

## LABOR LEADERS SAY THEY ARE OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION IDEA

Long Hours and Overwork  
Blamed for Intemperance  
in Industrial Centers.

### MANY INSTANCES CITED

Workers Do Not Need Protection of  
Moral Crusaders, It Is Declared  
in Open Statement.

Planning long hours, overwork and consequent nerve exhaustion for the prevalence of intemperance in industrial centers, a statement declaring opposition to state-wide prohibition has just been issued by a group of men prominently identified with the labor movement. The names affixed are those of individuals in their private capacity and do not represent any of the labor organizations as such.

The statement follows:  
We, the undersigned, are opposed to state-wide prohibition for the following reasons:

Because experience has shown that wherever prohibition has been in effect it has merely changed the traffic into another channel without reducing the consumption of liquor. In the organized labor movement we have living proof of the fact that as the conditions of the worker are improved by shorter hours, increased wages, more leisure for mental improvement, that the character of the worker improves correspondingly. He becomes temperate by choice.

We are constrained to speak of this because the prohibitionists are, particularly at this time, concerning themselves with the poor working man, attempting to cure by law an evil result caused by long hours, low wages, and almost intolerable conditions of servitude.

**Drunkenness Follows Poverty.**  
The investigation in the anthracite coal strike shows men resorting to stimulants from utter weariness. In the Bethlehem Steel & Iron Works the inauguration of the "Taylor System" under the guise of "efficiency" caused 150 men to do the work of 600; thus 450 were thrown out of work to increase the profits and for no other reason.

The result of this "business efficiency" is to drive the employee to the use of alcoholic stimulants from sheer exhaustion. It is suggested by the "committee of 100" that the employers of labor are for prohibition ostensibly for the benefit of their employees. Have the employers shown that they are fit to exercise such authority over their employees? Have they shown such great solicitude for the health and welfare of their employees when they have subordinated all else to profit?

The worker of this country are something more than subjects for experiments, nor do they need the "protection" of benevolent moral crusaders, who but touch the problem superficially. Drunkenness and its attendant misery, follows in the wake of poverty and destitution, and is more often the result of hopelessness of the worker whose life and energy is ground into profit by the business machine, and no constitutional amendment to prohibit the sale of liquor will relieve the situation for the reason that it does not deal with causes.

**Fewer Laws Needed.**  
Fewer laws of a fundamental nature that will free the toilers from the fear of want, that will instill self-reliance and courage in the business character for himself is the better way. The statement is signed by: J. D. M. Crockett, 141 East Forty-second street; S. E. J. Stack, Hillsdale, R. F. D. 2; A. W. Jones, 1441 Fern avenue; W. H. Fitzgerald, 41 East Forty-second street; N. C. M. Ryerson, 1029 East Thirty-second street; N. Phillips, R. 1, Pollock; 182 Second street; G. W. Stanley, O. A. Sander, 347 Hall street; Eugene E. Smith, 250 Twelfth street; R. O. Reeder, 925 Gladstone avenue; Harry W. Hillbush, 391 East Eleventh street; William MacKenzie, 375 East Ninth street; N. Carl F. Caulfield, 729 Marshall street; Arthur R. Burns, 418 Rodney avenue; J. L. Ledwidge, 600 Grand avenue; Frank Hamann, 272 1/2 First street; I. T. Lemmon, 8114 Fifth-third avenue; E. Spence Wortman, 28 East Main; R. E. Merrill, 1412 Burrage street; B. W. Sleeman, 1199 Vincent avenue; S. Clark, 81 Morris street; M. B. Coade, 1451 Kilgusworth avenue; M. J. Clemmons, 645 Sixty-fourth street; S. E. Ed. Rosenberg, 186 Twentieth street.

### Optional Routes Are Given by S. P.

By Paying Few Cents Extra, Travelers  
May Go to Destination By Circuitous  
Route Instead of Direct.

Travelers in the Willamette valley now have the privilege of using half a dozen optional routes over Southern Pacific lines. The only difference from the former regime will be the assessment of a small "arbitrary" or extra fare in cases where indirect routes involve a detour and consequent longer journey.

From Portland to Eugene or points beyond, tickets may be purchased as formerly, at the regular rates, though for 25 cents extra the traveler may go by way of Independence and Monroe; for 40 cents extra, he may go via Albany, Corvallis and the P. E. & E.; and for 50 cents extra, he may go via Salem, Gerlinger, Corvallis and the P. E. & E.

Going to Albany or points beyond, the traveler may, by paying 50 cents to the conductor, go via Whiteson, Gerlinger and Salem; if he is going to Dallas or beyond, by paying 10 cents extra he may go via Amity and Gerlinger.

Tickets to Whiteson or McMinnville via Gerlinger and Amity, will cost 5 cents extra.

### Benefit Expected to Be Big Social Event

Event Will Be Under Auspices of  
Woman's Catholic League; Prominent  
People Are Purchasing Boxes.

Plans are going merrily for the big benefit performance to be given Monday night by Florence Roberts and the Baker Theatre company in "Mother" under the auspices of the Woman's Catholic league. The show is expected to be a big social event and boxes are being sold for parties. J. P. O'Brien and J. F. Shea are among those who have already subscribed for boxes and others are planning to entertain parties.

Between the acts musical numbers will be given by Mrs. Rose Courson Reed, Mrs. June Burns Albers and John Claire Monteth. Miss Mayme Helen Flynn will be accompanist. Among those who are working for the success of the benefit are Mrs. John Manning, Mrs. Andrew C. Smith and Mrs. J. C. Costello. The proceeds will be used in furtherance of the splendid work being accomplished by the league.

# \$100 FOR A NAME

The Evening Telegram, the "Dry" Committee of One Hundred's organ of abuse, declares that some of the names signed to a certain "Declaration of Principles" opposed to STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION are FORGED.

To the Committee of One Hundred:

## Here Is a New Challenge

If the name of a single man is Forged or Not Signed or Authorized by the Individual Concerned the organization signing this advertisement will donate One Hundred Dollars to any Charitable organization for Each Name So Forged

# HAVE YOU MADE GOOD?

You Have Not! That is not the Prohibition Method. Such a squirming, wiggling, crawling and backing up has never been seen in Portland. You tell us that you are Checking the Names.

## Your Challenge Reads:

(This is a literal copy of the Dry Committee's Challenge.)

"So we challenge the wet interests of Oregon to produce a 'committee of one hundred' sympathetic supporters who are ready to stand out in the open in support of a wet state, and as soon as the names are furnished we shall publish them in every paper in Portland, parallel with the names of members of this body, and leave the people to draw their own inferences."

## Here Is the Hole Through Which the Committee of One Hundred Is Trying to Wiggle

The "dry" Committee of One Hundred (or less) glibly explains that in another paragraph in their now FAMOUS CHALLENGE was a sentence to the effect that the ONE HUNDRED OREGONIANS whose names were printed by this organization should "sponsor" certain quotations not contained in the challenge.

**WE NOW ASK THE FAIR-MINDED MEN AND WOMEN OF OREGON TO BE THE JUDGE OF THIS "CHEAP WIGGLE."**

What issue really confronts the people of Oregon?

Is it the accuracy of a quotation or of some statistics, or is it the PROSPERITY OF OREGON?

## Don't Forget the "4 to 1" Chamber of Commerce Vote

We call your attention to the significant fact that the men whose lives and work make them most competent to judge what is best for Oregon—Portland's Chamber of Commerce—turned down prohibition by a vote of 470 to 111, or over four to one. That organization knows what will help and what will hurt Oregon. There is a challenge which the Dry Committee of One Hundred has been very careful to ignore.

### IN CONCLUSION

We ask the sober judgment of fair-minded men and women

Now let the Dry Committee of One Hundred back down from its Nasty Insinuations contained in their Paid Advertisements or Prove That Any Name Has Been Forged.

The "Dry Committee of One Hundred" (or less) challenged the anti-prohibition forces to produce the names of One Hundred Oregonians (presumably of prominence) opposing prohibition.

We gave them, not one hundred, but several hundred names under this caption:

To the Committee of 100 (or less):  
Don't dodge this direct answer.  
Either back down from your challenge, or make good.

As a matter of fact, you are not asking One Man of the Nearly 400 names furnished you whether he favors or is Opposed to Prohibition, but whether he is "Sponsor for Some Quotation or Statistics."

## Here Is Your Wiggle

You fail to make good your own challenge.

In your answer you dodge the issue, after receiving a solar plexus reply to your own challenge.

You answer us by saying: The Committee of One Hundred did not ask for a number of Portland taxpayers who are opposed to the dry movement. That would be silly—we know that there are plenty of them.

## Do Not Be Misled

The issue is PROHIBITION against HOME RULE.

No amount of dodging, squirming or wiggling can change it. The NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED (not merely ONE HUNDRED) substantial business men who signed a "Declaration of Principles" OPPOSING STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION are being wheedled, cajoled and threatened, in every conceivable manner, in an attempt to induce them, through fear of loss of business or "job," or through some other contemptible force or pressure, to repudiate or discredit their signatures.

of Oregon as to whether or not we met the challenge fairly and squarely. Notwithstanding the "fake" promise of the Dry Committee—the lists have not been published by them—we have met the issues and the cries of forgery, sponsoring quotations and their whinings and snarlings indicate clearly that some one has been soundly whipped.

The Dry Committee's advertisement is now headed, "The Brewers Are Desperate." The so-called desperation has at least not yet driven them to crawling in the holes of cheap evasion and subtle trickery.

## You Backed Down From Your Former Challenge, You Would Not Publish the List, Now See How Many Hundred Dollars You Claim for the Names You Say Are Not Bona Fide