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THURSDAY, **Editorial Page.** MAY 7

Favors Ending Scrap.

J. B. Olmsted's platform, published elsewhere in this paper, is a model for clearness. There is no ambiguity concealed in a single sentence. Every voter in the county will know after reading that platform just exactly where Mr. Olmsted stands. He knows himself where he stands and therefore has no difficulty in making his position clear to others.

The pledge that for every dollar of county money expended he will require a dollar's worth of value, will be worth thousands of dollars to the county if Olmsted is elected, and carries out that declaration to the letter.

The second pledge, while all right, is the usual one offered by candidates.

The third should be cut out by every voter and carried in his vest pocket until election and after. Mr. Olmsted's position on building a court house is there stated in plain words. This pledge is in the News Record office signed by Mr. Olmsted.

Keep that pledge in your pocket until election that you may be ready to refute the lies that will be circulated, like the one in the Wallowa Sun, that Mr. Olmsted is in favor of a \$100,000 or any other extravagant priced court house.

Keep the pledge in your pocket after election that you may know just what he pledged when the time for executing those pledges arrives. Take particular attention of his requiring a bonus from the county seat town.

Mr. Olmsted is now openly on the side of those who say June must end the county seat scrap. Mr. Williams had already come out in the open. Both are good men. Both say the county should not pay over \$20,000 toward the building.

Value of Co-operation.

The organization of a commercial club for the North Country at Flora is one of the best moves that could be made. Co-operation will accomplish many things in the up-building of the north end impossible of accomplishment otherwise. Co-operation of all forces in the county will make a real start in the development of Wallowa county's magnificent resources. That is one of the principal reasons the News Record is in favor of June settling the county seat scrap once and forever.

Let us quit our town fights and all pull together for Wallowa county. If that is done, the building of a railroad from the Valley to the Grande Ronde in the north end, will be but the first easy step in the development of this rich land.

The News Record is glad that at least two and possibly three of the towns in this valley are beginning to see the light. Joseph and Enterprise have a dozen interests in common where they have one diverse. Co-operation will help them both—possibly the one with the most natural resources, or the greater grit and push, the most, but it will help them both.

How would it do for the booster clubs of all sections to join hands and all pull together for Wallowa county?

Whatever helps the North Country helps the Valley.

It was superfluous for Mr. Olmsted to deny the silly lie about building dormitories for the high school. No one believed it, not even its author who does the Ananias stunts on the Wallowa Sun. He originated it several months ago, crediting the intention to build to the present court. Commissioners Litch and Wilson over their signatures, called it a lie and the author a liar, but he hadn't the physical courage to make good or the moral honesty to admit his duplicity. The false assertions made in that sheet were nailed as fast as made, and doubtless cost Wallowa candidates many votes at the primary.

The official canvass of the primary vote shows one of the closest contests in the political history of Oregon. J. A. Jeffrey defeated A. J. Derby for the Democratic nomination for congressman in this district by only two votes. Cuke's majority over Fulton is 2536, Ellis' plurality is 3350, Shepherd leading Geer by 220. Aitchison for railroad commissioner has 580 plurality, Hurlburt being second among the six candidates, Loucks third and Gaston fourth. R Robertson is the Democratic nominee for that office. Chamberlain's name was written on the ballot by 6327 voters.

In the list of expenditures by counties during 1907, issued by Secretary of State Benson, the amount by Wallowa is \$25,164.30. Crook county, the one probably nearest this in population and conditions, the expense was \$38,441.55. Union county's expense was \$47,397.97.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The News Record will print communications on topics of public interest, providing they are brief, not abusive and the articles signed.

What Has Prohibition Done For Wallowa County?

Now that the question of "wet" or "dry" is again before the people to be voted on at the general election in June, the above question becomes a pertinent one for the consideration of each voter of the

penses besides a profit on the business—required a very large income. The money constituting this annual income came directly from the pockets of the people, mainly from people who were the least able to stand the loss of it.

What did the people of Wallowa county get in return for this vast expenditure? Something to add to their health or happiness? Something that added to the comforts of their homes? Something that added to the happiness of wife or children? Something that made them better citizens of the county or better equipped for the duties of life? Emphatically NO. This vast saloon expenditure represented an absolute loss to the people of Wallowa county. They received nothing of value in return.

What then has been the result of prohibition from a business standpoint to the people of Wallowa county? This vast sum of money formerly absorbed through the eleven saloons of the county, has, since July 1st, 1906, been turned into legitimate channels of business, and, in the main, has been expended in the purchase of articles of food, clothing and other comforts of the home, thereby bringing joy into many joyless homes. The diverting of this great sum of money per annum from mere waste to legitimate expenditures has had a quickening influence upon the general business of the county that has been particularly felt in the mercantile business.

Is this a mere assertion or do the facts confirm it? Ask any reputable business man in the county, and he will tell you that since the date of the taking effect of the prohibition law, business has been better than during any previous time of the same duration. He will further tell you that during the prohibition period there has been a noticeable and healthy increase in his cash sales and that collections have been easier, notwithstanding the fact that a panic has prevailed during the past six months. One of the leading mercantile firms of the county, speaking through its manager, is on record as saying: "During the month of December, 1907, our firm made more cash sales and took in more cash than during any previous December since we have been in business in Wallowa county." Indeed it is the verdict of business men generally that prohibition has helped the general business of the county to a very noticeable extent; thus destroying the only argument of the saloon men for the existence of the saloon: That prohibition would destroy the prosperity of the county. As a further evidence of the beneficial effects of prohibition upon the commercial prosperity of the county, let it be noted that most of the buildings formerly used for saloons are now used for mercantile purposes, thus increasing the commercial business of the county. In almost every instance the saloon has been succeeded by a grocery, general merchandise or some other useful and beneficial business, and in many instances the saloon men themselves have become merchants doing a prosperous business and have declared their intentions never to return to the saloon business.

Are these facts not a sufficient answer to the question, "Has prohibition helped or hurt the business interests of Wallowa county?"

From a moral standpoint, how has prohibition affected the county?

Will any man dare deny that the moral tone of the county has been improved under the effects of the prohibition law? Are not the evidences upon every hand that our towns are cleaner, purer and freer from vice and immorality at this time than they were two years ago, when the saloon was in the heyday of its power in this county. With the abandonment of the saloon went the several adjuncts and an undesirable class of people that seem to be a necessary part of the business. To day in any of the towns of the county women and children can go along the streets with perfect safety and free from the liability of insult and association with drunken debauchees—a condition that was not possible under the saloon system. It was a noticeable fact that at the recent primary election in this county intoxicated men were conspicuous by their absence, and the same condition has been true of all public gatherings since the taking effect of the prohibition law.

In politics the power of the saloon has been destroyed, and candidates are no longer afraid of and required to bow to the "saloon vote." He is not compelled to "put up" to the man who claims to have a certain number of votes at his command, under the threat of defeat if he does not do so. Men of saloon proclivities are swept from the political checkerboard with brief consideration, and candidates are required to have well defined views upon the question of the enforcement of the prohibition law.

Such conditions are the result of prohibition and the healthy public opinion

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