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## Washington and Prohibition

Whencing prohbition explosions in the country twin prohibition the state republican convention adopted a resolution calting
for modifieation of probibibiton. Monday the federal grand jury in Seatter brought in indictments charging bribery and corr prooibition enforcement division of the federal govern-
thent in seatte. These ane twin jolts which friends of pro Hibition in the nert tweest are staggering gnder. We antioi-
pate towever A pronounced reaction which will the dry fonces:

Orfe must understand something of Washington polities Waskington has one county, King which
Multhomaing oounty in one county, King, which corresponds to King county republican committee is decidedly wet. Ralph A.
Herr, chairmen, is an attorney whose practice includes de fense of those chargled wittiv violating prohibition laws. Washfngton has a party convention inteeting every two years. This the member of the national committee. In "off ${ }^{\text {" }}$ years the
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convention is usually of fittle significance. This was an "off" year in Washington politics- no national delegates to choose,
nor national cominitteeman; no senator or governor being elected. In these rears it is therefore an easy mastter for the

## delegat conven

King county, manipulated by Ralph Horr, held a conits large block of nearly 250 delegates to the state convention county, likewise turned in a "wet" delegation. Thus the wets wet resolution was to permit secret balloting. This enabled the resolution through by a margin of eight votes. In actual
point of numbers the diries had the majority but through
adroit maneuvering of the wets under the Horr leadership in Washington politics just as the old Aberdeen convention in 1912 spit the party in Washington and was one of the great
est factors in the formation of the Progressive party under
Roosevelt.
dent that the voters of Washington would decisively repudi
ate any move toward modification of prohibition.
The indictment of Lyle and Whitney brings up more o
Washington politics. Lyle was designated and held in offic Wy Senator Jones, whose devoriont to the cause of prohibition
is well known. He has been subject to severe attack, not so sistant. The Seattle cistrict is the hardest to patro Vound offers limitless possibilities of landing liquors frotm including those on Grays. Harbor and the Olmstead ring. personal opi
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## spots in Washington. His appopointment toas purel of a the politic one. Those who remember back twenty years win recall the big fight in Seattle over Hi Gill, picturesque may

 witness in his behalf was his brother-in-law, Ed Benn, wh Whan evidence showed Gill had come into possession of a mend Benn for reappointment; the friends of prohibitioenforcement have never had confidence in him as marthal.
This fight entered into the Bellingham convention be cause the same convention which reppudiated prohibition en-
dorsed Ed Benn! To our notion this is a pretty good clear
zace for Lyle, who has not been satisfied with Benn as mat sance
shal.
If we mistake not the recent developments mean the re-
opening of the wet-dry fight in Washington. The dry forces
are well organized in the state though the are well organized in the state, though they were caught nap-
ping at Bellingham. The Fictory of the wets in the first ski:-
mish is no indication of the uitimate result.

## Joseph Is Disbarred

N language that no one mivy misunderstand the supreme the practice of his profession in the courts of this state. The
opinion written by Justice Bett is dirret and tearless. It Holds that Joseph made false charges of fraud and corcup-
tion against members of court witich matigned the courts and poisoned the public mind against them, thus striking at integrity of the cuarts. Th freely acknowledges the right of any citizen to criticise the court, particularly for past teeisions, or when a member is a candidate for re-election. Sueh
ap pivilige does not extend to a privilege "to falsely ind mina-
ficiously impute to a candidate the commission of a crime", At the anme time the eourt makes elear the way for the foll honorable retraction-not of his criticism-but of this charge The tecision is a obla ehallenge to thiose Who yola that teria, heeding not the excitement. of the moment of hys
preme court has the courtge to defend tits honor and tuphold





