



### THE MASK TORN OFF

#### Salaried "Officials" of the Anti-Saloon League Let the Cat Out of the Bag.

The Rev. J. R. Knodell of Portland, one of the many salaried "superintendents" of the Anti-Saloon League, stated the other day that the local option elections this year were only preliminary skirmishes. He said that the real idea was to obtain prohibition for the entire state of Oregon in 1910, two years from now. That lets the cat out of the bag.

The people were assured four years ago that the local option law was merely intended to protect residence districts against the encroachment of the saloon.

"We are not prohibitionists," cried the supporters of the bill. "We are only local optionists." To those who claimed that the local option law was merely prohibition in disguise, its supporters presented an unbroken front. When taxed with the fact that their law was unfair they replied by asking the public to read it. As the law was 28 pages in length the public would not bother itself by making a more careful investigation.

When they were confronted with the fact that states and communities which adopted prohibition grew poor and lean they said it was not so. When they were shown that the United States census proved that only three states in the Union had ever decreased in population and that two of them were prohibition states, they said "Do not worry. This is only a local option law. We are not in favor of prohibition."

When this same crowd of salaried agitators was asked if taxes were not generally higher in prohibition communities than in communities which handled the liquor business under the license system, they were quick to answer, "It is not so, but even if it were, it does not matter, for this is local option, not prohibition."

And now the cat is out of the bag. They are not local optionists. They are prohibitionists after all. The opponents of the local option law were right. It really was prohibition in disguise. And the scheme of the smart attorneys, lecturers and orators, who make a fat living out of this prohibition agitation, is quite plain. The scheme is to start in quietness; to hold elections in precincts where there are no saloons, never were any saloons, and probably never would be any saloons. Such precincts being frightened with the absurd question, "Do you want a saloon next your home?" were easily put in the dry column. Then by adding each year to the dry territory acquired in this way, they have finally reached that state of arrogance in which they have thrown aside the mask and boldly declared for state prohibition two years from now. Voters have been fooled with this kind of fraudulent election long enough.

Prohibition accomplishes nothing for real temperance or for morality. Bankruptcy does follow prohibition and the United States census reports prove this beyond a doubt. Here and there a prohibition town or small community which has been fairly prosperous even in spite of prohibition. There are exceptions to all rules, but government figures, which do not lie, prove that prohibition is not only a mark of a stagnant community, but is a blight to a prosperous one.

Prohibition in Oregon would cause 2500 buildings to become vacant and would throw out of employment 9,000 men and deprive 400 families of their livelihood. Where is the prosperity in this.

Remember a vote for local option now is a vote for prohibition in 1910.

E. WARD.

#### To the Voters of the Sixth District

Pendleton, Oregon, May 25, 1908.  
To the voters of Morrow and Umatilla counties:

Having, at a late day, been nominated by individual electors of the Sixth Judicial District, for the office of District Attorney, my name will appear upon the official ballot as an independent candidate.

For various reasons I have found it impossible to make any kind of a canvass, and I desire to state to the public, through the press, the particular principles upon which I stand.

I believe in law and order and that all laws should be observed by all persons, and whenever any penal law is violated it should be enforced by the proper officers, courts and juries.

That all statutes enacted for the pro-

tection of persons, property and good morals should be kept alive and effective. It is necessary for all executive officers, and especially the District Attorney, to act with great caution and discretion, so as to prevent unnecessary expense to the county and state. The office of district attorney is necessarily an expensive one, and for that reason the incumbent should protect the taxpayers in every possible way. Taxes are much too high; there should be retrenchment in every department. It is the duty of the district attorney to advise all the executive officers as to what is legal, and to prevent them from doing that which is unlawful. In that capacity it is his duty to advise the county court in the expenditures, which the law imposes upon it. The taxes of Umatilla county have been increased of late years by the unlawful expenditures of very large sums of money, for which reason the taxpayers might, if they saw fit to resort to the courts, repudiate a large portion of the existing debt of Umatilla county.

By this I refer to the voluntary creation of county indebtedness over the amount of \$5,000 limited by the constitution; all of such indebtedness having been declared by the supreme court of this State to be absolutely void, even in the hands of innocent purchasers.

I am in favor of every possible retrenchment, that taxes may be reduced. In politics I have affiliated with the democratic and people's parties. Upon the non-partisan questions I have always stood for prohibition and local option and I favor statement No. 1.

If I should be elected district attorney of the Sixth Judicial District I will endeavor to do my duty fairly and impartially.

As to my qualifications I will only say that I have practiced in this state for over 28 years. I am under no obligations to any party, class or individuals for I have made no promises or combinations.

R. J. SLATER.

#### Dr. Clarence True Wilson on Woman Suffrage.

The question is not whether the women have a right to vote, but it is whether we have a right to compel them all to vote at the dictation of a very small minority of their own number. It is certain the vast majority of our women do not wish the ballot. The laws for the protection of women are improving steadily with the years and every interest of hers is as well safeguarded as that of any man. If you wish to protect the rights of women, ask yourself today, does my wife want to vote, does my sister, does my mother claim it to be her privilege? If they do not, what right have I to compel them to do it by my ballot?

But it is said we need the ballot of woman to aid us in government. But is it expedient? Will society be improved by the granting of the ballot to women? Will the better element of women come to the front as political workers and fill our offices, or will the worse? Which is the better element of women? The quiet, unassuming queens of our homes, our mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts, or will politics be controlled by the clubwomen? This is not an untried experiment. Four states have given the ballot to women unconditionally, and after 30 years of women's voting, politics has not arrived at the moral standard of our own state, in Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, or Utah. But you say, "There are not as many women as men in Wyoming." Yes, but in Utah women are so plentiful that seven or eight of them club together and keep one husband between them, and with this numerous company they have not closed the saloons, or closed the brothels, or prevented gambling dens, or purified politics. Indeed, there are not four states in our Union where politics is so corrupt as in the four states where women vote. It is a sad picture where a man, for the sake of office, sells his integrity, but it is a sadder, and a common sight, in the states where women vote to see women sell their virtue for offices.

#### CAN GIVE SPECIFIC INCIDENTS.

I can give specific incidents with names, places and dates, where women, desiring to be assistant county clerks, etc., are sent from the candidates' office to the political boss to there offer her all at the shrine of a man, who, but for politics, would not be allowed to enter her home. In every woman's suffrage state, the proverb has had a double emphasis that "Politics make strange companions."

If you wish to prevent such conditions in Oregon, vote "No" on the woman suffrage amendment on June 1st.

### THINK BEFORE YOU VOTE.

With the depression in the wool and sheep market, the decrease in crop acreage, and other undesirable business influences, do you want to vote the crisis of Prohibition and increased taxation to further demoralize business interests. This is certainly worth your serious consideration next Monday.

#### A Few Errors Corrected.

To the voters of Morrow County:

I am writing this letter to correct a few errors which we read and hear almost daily in regard to the principles represented by the socialists; and also to let you know that I am up before the people as an applicant for the government job of assessor.

Did you ever stop to think why it is that Uncle Sam never has to lose any sleep over the problem of finding men for the various jobs under his supervision? Is it not because Uncle Sam is such an agreeable fellow to work for, and that he gives more pay for less service rendered? Well we had just as well admit that such is the reason. Then such being the case, what would you think of a person who would ask for such a job and at the same time be unwilling to accord to you the same privilege which he himself is seeking? You will find by referring to the platforms of the various parties to be represented at the coming election that the socialist party is the only party that would create a government job for you also. They would do this by making public property out of everything that human life is dependent upon. Individuals have already been trodden too far with certain necessities of life, and with their free individuality which some of you are so afraid that Socialism will destroy, have placed an almost prohibitive price upon them. Wouldn't you sooner trust the people to deal in those things on which your life depends, with the incentive of profit removed, than to be at the mercy of an individual with selfish gain as the only motive?

You have been told that the Socialist wants to divide up all the wealth of the country equally among the people. If you have been led to believe such a statement I ask you to investigate the Socialist literature and you will find the statement to be false. Socialism seeks to put a stop to you being compelled to "divide up" your hard earned wealth by giving three fourths of it to non-producing capitalists. Socialism being founded upon the Golden Rule, means justice to all.

You are told that Socialism would deprive you of all private property. This is false. Socialism would allow you to retain all the private property that your labor would create; which would mean four times the amount that you receive under this system, as you would not have to "divide up" with a non-producing class. So don't think that Socialism would rob you; it seeks only to protect you.

You have been told that socialism and anarchy are one and the same thing. Anarchy centers all law in one's self; while Socialism recognizes law as an instrument coming from the will of the majority of the people. All laws today are not sanctioned by the will of the majority, hence are morally anarchistic in nature. The Supreme court renders many a decision contrary to the will of the people; and their monarchical rulings have become so obnoxious that the people can hardly endure it any longer. The earth's natural resources on which we are dependent are almost wholly controlled by a few individuals against the will of the people. So don't allow anyone to tell you that Socialism is anarchy until he can prove to you that minority rule is superior to majority rule.

You have been told that the Socialist is an Atheist, and that he does not believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ. This assertion is also false. The cornerstone of Socialism is the Golden Rule. Christ denounced usury; so does the Socialist. Christ taught the brotherhood of man; so does the Socialist.

Christ's sympathies were with the poor and downtrodden; so is the Socialist's. Christ said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." The Socialist recognizes that fact and seeks to save the rich man's soul by relieving him of his burden of riches; not by confiscation, but by giving to those who are producing his wealth for him the full product of their toil. If the rich man does not labor he will then become poorer than the poor man, because all usury will have stopped. The rich man's soul will not only stand a chance of being saved, but also those whom he degraded by depriving them of the requisites necessary to a good healthy life. Christ was born of the poor. The Socialist movement is a world wide movement born of the poor. Christ always fed the multitude before he taught them. The Socialist realizes that a man's heart must be reached through his stomach; so he seeks to change the conditions thereby giving to all an equal opportunity to feed, clothe, and house themselves and their families comfortably; thereby making them a fit subject to take an spiritual food.

You have been told that Socialism will destroy the home. Before getting very scared about that, take a look around you and see how capitalism is destroying the home. Capitalism compels over 50 per cent of the families of the United States to live in rented homes. The last U. S. Labor Report, vol. 18, pp. 54-55, says that 81 per cent of the working class families have no homes of their own, also that out of 400,000 homes in New York City, less than 9000 own homes, and less than 14,000 have even a mortgage home. In 1880, 25 per cent of the farmers of the United States were renters. In 1890 28 per cent were renters. In 1900, 35 per cent were renters. At that rate how long will it be until we are all renters? Socialism offers every man a home who is willing to work. And before they tell us that Socialism will destroy the happiness in the home, they should first pick the note out of their own eye. We seldom pick up a newspaper but what we see the account of a divorce or scandal among the so called "better class," who prefer to dote their affections upon dogs and cats rather than upon children. Capitalism denies to hundreds and thousands of men and women the privilege of marrying, thereby encouraging prostitution and degeneracy. Have you anything to fear by a change in the present system of home building? Socialism offers a home not only to you and your wife, but also to your farm hand and the girl in the department store. The Socialist paints a picture of a home devoid of servants, with plenty of good healthy children, with all evil influences removed. Where the demon liquor will not enter because it will not be manufactured owing to the profit being taken off. A home where you can treat your neighbor as a brother, seven days in the week, because your interests are identical.

I have given you just a few of the many falsehoods scattered broadcast by the Socialists advocate and what Socialism would do if adopted. But amid the vigorous attack by the opponent, Socialism goes marching on, and its triumph in the end is inevitable. Now, if you are not afraid to trust one of those "Atheists," "Home Destroyers," "Anarchists," "Undesirable Citizens," "Destroyers of Individuality," "Crazy," (and a few other appellations by which we are known) Socialists as one of your public servants you know how to make it known on the first day of June.

A. S. AKERS.

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### SHERIFF SHUTT

#### A Vigorous Denial of Campaign Falsehoods.

To the voters of Morrow county:

No man can serve six years as law-enforcing sheriff without making many bitter and malicious enemies, who seek every possible opportunity to accomplish his downfall. Anyone who stands out squarely and openly for law and order will have this element to back against.

This is the situation in Morrow county today. My enemies (the habitual law-breaker and his direct sympathizer, who is no better) have raked my record with a fine comb, trying to find something with which to turn the people against me and thereby defeat me for sheriff. Failing in this, they have resorted to the manufacture of downright and malicious lies, and are busy circulating them just now on the eve of election.

For example: They reported that some time ago I held a warrant for the arrest of Dee Matlock "and was afraid to serve it on him," when as a matter of fact, I never had a warrant for him, but voluntarily stepped out of the sheriff's office, made complaint against him before the city recorder for cursing an old, hard-working mother of this city, and made him pay a fine of \$25 for the act. Whenever I have a warrant for Dee Matlock or any of his crowd or anyone else I will come mighty near serving it, or resign my office, and these dirty scandal mongers know it.

For another example: O. E. Farnsworth mayor of Heppner, (who has been one of the most aggressive enemies to my law-enforcement policies and who stands for a wide open town and county) has been circulating a report that I have been mixed up in some kind of a scandal in this city—a most malicious and cowardly falsehood. I publicly denounced him and made him eat it on the Main street of Heppner last Saturday (as I did two others of his kind) at which time and place Mr. Farnsworth stated publicly that if I were defeated for sheriff in the coming election Heppner and Morrow county would be wide open again.

Now then, voters of Morrow county, you who believe in the righteous enforcement of law, are you willing to turn the reins of government over to men who advocate this kind of a policy in this day of regeneration and civic decency? Mayor Farnsworth who two years ago last December bolted the citizens' ticket and headed the saloon man's ticket for mayor and city councilmen, but who were gloriously defeated (Farnsworth slipping into the mayor's office this last time because no one wanted to mix in

an unpleasant fight with him) ~~seems to be very close to the leaders of the law-breaking forces, and is trying to do by them dictate who shall preside over these peace authorities of this county.~~

Let me here remark that if I were re-elected sheriff of this county ~~Mayor Farnsworth will be compelled to obey and respect the laws which he has sworn an oath to execute, and that the wild-west, Buffalo Bill style of government will not again be forced onto the law-loving and law-abiding citizens of Heppner and Morrow county.~~

It is just such acts as these that ~~wake up the people of this county to the great importance of wiping out of existence the saloon—the place where law-breakers congregate, retreat to, are harbored in, incubate and perpetrate their devilry and crime. After six years' close contact with the criminal element in this county I can authoritatively assert that the saloon is a crime breeder from start to finish and the law-abiding people of Morrow county should rise to their strength and manhood and forever crush it out as they would any other enemy to society. Isn't it pitiful to see so many of our brightest and most capable citizens fall prey to its hellish influence. If the saloons were considered they would celebrate the event of every victim's death, for no one but they were responsible for the destruction of so many of our noble, big-hearted citizens.~~

In conclusion let me say that a ~~very~~ statement made by J. A. Douthett, the Dalles Brewery representative, in the Heppner Gazette (and he has been ~~too~~ cowardly and ashamed to sign his name to any of his articles) have been ~~thoroughly and completely refuted by C. J. Bright, of Wasco, in the last issue of the Heppner Times and personally at the Club building in this city on the 17th inst.~~

If prohibition carries in Morrow county next Monday I will enforce that law as rigidly as I have the other laws, and will not have to be driven into the matter either. The law-breaking element have no strings on me and I will ~~not~~ that blind pigs (if any should be ~~started~~ will be given a hot and lasting reception. Yours openly for law and order.

E. M. SHUTT.

In their desperation to defeat a man who has enforced the law they have begun a dirty, mud-slinging campaign against Sheriff Shutt, but as usual this will sure ~~start~~ him.

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