SALEM AND PROHIBITION

Ex-Councilman . Tells of Conditions There-Business Record Decreases

(By John D. Turner, Attorney and Ex-Councilman in Weekly Visitor.)

For a statement concerning the effect of the dry policy on Salem, and in answer to the article by E. B. Lockhart, published in the Salem Statesman August 23 1914, and in the New Republic under date of September 11, 1914, I submit the following:

fifteen saloons, three restaurants, two wholesale houses and withdrew liquor permits from eight drug stores, thus denying herself the annual revenue of \$15,400. The saloons employed sixtyfive men, the restaurants twenty-five. Together they had a payroll of\$5,700 per month. Practically all those who conducted saloons and those employed by the saloons and restaurants rians, an organization of 100 (no prohave left town. All the buildings occupied a year ago by saloons are vacant, except six that have been occu- the sponsors. Each member gave a allowed. pied by tenants who left another building vacant, moving only to better their location. Several of the best buildings in town have their windows boarded up to serve as bill boards. There are now more than five hundred modern dwellings for rent in

Rental returns have greatly depreciated. Store property on State street, which for five years had rented for \$185 per month, was re-leased within four months after the city went 'dry' for two years at the rate of \$110 per month. This is but a fair sample of the reduction all through the business section on property that was up for re-leasing or renting since the city went 'dry.'

Business Unbearable.

Every merchant in town, except one-a radical prohi, has complained ceived for bonds sold in Boston was one—a radical prohi, has complained of the poor business done this year, and in order to keep going have disand in order to keep going have dispensed with all their surplus help, thus throwing a good many clerks It was used to pay a refund on sewer out of their regular monthly stipend. Many of these have now left Salem, seeking work somewhere else. There shoe stores have been closed, two by the sheriff and one voluntarily. One of the largest drygoods stores has been sued for the first time in its twenty years existence. Salem has look like big improvement?

hart fixed up his prohibition article. the list could be extended indefinitoccupied by four stalls, constituting the public market. The \$40,000 insurance block is being built by Geo. F. Rodgers under a permit which wolf in sheep's clothing." that always E. D. Hoag..... gives the estimated valuation at \$30,- gets your goat. 000, and for which the contract was let for less than \$13,000.

Building During Dry Period. Compare these facts with Mr. Lock-

hart's statement.

For the last wet year the building permits from January to August, inclusive, totaled \$388,925, and from the 1st of November 1913, to the twentieth day of September, 1914, \$268,100. I start with November 1st in order to show some real prohibition facts. During the campaign of 1913 J. G. Voget, a howling prohibitionist, published a statement that if the town went dry he would build sixteen new houses. So immediately after the

night in Mr. Bechtel's real estate close of the school year. office, whom he was trying to induce to give him an exaggerated statement eon, perfect in every detail. Table Mrs. Kate Allison as to the business in real estate, and decorations and favors suggestive of Fred Hibbs I asked him if he had deliberately autumn and the approach of Hallowlied about the building permits, and e'en formed an artistic and unique sethe said the boy who had given him ting for the feast. The Club members Mrs. Anna Dohl the figures had made a mistake, and in his Statesman Sunday morning he Henry Crenshaw, H. T. Botts, Alex Mrs. Minna Ecker Mrs. Hannenkrat makes a statement that the figures of McNair, B. C. Lamb, F. S. White-\$415,058 in his article published in the house, Geo. Willett and Wm. G. Tait. Statesman August 23 should have The guests of the occasion were Mes- Edmunds and William Cases Ed Hanson Victor Lane theck on the building permits.

City Improvements Stopped. The \$9,000 fire engine was purchasd early in 1913, after the money had been appropriated by the City Council in 1912. The Capital Journal, the evening paper, changed its location and installed a new press, the Statesman is in the same old quarters, and the only new things it has are a teltgraph operator and some type metal. he new church costing \$500, has Free Phones, Water and Light. ten built since the town went dry. The Capital Business College is at TILLAMOOK,

the old stand, while the Willamette University is still looking forward to it be noted that the enrollment at the grammar schools opening day 1913. was 1510, and for the same day this year 1469. It would seem that closing the door of the saloon meant closing the door of the schools.

Cherry Fair and Who Made it.

During the campaign of 1913 a o come from the Ministerial Association, to the effect that if the people December 1, 1913, Salem closed her a coffee club for those who could not afford to belong to the Illihee, Elks or Moose, and that the churches would finance the Cherry Fair to the extent of the usual support from the Fair, being unable to obtain any aid from the Ministral Association refusde to go on with the Fair. The Cherhibitionists), rather than see a year pass without a Cherry Fair became gressional lands, the same was disweek of his time and \$5 in money in order to have a fair. The attendance D. C. Collier, deputy sheriff was about one-half what it was in B. F. Barrett, reporter's fees 1913. Not a concession took in enough to pay expenses. You can take it from one who knows, the H. T. Botts assisting dis-Cherrians will never again finance a Cherry Fair. Right here I want to Myrtle O. Mills, stenographer, tell you something: The Methodist church, without contributing time or money toward defraying the expenses City Transfer Co., drayage 20 24 of the fair, placed tables in their Glass & Prudhomme Co., mch 19.00 church room, turned the pulpit into Glass & Prudhomme Co., mch a kitchen, and solicited the public to eat with them at the same prices M. E Gruber, auto hire ... charged at the restaurant.

Decreased Bank Deposits. The amount of deposits in Salem banks shows a decrease of \$309,942.69

Water Company, water
Coast Power Co, light
Pacific Tele & Tel Co..... since the town went dry, and this is Homer Mason expenses..... in spite of the fact that\$485,000 re-1914, statement. This money was dis-

tributed to Salem people and left here

assessments and to cover warrants

outstanding No Wages to Go. A leading schoolman told me that he did not know how the children would be equipped this year, but that he expected many of them would have to be aided with books, owing seen the closing of fourteen places of business, other than saloons, since been unable to secure work this sum-Mr. Lockhart I have been unable to find. A prominent—but why continue Western Union 3.30 the first of January 1914. Does this mer. The contractor mentioned by

> one. Common sense would tell any-one this statement is false. Just re-Clarence Doughney

State of Oregon.

This article is published at the re- W. H. Hoskins are opposed to prohibition.

Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club was very pleasantly entertained at the home of election in November, 1913 he pro- Mrs. Crenshaw on Friday, October 9th. cured from the City Recorder sixteen The annual business meeting occupied permits he began the construction of the hour usually spent upon literary nine houses of three and four rooms work. Officers for the ensuing year each. Only two were completed far were elected as follows: President, enough to receive the windows and Mrs. F. S. Whitehouse; Vice-President, doors, and they have never been Mrs. Henry Crenshaw; Secretaryfinished. No work of any kind has Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. G. Tait. The Club been done on these frames since last voted to give a prize to the winning side of the High School Debating So-I met Mr. Lockhart last Saturday ciety, the award to be made at the

The hostess served a delicious lunch-

been \$219,160. He found his mistake dames Walter F. Baker, J. C. Holden, mighty quick after he knew I had a D. E. Goodspeed, B. E. King, W. C. King, Albert W. Plank and Ira C. Smith. The Club will meet at Mrs. McNair's in November.

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The County Court composed of County Judge Homer Mason and Commissioners Farmer and Sappington, transacted the following business

In the matter of the appointment of a county inspector, Roy C. Jones was statement was published, purporting at pointed to the position, whose duty is to inspect orchards, nurseries, trees H. Crenshaw shrubs, vines and fruits, vegetables, would vote dry they would establish plants, packing houses, ware houses, store rooms, farms and other places, without additional compensation

In the matter of the petition for the R L. saloons. The Board of Trade which that U. G. Jackson, county surveyor, F. L. Sappington had always conducted the Cherry E. D. Hoag and Harley Foland be appointed as the board of county road

> In the matter of the application of the Oregon and California Railroad Co. in relation to taxes on its con-

Miscellaneous. in Schultz, Edmunds, Schollmeyer, Theiler and Cooper cases trict attorney in cases brought by Whitney Co.... 250.00 taking testimony . H, Crenshaw, expenses I. C. Holden, freight, etc Barthold-Barg Co., mch C. C. Wilmot, notes on evidence Cooper case..... for services

Thiel Detective Service Co., County Fair. Bales & Erskine, work Coast Power Co., mch A. F. Coats Lumber Co., lum-R. F. Zuchman, mch..... County Poor and Insane. A. N. Erskine, work 15.50 L. S. Husbeck, board 20.00 A. N. Erskine, work 15.50
L. S. Husbeck, board 20.00
Tillamook Feed Co., mch 15.00
Rosenberg Bros., mch 8.50
Tillamook Meat Co., mch 2 60
W. D Gladwell, milk 2.10
E. W. Knight, milk 3.30
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N. L. Dwe 73.72

the list could be extended indefinitThe \$20,000 public market building had the roof on before the town went dry. The only work that has been done on the building this year was the lathing of the first story and the speech that Salem last year had six
The \$20,000 public market building ely.

I have shown enough to those who will see. Clarence True Wilson is reported to have said in a prohibition Dee Tomlinson 30.20

F. W. Christensen 12 20

Ranah Hanah Dan Billings I regret very much the necessity of making public to the world the business condition of Salem, because I expect to live here for several years to come, but with the hope that others may be saved I cast the city's future a sacrifice upon the altar of the State of Oregon

D. A. Bailey 23 00
J. J. Powell 30, 20
A. L. Easom W. R. Robedee 9,00
Geo. R. McKimens 8, 20
C. W. Clements 30, 20
F. W. Crane 33,00
Alex Finlayson 31,40
Dan Fletcher 36,00
Ollie Woods 21,20 D. A. Bailey Ollie Woods U. S. Edwards..... Len Hiner H. F. Effenberger

Grand Jury. os. Durrer ... Theiler Case--Witnesses. W. B. Alderman Boss Turner ... U. G. Jackson Cooper Case -- Witnesses. Ben Allison

Lucious Lane 4.40 Jack Hart Preston Marolf

Tom Armstrong 32.40 Ade Lane Roy Hansen I. G. Moore Grand Jury- Witnesses.

W. C. Hawk 3.45
W. C. Hawk 220
Lloyd Kellow Kellow Mrs. Alice Pangborn Schollmeyer Case- Witnesses Orval Kellow 2.70 J. Bodyfelt OREGON IS. M. Batterson

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Jack Balmer
Fred Raust, jr. Albert Easom
August Sandberg Frank Badner
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John Zurflurh.....

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 Dirk Rutgers
 50 20

 Alex McNair Co
 51.21

 20 25
 51.21
 Wm. O'Connell 2.00 Lewis Fleck Wm. O'Connell \$19.60 R M. Dingess Jack Williams Elbert Worthington 19.20 Wm. Glick 19.20 D. A. Bailey 54.40 William Glick Alex Imlah..... Con Noble Claude Lane

Fred Lewallen

Axel Nelson
A. Arstill...
Frank Nelson

George Kellow

Claude Hussy 24.37

W. Hester.... John Imlah 15 00 50 00 Victor Lane St.00 Claud Lane Roads and Bridges. 85 00 Claud Hussy.... 75.00 A. Lane
133.33 O. V. Wallace
133.33 O. Lane
75.00 J. Lewallen
75.00 Fred Lewallen 98.93 Frank Gates 75.00 S Bauer 100.00 M. Sandidge 68.00 E. Hanson 60.00 Roy Hanson Frank Nelson Supervisors and Deputies. 28.43 W. F. Cain 12.50 W. F. Cain 7.50 F. P. Hobson

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