as expressed by our local option law as it now stands. And the fact that I have been seen by certain reporters talking with certain men who are trying to defeat the local option law, is being heralded through the press as a proof that I sanction their measures, although for four years I have been defending the local option law in the pulpit, in the press and by every means available.

"I think it the best law for the purpose on the statute books of any state, and while I do not claim perfection for it, it is the expression of the people's will and it ought not to be amended by the liquor dealers, for Oregon does not want these gentlemen to dictate her policies or write her laws any longer."

"CLARENCE TRUE WILSON."

AT THE THEATRES

Sothern Tomorrow Night.

America's foremost actor, E. H. Sothern and his excellent company, will begin an engagement of four performances at the failing theatre tomorrow night. The opening play will be the elder Sothern's famous comedy, "Lord Dundreary." This will likewise be the offering at the matinee Saturday "Richelleu" will be given Friday and "Hamlet" Saturday night. Seats selling at box office for engagement.

Much Excitement at Orpheum.

Nothing in the way of vaudeville has ever created the enthusiasm with the audience as the boxing scene in the little sketch, "The Sound of the Gong," which is showing at the Orpheum this week. Last night, an elderly gentleman in the audience excitedly cried: "Knock him out, knock him out!"

A Mysterious House.

Anything mysterious always fascinates, and that is one of the reasons why the Baker Stock company's play this week, "The House of a Thousand Candles," makes such a thrilling entertainment. It takes place in an old Indiana mansion filled with secrets.

San Francisco Opera Company.

The most popular organization of its kind ever seen in this city is Frank W. Healy's San Francisco Opera company which is at the Baker theatre this week in the great comedy success "The Strollers."

Great Sword Fight.

Those who want to see a sword fight which looks like the real article must not overlook "The Man of the Thing at the Grand." It is presented by Carlisle Moore, well known in Portland, and is living up to the reputation which preceded it from the east.

Star Specialties.

Star specialties are presented at the Star theatre five times a day. There are two matinees and three evening performances. The bill consists of seven feature acts and a better entertainment for the money has never been given in Portland.

"Shadows of a Great City" at Lyric.

All this week the Lyric Stock company are presenting for your approval the big eastern success "Shadows of a Great City." It is a play dealing with the high and low society of Greater New York.

Greatest Dog Actors in World.

Arnold's dog and monkey actors head the bill at Pastages theatre this week, presenting the pantomime "A Hot Time in Dogville," in which a dozen dogs and half a dozen monkeys take part. Dan, who plays the part of the intoxicated canine, is the star.

POLICE FIND WIFE FAINTING ON STREET

Turned out of their home by her husband's family, to whom she had been sent to live after being married less than a year, Mrs. Ida Denia White, 17 years old, wandered about the city looking for work yesterday.

until, totally exhausted and disheartened, she sank fainting on the street. Patrolman Hillis found her at Front and Clay streets late in the afternoon, and although she at first refused to give her name or tell her story, the officer identified her as having been at St. Vincent's hospital several months ago. Her husband went to San Francisco last week, she says, telling her to stay with his parents on the east side.

The unfortunate girl is still at the hospital, unable to continue her search for employment.

It appears that the surest way to become a member of the United States senate is to have a name beginning with the letter B. There are now 13 senators whose names begin with that letter and in the next congress two more will join the group. The newcomers will be Burton of Ohio and Bristow of Kansas.

Veal Smelt Salmon

THE THREE SPECIALS AT SMITH'S MARKETS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK. If you come to Smith's Alder street market be sure to avoid the markets on both sides of us. We sell better, cheaper meat than they. See that Smith's name and "Fighting the Beef Trust" are over the door and then come in.

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- Loin Veal Cutlets.....15¢
- Breast Roasts of Veal.....8¢, 10¢
- Rump Roasts of Veal.....12½¢, 15¢
- Veal Bones for broth and jelly...6¢
- Veal Stew.....8¢
- Veal Steak.....15¢
- Oregon Pork, Beef, Mutton and Lamb.....6¢, 8¢, 10¢, 12½¢, 15¢
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- Eggs 50¢ per dozen.

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Law Is Live One.

"Our state local option law is the liveliest wire in all the machinery of our government and is charged with enough force to electrocute any politician who dares to touch it. I was no friend of mine to be guilty of such folly. This is the people's law and it ought to stand as the expression of their will. This legislature will be busy modifying their own bills and reversing some of the former legislatures without tampering with the rights of the people to pass without direct legislation laws, which they consent to question. No law on the statute books of Oregon has ever had such emphatic sanction of the people as the local option law as it now stands."

"I suppose that the report that I am in favor of certain amendments grew out of the fact that I did meet on several occasions with the brewers to see if there was anything they wished we local optionists might do with them upon. It was represented to me that there were certain inequities in the law as it now stands which might be eliminated without weakening the law, and if both sides could ask for the amendments they could be passed by the present legislature without injury to the people of the state and without the brewers being able to characterize former liquor fights before our state legislature."

"It was understood that the liquor men would offer no other amendments if such an agreement could be entered into. I would have been willing to go that way in any reasonable suggestion. And although in this I represented nobody but myself, I would have been glad to have proposed any reasonable

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Carpet Remnants at Nearly One-Half

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A new lot of these Mitred Rugs just received from our Carpet-Sewing Department, made up from border and carpet remnants. In some of them the figures match almost perfectly, forming very attractive and serviceable floor rugs. They consist of Body Brussels, Axminsters, Velvets and Wiltons, etc. Sizes range from 3-9x3-9 feet to 4-6x4-6 feet. They are well made and are priced at about the cost of manufacture — (one to a customer) — and will sell while they last at from..... **75¢ TO \$1.50 EACH**

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- Reg. \$6.00 Box Seat Chairs for **\$4.25**
- Reg. \$6.50 Box Seat Chairs for **\$4.75**
- Reg. \$7.00 Box Seat Chairs for **\$5.00**

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