

LOCAL OPTION.

In last week's issue of the Gazette there appeared a report of the lecture of Dr. Tufts, in which he reviewed the evils of the liquor traffic. So far from disputing them these will be conceded by not only those who indulge in alcoholism, but by those who dispense liquor as well. But giving the temperance agitator credit for all sincerity of purpose, as we view it he is destined to failure, for reasons which follow:

We may safely assume that no one is in the liquor business for the pleasure there is in it, but for the profits derived from it. And as long as there are profits made in it, all the hosts of temperance from Neal Dow and John B. Gough down will fail to eradicate it as an institution of the country. The Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U. and kindred organizations must recognize this fact, judging not only from the history of the past, but the very logic of the situation. Given, a business where the per cent of profit is large, can it be abolished? In the field of past effort we will look to Kansas as the best example, being the first state where the Prohibitionists have had things all their own way, but which nevertheless has her saloons and "blind pigs" by the thousand. In Maine, also, the next best example, liquor has been sent everywhere through the state under the guise of merchandise ever since the passage of all the laws framed against it.

Spasmodically, it is true, cities and towns have been administered under a Prohibition regime, but the effort to maintain it costs a continued and laborious struggle, which owing to the proneness of man to sometimes relax his energies (resolution is not always up to the fusing point and sometimes wanes), renders Prohibition ever the exception, never the rule. On the other hand the liquor dealer ever has the incentive of profits to spur him on and his resolutions never lags. Thus a warfare between one class of citizens and another is kept up, the issue of which is forever in doubt. Values are always unsettled, personal enmities are continuously engendered, and sooner or later the business interests of any community will compel it to end the strife by ending the agitation. With the best of intentions, therefore, the Prohibitionists are but perpetuating a condition they are trying to destroy because of illogical methods of combatting it.

Contrasted to this perpetual state of warfare between citizens the average property holder will take an inventory of conditions as they are. Socially he observes a settled state of peace. Economically, he notes that the liquor dealers pay the larger share of municipal taxation; and he must credit to population account those engaged in business, provided with employment.

These are the facts constituting the viewpoint, as we see it. The time may come when the liquor traffic, as at present conducted, will be relegated to the past, but we are of those who believe prohibition will not prohibit during an age when the ruling spirit is conceded to be the pursuit of the Almighty Dollar. Prohibition is a mightier antagonist, and that is—**MODERN BUSINESS.**

COUNTRY IS NOT DISTURBED.

In spite of the fact that this is presidential election year, business conditions are even better throughout the United States than they were one year ago. August railroad earnings were over 3 per cent greater than last year, and September reports are still more encouraging. Bank clearings last week were nearly 20 per cent higher than in the corresponding week of last year, and the clearings for the two weeks before last week were 18 and 17 per cent greater, respectively, than in the corresponding weeks of last year. August exports were \$3,000,000 greater than August exports of 1903.

It is hard for the New York Parker agitators to make an impression against such substantial facts. It is hard for them to persuade the business man that President Roosevelt is unsafe, or that his re-election would menace the great business interests of the country. Manifestly the people are satisfied with existing conditions, and their confidence is so great in President Roosevelt that they are going forward with their business and industrial affairs just as if a presidential election were not looming up in the immediate future.

Let us help to make it 50,000 for Roosevelt in November.

Morrow county farmers are making good use of this fine weather in taking care of the immense wheat crop.

Since the change of management in the Long Post, the paper shows a dilapidated appearance. Editorially, make-up and in general appearance marked deterioration is noted. I ne will miss Miss Deaton.

Mary Battaglia, the infant daughter of an Italian gardener, was drowned in a tub of water at Portland, Friday.

A temporary restraining order has been issued by Judge Groscup, of Chicago, against 19 railroad ticket scalpers of that city.

Dr. E. B. McDaniels, the youngest practicing physician in Baker City, will run for mayor of the town at the coming city election.

A Love Letter

Would not you like to be looking for a new nest and for some larks or piles. Otto Dodd, of Pocomo, Md., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Buckle's Arnica Salve cured me." It's the best salve on earth. 25¢ at the Slocum Drug Co.

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