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### NO BACKWARD STEP TAKEN.

Eighteen years ago the Graphic took up the fight against the saloons in Yamhill county. At that time every town in the county, aside from Newberg, which included Dayton, LaFayette, Carlton, North Yamhill, McMinnville, Amity, Sheridan and Willamina had one or more licensed saloons. There was no paper published in the county except the Graphic that dared to say a word against the saloons and the saloon men had things pretty much their own way.

The idea that a town could grow and prosper that refused to do business with saloons seemed preposterous to a very large number of people, and for a newspaper to come out and assert that saloons were a detriment rather than a help to any legitimate business was the limit.

Aside from the old soaks who had grown up in the shadow of the "corner grocery" and who were not supposed to know any better, there were a large number of business men who had never taken the time or interest to make a study of the question, and they honestly believed that it would bring dire disaster to the business interests of their respective towns if the time should ever come that the saloons should be voted out. They gave the subject little thought at that time, however, as they never imagined for a moment that they would live to see the day that such "rank fanaticism" would prevail. Anyway it was a matter of personal liberty so they said and perish the thought of trampling on the rights of the people.

As public opinion thus prevailed in Yamhill county so it was in every other county in Oregon and the Graphic stood practically alone as a newspaper in the advocacy of the abolishment of the saloon.

It was a fight against heavy odds and it looked like a hopeless task to undertake to get the people to change front on this question but we knew we were right and we decided from the outset that if it ever came to an issue as to whether the Graphic must quit business or stop fighting the saloon interests in the county, we would hold to the principle and shut up shop. The fight has been waged without cessation all these years and the wet sympathizers have not failed to take notice on the one hand, while on the other hand the course the Graphic has taken has failed to satisfy many ultra party prohibitionists who have failed to see that there was any salvation aside from strict adherence to the one idea.

The course taken has not been mapped out with a view of catering to the notions of other people. The only honest and safe course for a newspaper to take, if it has any convictions, is to stay with them and that is the course the Graphic has pursued all these years. We have maintained all along that with the question submitted to a vote of the people on its merits, without entanglements along party lines, the saloon was doomed, and developments in the last few years are certainly warranting us in making the claims.

Two years ago when the county was voted dry many of the substantial business men of McMinnville were wonderfully wrought up over the result, and their feeling toward the people of Newberg, who rolled up such a majority for a dry county, was

anything but pleasant. But what a change two years without saloons in the county seat has wrought! In the campaign just ended, out of 100 business men more than 70 signed a statement saying that they would vote to keep the county dry and a majority of the others said they would vote that way but did not feel like signing the paper, and the vote piled up on Monday showed that they were sincere.

From the time it was announced that the question was to be voted on again the Graphic has had no fears of the result. It was easy to see that the tide had turned and that all the booze "the interests" might ship into the county for use on election day and all the money spent for literature would not turn it back. In desperation the wholesalers seemed determined to make one great effort to regain lost territory, and it was apparent that they were going at it blindly without any good reason for believing they could fool the people and win out in this county. The Graphic predicted that they would know they were licked this time and the people have made good.

Two years ago the county was carried by 237 while the dry majority piled up on Monday was 862. This looks good and it is safe to say that it will be a long time before another effort will be made to hoodwink the people of Yamhill county into believing that they should return to the hog trough.

In every county in the state where a local option vote was taken the dry forces won, with the exception of Washington and Marion and in these counties the wet majority was greatly reduced over that of two years ago. All this goes to show that the best method for fighting the saloon is through local option, and further that the saloon is doomed in the state of Oregon, all of which looks good to the Graphic.

It has been a long hard fight against heavy odds but things are rapidly coming our way. The Graphic is not alone any more in the use of anti-saloon news ink. While mum is the word with a few of the papers of the county the majority of them have been won over to our side, and the people—well the vote of Monday tells the tale.

Since the above was written the following statement of the vote in the state has been taken from the Oregonian:

"Oregon's nine dry counties will be increased to 21 next month, when the dry mandate of Monday's Prohibition election shall go into effect. All of the eight dry counties voting on the question retain Prohibition. They are: Lane, Linn, Curry, Tillamook, Lincoln, Yamhill, Sherman and Willama.

"The 12 new dry counties are: Crook, by 200 majority; Douglas, by 400; Jackson, by 200; Josephine, by 300; Morrow, by 200; Polk by 300; Umatilla, by 700; Union, by 650; Wheeler, by 200; Gilliam, Grant and Malheur.

"Counties which voted against Prohibition are: Marion, by 200; Clackamas, by 50; Coos, by 8; Washington, by 300; Columbia, by 30, and Wasco, Harney, Klamath and Lake by small majorities.

"Four counties did not vote on county Prohibition: Benton, already dry; Multnomah, Clatsop and Baker."

D. W. Bath has sold the Hillsboro Independent to S. E. Killen who has been holding the position of foreman of the mechanical department in the Portland Journal office. Mr. Bath bought the Independent when it was run down to the limit of existence but by hard work and persistent effort he built the paper up until it ranks as one of the best local papers in the valley. His health is not of the best and he retires from the field to get needed rest from the continual grind of newspaper work.

The saloon interests are now pretty well convinced, no doubt, that prohibition prohibits in Yamhill county.

And Polk county goes into the dry column by a majority of 178. Two years hence Brother Hayter, of the Observer, will fall in line and Polk will roll up a still larger majority.

The vote in North Newberg precinct for a dry county was 273, against 53, while in South Newberg precinct the vote was 193 for and 54 against the measure. This puts North Newberg, with a majority of 220, down as the banner dry precinct in the county.

It is unfortunate for Yamhill county that Prof. F. K. Jones was defeated for the legislature. Here is a man who would have been able to represent the county at Salem with some show of credit but he was turned down. A LaFayette man says he was too strong a temperance man to suit a number of their voters, while here at home he did not rank as ultra enough to please the other extreme. Then again he lost votes among a class who are not looking for brains in legislative timber.

### How Lincoln Won.

Often the convention does no more than obey the mandate of the people, as in the nominations of Grant, McKinley and Roosevelt, McClellan, Tilden and Cleveland; says the Boston Globe. Quite often, however, the choice is not developed until the delegates come together. This was true in the nominations of Lincoln, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison and Bryan.

Those names are the product of the convention system, although it would be a mistake to assume that they were the spontaneous choice of the delegates assembled in open convention. Most of them represent rather compromises of secret conferences behind the doors of hotel rooms.

Even Garfield, who seemed to be acclaimed by the cheering thousands of the Chicago convention of 1880 and to be nominated in a wild stampede, probably owed his honors to orders which came over the wire from Blaine's house in Augusta.

The list of presidents who have been proposed by the country by conventions, rather than by the voice of public opinion, bears the names of Polk, Pierce, Lincoln, Hayes, Garfield and Harrison.

The discovery and nomination of Lincoln entitles the convention system to a large credit mark. Until the delegates got together at Chicago in 1860 he was distanced in the race by Seward and could not possibly have won the honor except in convention.

The methods which were employed to nominate him, however, illustrate the evils of convention practices. If he himself had been on the scene and conducting his own campaign, it is unlikely that he would have been chosen. Apparently he owed his success to the trades made by friends who played the game untrammelled by the scruples which governed him even in his most active and earnest contests.

On the day before he was nominated, he took pains to send a special messenger to his representatives at Chicago with this written admonition, "Make no contracts that will bind me." The contracts were made, notwithstanding, and Lincoln, in much distress of spirit kept the pledges of his agents, two of which were for seats in the cabinet for Cameron of Pennsylvania and Smith of Indiana.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Theo. Weber, deceased, by the County Court of Yamhill County, Oregon. Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present same with the proper vouchers to the undersigned at the office of Clarence Butt, in the city of Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof. Dated May 28, 1908.

SADIE WEBER,  
Administratrix of the estate of Theo. Weber, deceased.  
Clarence Butt, attorney for estate.

### General Jones.

I have purchased the grand young stallion General Jones, No. 41747. He is by Captain McKinney, by McKinney 2:11½; 1st dam Daisy Q. Hill, by Altimont. He is royally bred and has a right to be as fast as his sister Bellemont 2:09¼. He won first premium at the recent Vancouver, B. C., Horse Show. His brother Chealem won first in his class at the Lewis and Clark fair. He is large, handsome, and will make a horse of 16 hands, and 1150 pounds. He can be seen at my stable at Newberg. C. C. FERGUSON.

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Executrix of the will of F. M. Haskin, deceased.  
Dated April 16, 1908.  
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