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THE LOCAL OPTION QUESTION.

The November election is drawing near and the question of local option still occupies a prominent place in the minds of the people. While the undercurrent is apparently moving gradually against the proposition in the gain of more strength, still the advocates of prohibition are quite active and earnest.

The Gazette in handling this question does not desire drawn out controversy, but in fairness we have again given space to one of the leaders in the prohibition agitation. In the two articles referred to the Gazette would have been better pleased had the author of the prohibition article used more originality and not so much of a relash of the custom made literature that is being sent out embodied with an attempt to answer the Gazette. The prohibitionists in their literature, public speeches and in the articles referred to attempt to make two great points. First,

"The consumption of liquors in the United States last year amounted to 19.99 gallons per capita. In Kansas with all of her saloons and "blind pigs" the total amount was 1.99 gallons per capita, a difference of 18 gallons. Does prohibition prohibit in Kansas?" Asks the advocate of prohibition.

At a glance this sounds well, but we should get right down to the bottom of every point before rendering a decision at the poll. The amount of liquor sold in Kansas last year was 1.99 gallons per capita. The writer omitted to say that this was the amount legally sold. Who has furnished statistics of the amount sold and used illegally? Would the man who violated the law furnish it? The Gazette would be no more unfair to say that the consumption of liquor in Kansas was 25 gallons per capita. Who knows? We could defy any one to bring authentic evidence that this is not true. Bring us a statement of the amount of business of the hundreds of "blind pigs" in Kansas.

The next main point is the matter of bank deposits. The writer says:

"Before Maine had prohibition she had no money in her savings banks. Now under prohibition she has \$66,000,000. Illinois with her whisky and several times more population has \$2,000,000 less deposits. Ohio with sixteen times the population has her whisky and \$22,000,000 less deposits. In other words, Maine has in her savings banks \$92.22 for each inhabitant, while Illinois has only \$13.43 per capita and Ohio only \$10.71."

To show the absolute fallacy of the comparison between saloons and bank deposits, it is not necessary to go back to Maine, but let us look at our local conditions that we may better understand. A person who is not in close touch with the business conditions of a far away state is hardly competent to judge why one state is more prosperous than another. The bank deposits of Heppner will compare favorably with any town in the United States. Why? Because our environments are such that the application of labor will produce wealth. Would the closing up of the saloons make any more wheat, wool, cattle or sheep, or anything that we have to sell. If one man draws out his deposits in the bank and spends it with the saloon, it

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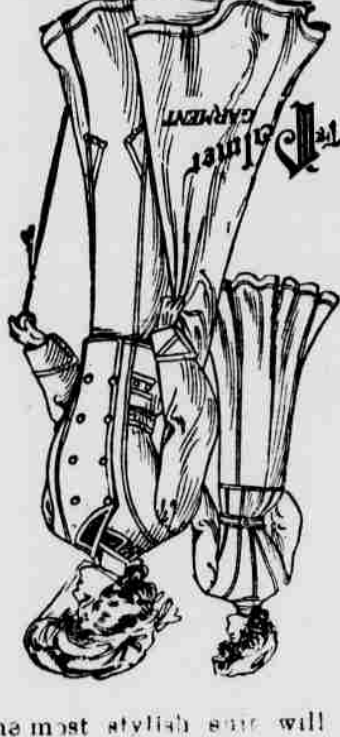
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would be deposited again and there would be no change in the amount per capita.

The Gazette believes that the proposed local option law is not the proper method. It means strife, turmoil, and injury to business interests. It would place a premium on violation of the law. The fines would amount to no more than the present license. Men will take a chance.

G. B. Hafford has a quantity of fine Burbank potatoes for sale at his ranch at the head of Big Butter Creek. 2c.

World's Fair Tickets.

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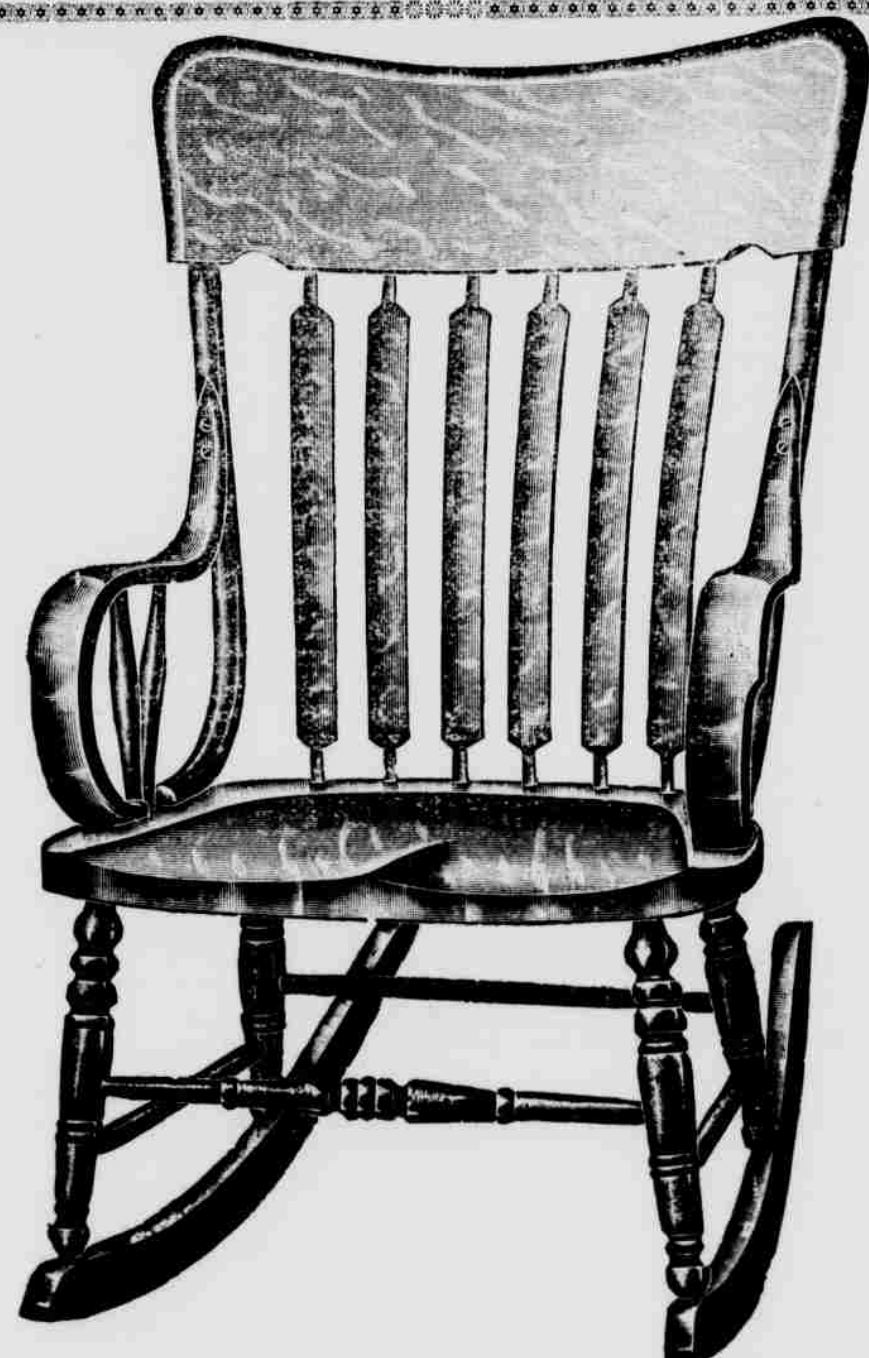
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