

# The Herald

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### That Jewel Consistency

How much longer are the people of Oregon going to be chumps enough to stand for a law that says to a citizen of a dry county, "You shall not sell intoxicating beverages anywhere within the limits of your county," and then turns around to a neighboring wet county and says, "Sell all the booze you please wherever you please." If the people of Oregon are sincere in their desire for reform, why do they not pass a law making it a misdemeanor to ship liquor into a dry county? The constitution permits it and they have had plenty of time in which to get around to it, yet no effort has been made in that direction. Are they satisfied with present conditions, which give the wet counties all the best of it in a financial way? Or, is it because they have permitted themselves to become completely "buffaloed" by a little band of intolerant fanatics? The Observer, as greatly as it has been misrepresented in certain quarters, is ready and willing at all times to support and encourage any honest attempt to formulate a fair and sensible local option law for Oregon. It also has the utmost respect and good-will for those citizens who are laboring in an honorable way for state-wide prohibition. But when it comes to standing for the existing log-sold abortion—count this paper out.

The above editorial from the Dallas Observer shows the stand of that paper on the saloon question and should be proof enough to those of the temperance people of this county who are really in earnest in the matter of liquor reform, what can be expected from it during the next campaign.

The argument advanced by brother Hayter is not a new one nor has it gained any value with age. It is the same advanced by the liquor element that you cannot have a prosperous town without saloons and gambling, yet towns that have gone dry are prospering and doing more in the way of development since the saloons were abolished as licensed institutions, than they were under the license system and we do not have to go further than Dallas for an object lesson.

As to the matter of a law being passed making it a misdemeanor to ship liquor into a dry county; possibly such a law would in a measure prevent shipping from Salton into Polk county, but the good brother forgets that there is such a thing as an inter-state commerce law that would put the kibosh on any such proposition.

The editor of this paper is not a prohibitionist in a political sense, nor yet does he care

to prohibit a man from having liquor in his home and using it judiciously, but he is radically opposed to the saloon and all its evils, especially its hold on politics. No doubt the Observer would welcome the re-establishment of the saloon in all the dry territory of this state, as it is the most potent weapon of the machine politician and the Observer has stated that it is in favor of the machine controlling the politics of this state.

Notice the statement the Observer is at all times willing to support HONEST local option laws for Oregon. Now are we to infer that that paper considers the local option laws now in force in this state DISHONEST? Simply because they are violated is no reason they are dishonest for there is no law on the statutes of this, or any other state, that is not violated more or less.

We would like to know just what the Observer considers a "fair and sensible" law of this kind.

We do not believe in the enactment of sumptuary laws, by either state or nation, yet when an article of diet is used to excess to the detriment of the community, then it is time to curtail the sale of it so that it will not stop until it has reformed the saloon evil—the greatest evil that has ever cursed the world in all its history.

The suppression of the illicit sale of liquor in a community depends largely on the moral sentiment of the community, for where there is a demand there will always be a supply, no matter what the commodity, nor what the penalty, and the greater the demand the more numerous the sources of supply. We do not have to go far from home to seek the proof of this fact.

Present indications point to the fact that Monmouth is to have a healthy growth during the next twelve months. Several pieces of residence property have changed hands lately, and offers have been made for others. Business enterprises have changed hands or on the verge of changing. Sidewalks are being repaired and considerable paint is being spread this summer, which will add to the attractiveness of the place. New people have bought small farms and some have rented residence property and will stay here for awhile looking around for a location. Other events cast their shadows before and we may look for a large increase in the number of immigrants coming here during the next year.

Wednesday, August 11, the mother of Eddie Hammerly, of the McMinnville News-Reporter, died suddenly at Hartman, Washington. We extend fraternal sympathy.

**A One Sided Complaint.**  
"This is the second time I've seen you before me in the dock," said a magistrate, looking at a prisoner sternly.

"Yes. For eight years now I've seen you sitting in the chair, but I've never thought of complaining about it!" replied the prisoner apologetically.—London Telegraph.

**Wheat Prices.**  
"Customer—Why, I thought you called him 'the cat'?"  
"Oster—Sure, per honor, and that's the name he's had for the last twenty years, and he sticks to it like a resolute hussar, the same as yourself."—London Punch.

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