

TWENTY REASONS WHY I SHOULD VOTE FOR THE LOCAL OPTION BILL

1. Because, according to Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, local option is the basic principle of American government and I am an American citizen.

2. Because, according to Wm. E. Gladstone, who first advocated local option, it has been found to be a practical and effective solution of the liquor problem. It is already the law of thirty-five states and territories of the Union.

3. Because I believe in the Initiative and Referendum law, and this bill, the first presented under that popular law, is in accord with it.

4. Because it will take the liquor problem out of politics by making it a non-partisan issue, thus removing a chief cause of political corruption.

5. Because town and city councils could then be elected on other than saloon issues and many competent business men who refuse to be candidates would allow their names to be used.

6. Because it would largely remove corruption from municipal government, the weakest point in American law.

7. Because it would confine the saloon to the business districts and protect the residence districts, these wards build up with homes, public schools and churches. Tennessee law will not allow a saloon within four miles of a public school, except in eight of the large cities. In the cities of Oregon saloons are rapidly locating themselves in residence wards, thus depreciating the value of property and demoralizing the youth dependence of the state. The Supreme Court of the United States has declared: "The saloon has been enjoined as a common nuisance when set up and run in a purely residence community."

8. Because it would give the citizens of towns and cities the same

privileges of local option now enjoyed by the rural districts, where they have the right of remonstrating against saloons in their precinct. To prevent the people having a voice whether there shall be a grogshop in their residence communities many small villages, logging and mining camps are being incorporated through liquor influences. It is not a gross injustice to practically disfranchise citizens because they live within a municipality.

9. Because it would give every taxpayer the privilege of saying whether or not he wanted the saloon. Do not be deceived by the false statements the brewers will circulate throughout the state on the eve of the election. It has been demonstrated in many states that the expense of criminality, pauperism, police protection, etc. arising from the liquor traffic, is about ten times the revenue received. The taxpayers must foot the bills. The brewers and liquor dealers are seeking to line their own pockets. Do not be caught by selfish guile. Forewarned is forearmed.

10. Because it would fether an opportunity to decide whether they would continue to sacrifice 800 Oregon boys each year to the 1600 saloons of the state. Local option is a choice between the boy and the saloon.

11. Because I am a Republican and believe in the principle of protection. Local Option grants protection of home, the most valuable American institution.

12. Because I am a Democrat and believe in the rights of the sovereign people to have a voice in governmental affairs.

13. Because I am a Prohibitionist and believe in co-operating with Local Optionists to prevent the sale of fiery rum in any locality.

14. Because I am a Socialist and believe in the Initiative and Referendum law as a step toward "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

15. Because I am an advocate of

temperance legislation and should have the privilege of voting upon the liquor proposition without withdrawing from any party.

16. Because I am an American and believe in the "majority rule" underlying all American government.

17. Because I am a loyal citizen and believe it to be my duty to rebuke whatever opposes a pure ballot. A saloonist of Portland said: "We could have killed the initiative petition with \$200, but it will require \$25,000 to kill the bill. Yet we must do it." At a recent meeting of the Retail Liquor Dealers of Portland, at Alisky Hall, it was proposed that they assess themselves \$200 each to create a fund to prevent the people from securing home protection at the polls. This would aggregate \$75,000 for Portland alone. A few days later the brewers and wholesale dealers, according to the Oregonian decided to join forces with the retailers to fight the local option bill. They declared: "We can raise millions for defense." Their usual methods of subsidizing the public press, circulating false statements through the mails on the eve of election, and buying votes through every saloon of the state, are a menace and a rebellion against a good government.

18. Because I am a church member, and believe that Christian civilization is the foundation of real national progress. This law would protect our Christian institutions from inroads of the saloon, the hotbed of vice and crime.

19. Because I am a man and believe in humanity. I am my brother's keeper and "love worketh no ill to his neighbor." This law would place my state with thirty-five others, besides the five that have statutory or constitutional prohibition, in line of twentieth century progress.

20. Because I believe that law-breakers, gamblers, thugs and all the vicious class will vote against it.

THEREFORE, FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF OREGON, I SHALL VOTE "YES" FOR LOCAL OPTION!

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