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LOCAL OPTION

Heppner, Ore., May 5th, 1906.
Editor Wheatfield,
Lexington, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—
I notice in your issue of April 26, that Rev. C. M. Van Pelt, who is the paid attorney of the Anti-saloon league has taken advantage of your courtesy in opening your columns to a discussion of the liquor question, to make an onslaught on the entire business.

I will therefore, ask space in your columns to correct a couple of very misleading statements made by this preacher

Mr. Van Pelt says that the Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly held that the liquor traffic is injurious to public safety, health, morals and welfare, and that it is the source of more poverty, insanity, crime and misery than any other thing known to civilization.

This statement is one of the oldest falsehoods of the many used by the Anti-saloon league. The Supreme Court of the United States never said any such thing, and, in fact, the United States census reports prove

that there is more crime, poverty and insanity in the prohibition states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont than there is in any other state in the Union. The truth of the matter is that one Justice of the Supreme Court in rendering an opinion upon another subject, took occasion to say that the right to sell liquor was not guaranteed to all citizens of the United States by the Constitution.

Mr. Van Pelt does not want the present local option law amended. Neither does the Anti-saloon league. No one can blame them for this. For having secured a very unfair advantage in the present law, they would naturally be opposed to any amendment of it.

Mr. Van Pelt says that the present local option law is based upon the principle of majority rule. This is true—in places. In other places it provides that a precinct shall not have majority rule, unless the majority are prohibitionists.

Mr. Van Pelt cannot deny that the proposed amendment gives equal privileges to both sides. It is a straight precinct local option law. It allows a precinct election to be held in any precinct in the State of Oregon. If a precinct goes wet, it is wet. If a precinct goes dry, it is dry. This is a genuine local option law, whereas the present law is only a deceitful scheme to obtain prohibition in disguise.

Yours Truly,
Phil Metchan Jr.

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P. M. Christenson,
Lexington, Ore.

The officers of the Oregon Development League have been called to meet at Portland the afternoon of May 22 for the purpose of electing a president and to transact much important business concerning the future undertakings of this splendid organization. The evening of the same day the delegates will be entertained at the Armory at Portland, where a big entertainment is to be given by the combined commercial organizations of the "Made in Oregon" show in honor of the manufacturers of the state.

The Wheatfield has just completed arrangements with the Oregon Journal whereby we are able to furnish the Oregon Daily Journal, including the Sunday issue, and The Wheatfield, one year \$7. The Daily Journal and Wheatfield one year \$5. The Semi-Weekly Journal and The Wheatfield one year \$1.75.

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