

# PASTOR AGAINST PROHIBITION RULE

Rev. W. A. Wasson, of Long Island, Comes Here to Talk for Home Rule.

To the list of prominent speakers in Oregon who have taken the platform against state-wide prohibition, one more has been added in the person of Rev. William A. Wasson of Riverhead, Long Island, who reached Portland last night. Dr. Wasson resigned as rector of Grace Episcopal church, Riverhead, last month, after eight years' service in the pulpit there, to give his entire time and thought to the work of temperance reform.

"I became so much interested in the cause of real temperance," he said this morning, "that I believe it my duty to oppose and defeat prohibition wherever I can, for in my judgment the prohibition movement in this country is the greatest obstacle to true temperance. As a clergyman I am especially opposed to the prohibition propaganda because the leaders of this movement are placing religion and the church in a wrong light. The Episcopal church, as a whole, is anti-prohibition."

Dr. Wasson's desire to aid the cause of real temperance and defeat prohibition is the result of years of study of the subject and active participation in fields where the prohibitory laws have been tried.

**Prohibition Fails.**  
"Experience during the past 50 years," he declared, "has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that prohibition has never succeeded in any community of any considerable size. That is where the danger lies; where the cause has been run into the ground, tripped up and ended in disaster and failure. The smaller communities labor under the mistaken belief that because a few people in a small community are total abstainers, it is an easy thing for a larger, more complex and cosmopolitan community to be likewise, and they make the fatal and grievous blunder of foisting an unenforceable law upon their city brethren."

"In the states where prohibition is a constitutional law, liquor has been sold in all the larger cities and towns, and wherever the attempt has been made to enforce the system in such places it has led to violence and riotous and murder."

"It seems to me the only just and practicable method is that advocated by the Home Rule association in initiative bill 323, which gives to each municipality the power to determine the question of license or prohibition for itself. It is neither fair nor feasible for outsiders to vote on a question that vitally affects only the people within the city which necessarily must elect its own officers to enforce the laws."

**Leads to Lawlessness.**  
"As an illustration of the futility of such a condition, we have the recent riot, reign of lawlessness, murder and then a lynching which disgraced and shamed Newark, Ohio, the result of an attempted enforcement of the prohibition law and its search and seizure provisions."

"Prohibition is always tomfoolery or a tragedy. It is either a joke which amuses people, allowing them to continue the sale of liquor illegally, or it is an object of anger, hatred and contempt which ends in open revolt."

"My experience in my own town during the past 10 years has shown me that a prohibitory law cannot be enforced. The leaders of the Anti-Saloon league in my town admitted publicly during the last campaign that anybody could get all he wanted to drink under either system."

Dr. Wasson is scheduled to make 14 addresses in the state under the auspices of the Home Rule association, the first of which will be given in the Auditorium in Portland next Sunday night. He is a man of brilliant wit.

Hermiston will almost surely have a creamery.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal)  
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