

## LOCAL OPTION IS A BOOM TO BUSINESS.

### Statements by Prominent Business Men of Tillamook City.

By the Tillamook Anti-Saloon League.

The persistent reports from the liquor interests concerning the detrimental effects of local option in Tillamook county have caused the Anti-Saloon League to get the views of the representative business men of Tillamook. A committee appointed for that purpose called upon about twenty leading merchants and business men and together they talked over the matter. The report of the committee only goes to confirm the opinion that from a business standpoint local option continues to be a good thing. All the leading merchants who were in business before and after the county went "dry" say they are well satisfied with business conditions.

One of the best indications of the prosperity of a community is the business of the Post Office. In the five years preceding local option the increase of the business of Tillamook post-office amounted to only \$689.36. And for the last two years the increase of business amounted to \$1,420.96. The increase in the number of patrons of the office has probably not exceeded 5 per cent in the same years.

We append extracts from some of the statements of the business men.

TO THE PASTORS OF TILLAMOOK CITY, OREGON.

GENTLEMEN:—In response to your inquiry as to whether or not local option, or prohibition, is beneficial to a people from a business man's standpoint, and why, I take pleasure in stating that prohibition invariably increases cash sales, reduces book accounts and practically does away with uncollectable accounts. Money that would be spent in the saloons is invested in property, and thus there is an increase of taxable property and the rate of taxation decreased—resulting beneficially to all of the people.

Now, as to my business, since the saloon was voted out, my cash sales have been increased 20 per cent, and book accounts have been reduced fully 20 per cent. Men who were constantly behind in their accounts under the saloon regime were square on the books within a few months after the saloons were closed, and have paid cash ever since.

I do not understand how any business man can favor the saloon. It seems to me they should be the most uncompromising opponents of the saloon, and personally, I would rather give \$500 than to see this county go "wet" at the coming election.

ALEX MCNAIR & CO.

I see no good reason for opening the saloons in Tillamook again. The buildings on the principal streets are all occupied. Laborers are all employed at good wages. The money that formerly was spent in the saloons is used for other purposes. The proprietors of the closed saloons have engaged in other occupations. While there is some liquor being sold, there is not the open defiance of the law that was practiced by some of the saloon men in former times. It certainly would be unwise at this time to change all of this back to the old conditions existing before the saloons were closed.

M. W. HARRISON.

At the time when the saloons were in operation in Tillamook I was a comparative stranger here in business, so do not know if the times were better then or not. Business, certainly, is very good at the present time, and has been for the past two years. All have money and business is being done practically on a cash basis.

C. A. PATZLAF.

After observing the operations of the local option law in Tillamook County as compared with the open saloons in previous years, I believe that present conditions are much better. Business conditions are undoubtedly better in every respect for every one except the former saloon keepers, as will appear from statements of business men in Tillamook City and other places. In spite of the claims of the saloon people a very much smaller quantity of liquor is used here and drunkenness has decreased. The drunkenness which existed under the saloons was concealed by the drunkards being kept in back rooms and woodsheds, while now whenever a case of drunkenness occurs it is seen upon the streets. There has been some selling of liquor, but this has been done by the liquor people and those who are to-day fighting for the open saloon, with the idea of discrediting the local option law. The record of these people is not one to give the people confidence of their intention to supporting any law, and it seems likely that if saloons are voted in in the county they will be run by the same people who run the saloons before, or their associates, as the present parties who are leading in the fight for the open saloon are the backers and friends of those who kept the saloons in prior years. The records of the criminal courts of this county will justify this assertion.

As to the increased expenses and loss of revenue, so far as Tillamook City is concerned, the greater part, if not all of the increase in taxation, has been caused by the expense of the new water system, which will soon be placed upon a self-supporting basis. I believe that no change should be made as to the local option law in this county.

H. T. BOTTS.

I think Tillamook as a county is better off with Local Option, and I would like to see the laws enforced to the letter. When we make law, let us obey them, till such time as we find them burdensome, then repeal them.

W. M. MILLS.

#### Editorial Snap Shots.

We hope the people of Tillamook will vote for the State University appropriation which was unjustly held up by referendum petition.

All moral, patriotic, law abiding citizens should get into the local option band wagon, for that is where they belong, anyway.

The saloon is a system of "graft" upon those who use intoxicants, and higher the saloon license greater is the adulteration and poorer the whiskey.

The voters are again given an opportunity to vote for woman suffrage. As they will keep trying every two years, probably it is just as well to vote for woman suffrage and get through with it, for the women's persistence will bring them success eventually.

Wasn't that mean of the Atlantic fleet to keep so far out to sea, making it impossible to get a good view of the ships. And after the mayor had issued a proclamation and declared a holiday. It was real mean of the Admiral to keep almost out of sight.

We hear now and then people say that saloons should be kept under control. But suppose a municipality like Tillamook City does not keep minors out of pool rooms and will not pass an ordinance to control those places, surely the same conditions would continue to exist with saloons.

With Senator Bourne and Senator Fulton both carrying on independent organizations for the success of the republican party and the election of H. M. Cake for U. S. Senator, and the reelection of Congressman W. C. Hawley, of this district, there ought not to be any doubt as to the result of the election.

Two years ago the saloon advocates predicted that Eugene would be dead and ready for burial if Lane county went "dry." Gee, wiz. Eugene jumped right up immediately, and that classic city has had such a big boom the past two years that most every city in the State looked up and took notice and got busy themselves.

It is a political campaign, strictly on party lines, which is now being fought. If you are a republican, show your faith in the republican party and principles by voting for H. M. Cake for United States senator and all the other republican candidates. And if the Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists think that their party principles are right and are best for the country they should vote a party ticket.

A large number of the Willamette Valley towns are able to read the Oregonian before breakfast, a train leaving Portland at 1.30 a. m. And Tillamook is only a little over 50 miles direct west of that city, and still receiving the daily Oregonian by stage and more than 24 hours after it leaves the metropolis. It is surprising how close Tillamook is to Portland as the crow flies, yet so far away.

The HEADLIGHT again makes an earnest appeal to the voters of Tillamook to vote for a "dry" county. We do this because we know, and which every fair minded person should admit, that saloons are a curse to any community, and as the county has succeeded so well in getting along without them for over three years it would be a step backward in the history of the county to go back to saloons and a wide open gambling town. So we rely on the good judgment of the people to keep the saloons out of the county.

We consider it the best kind of advertising that business men can have is to let the public know that they are opposed to saloons. All honor to the five business and professional men who are not afraid to let people know where they stand, who have the backbone to come out in print and prove that local option is a good thing for business and, in fact, a good thing for everybody. We have printed the letters of M. W. Harrison, Alex. McNair, H. T. Botts, C. A. Patzlaf and W. M. Mills, obtained by the Tillamook Anti Saloon League, and, no doubt, a number of other letters will be obtained from other business men.

Traveling men predict that all the counties in Western Oregon, south of Multnomah county line to the California state line, will be in the "dry" territory in a few years, with quite a number of "wet" counties getting into the "dry" band wagon next month, which is a good indication that the people of Oregon have seen enough of the demoralizing influence of the saloon business. It is a clear cut issue that is up to the people, and despite the money and the influence of the liquor interests, the people appear to have a clear conception of what is best for the moral and business interests of their respective counties.

We wonder, now that the special interests direct the policy of and write the editorials for their mouth piece, whether they will endeavor to get control of the creameries again. We have seen a good many business men who have foolishly thought they could run everything in a town if they could get control of a newspaper, but sooner or later they find it only acts as a boomerang, for the pub-

lic soon catch on to the schemes put up to fool them. However, a little experience to the inexperienced in that direction will prove our contention before a great while, for a newspaper is a dangerous thing for bankers, attorneys or business men to monkey with. They monkeyed with a number of newspapers in this county in previous years, and as a result they all snuffed out, and whether their monkeying with our.

This was a bit of information told us some time ago, and should we tread on anybody's corns and make them squeal by repeating it we cannot help it. This is what was told us: A certain town in the Willamette Valley was wanting a new water system, but before it could be obtained the people had to vote on the question of bonding the city. A certain contractor was desirous of obtaining the contract, and it is alleged that the contractor offered to give parties in that town one per cent if they would carry the thing through, the same as was given in Tillamook. The bonding of the city did not carry, consequently it was all off, neither did the contractors know that they were talking to a person who knew something about the Tillamook water system. Who got the one per cent commission in Tillamook?

The anti-saloon advocates have formed another strong organization for the purpose of carrying on an active campaign against those who are making a strong pull to carry the county for the saloon faction. It is to be hoped, however, that after the election the organization will hold together and carry on a vigorous campaign against those who violate the local option law. The work is only half done when local option is carried, for it is just as important, and even more so, to have the law enforced. Here is where the anti saloon league fell down in Tillamook and the saloon advocates took advantage of their inactivity by doing all they could to make the law unpopular, and, probably, they have succeeded somewhat in that respect amongst those who are indifferent. We mention these facts to show the necessity of a permanent, aggressive organization always on the alert for violators of the law, for it would soon become too tropical for them after a few jail sentences had been imposed. And with the strong organization just formed, with some of the best citizens and prominent business men at the back of it, it should be an easy matter to keep a permanent organization for the enforcement of the local option law.

#### Yamhill Political Hogs.

The Yamhill county newspapers attacked the injustice Tillamook County received at the hands of the recent convention at McMinnville, for this is what the News-Reporter had to say about the slap in the face Tillamook received at the hands of the ring rule politicians:

The democratic mugwump McMinnville convention named two more McMinnville men for the legislature, then ignoring Tillamook county, which had no voters present, and to which the joint representative has usually been conceded, it placed another slated Yamhill man in the field for that place. It is true that one or two politicians had written from that county endorsing Sam Laughlin, but is that the people?

We hope the voters of Tillamook county, when they go to the polls, will resent the snubbing this county received at the hands of the Yamhill political hogs, who want to shut Tillamook out and deprive the county of representation in the state legislature. We hope, too, that the people of Yamhill county will see the injustice of the whole scheme.

#### Banker Gets Into the Anti-Saloon Band Wagon.

You don't hear the saloon advocates talking any more about a "dry" town or a "dry" county killing business. From what we know in Tillamook City and from what have taken place in other towns, local option has boomed business to such an extent that leading business men do not want to see saloons established again. For instance, and this is a fair example of the trend of public sentiment amongst business men who know the actual facts:

President Wortman, of the McMinnville First National Bank, a former warm opponent of local option, says: "But now, after almost two years without saloons, my fears have not been realized—not in the slightest degree. The only interests to suffer have been the saloons themselves. All other interests have prospered. All the buildings formerly occupied by saloons have now other lines of business. Every business building vacant two years ago is now occupied. There is not a vacant store building on our main street. More business is being done than formerly. Credit is less frequently asked and where credit is given there is less difficulty in making collections. Deposits in our bank have increased greatly. The panic last fall was not seriously felt here. It is needless to add that merely as a business proposition, it for no better reason, I shall from now on work and vote just as heartily to keep out saloons as I formerly worked to retain them." Same in Albany—Albany Democrat.

#### To the Public.

Having sold my implement and vehicle business to Clarence Hanenkratt, I desire to thank the public for the patronage received for the past six years and hope you will give Mr. Hanenkratt a call.

Yours to serve,  
B. O. SNUFFER.

#### Valued Same as Gold.

B. G. Stewart, a merchant of Cedar View, Miss. says: "I tell my customers when they buy a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills they get the worth of that much gold in weight, if afflicted with constipation, malaria or biliousness." Sold under guarantee at Chas. I. Clough, drug store, 23c.

## To Republican Voters.

An overwhelming majority of Oregon's voters by registration have formally declared that they believe in the principles of the Republican Party. Let them now show that they are honest by voting in accordance with their declarations. The Oregon election comes before the Republican National Convention. Let every Republican voter in the First Congressional District uphold the honor of the Republican Party in Oregon and strengthen the influence of Oregon's delegation in the National Convention by voting for H. M. Cake for United States Senator and W. C. Hawley for Representative in Congress. If either of these Republican nominees fail of election the primary election system will be discredited and a return of boss rule will be invited. The good name of Oregon's voters will be smirched and Oregon's delegation to the National Convention will be placed in a humiliating position. For the effect it will have on the November election it is imperative that the Republican nominee in the June election shall be elected by an overwhelming majority. As a believer in the principles of the Republican Party it is your duty to be at the polls June 1st, and vote for Cake and Hawley.



Dr. Henry E. Morris, Democratic Nominee for County Clerk.

## About \$250.00 Lost in Fire

at East Beaver. So a news item in last week's paper informs us.

Do not Leave your Money in the house, it may be lost, stolen or burned at any time. Send or bring it to us, where it will be safe. It isn't thifty to let your money lay around in the house.

Remember—the party mentioned in last week's item did not leave a fire, but he burned out just the same. It may happen just so to you.

We will keep your money safely without charge.

## Tillamook County Bank.

### To the Public.

Having bought the Feed and Implement Business of B. O. Snuffer in this city, I am prepared to furnish everything in the Implement line.

Good goods at honest prices.

Give me a call.

Yours for business,

CLARENCE HANENKRATT.

#### It Reached the Spot.

Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is president of the Adams County Telephone Co., of Pike County, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my life once. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spots; it heals the sore spots and the weak spots in throats, lungs and chest. Sold under guarantee at Chas. I. Clough, drug store, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

#### Whooping Cough.

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane, of Hartland, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to anyone having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. D. Durrant, Mich. For sale by all druggists.

#### Bad Attack of Dysentery Cured.

"An honored citizen of this town was suffering from a severe attack of dysentery. He told a friend if he could obtain a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, he felt confident of being cured, he having used this remedy in the West. He was told that I kept it in stock and was promptly cured," says M. J. Leach, druggist, of Wolcott, Vt. For sale by all druggists.

#### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WATSON, KINGS & MAYNIX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.