

IS FOR THE LAW

WHY HIS REASONS WHY HE WILL VOTE FOR LOCAL OPTION.

Takes the Statesman's Bits for Breakfast Man to Task and Good Naturedly Attempts to Instruct Him as to His Duty Concerning the Pending Question.

Editor Statesman:

And so your Bits for Breakfast man will vote against local option next month, will he? Too bad. Bright fellow, too, in a general way. Please give me the opportunity to tell him wherein I think he is wrong—not for voting against it, for that is his great privilege; but for the reasons he gave in this morning's Statesman. He fears it "will stir up and keep alive neighborhood jealousies, and thus become a nuisance and drawback to a growing community."

"Drawback to a growing community," forsooth! Let us have done with this forever putting temporal prosperity and growth of a community above its moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare. It's a fallacy, anyway. I venture the assertion that if he has a chance to bring up and lived in an Eastern state intending to move to the West, he would, all other things being equal, select that state for his home where a local option law prevailed. Let us bid for that element in the great time of immigration that is setting toward the West that prefers sobriety and purity in the home, incorruption in the civic life, and intellectual advancement for all; and let other states bid for the intemperate, the vicious, and the get-rich-quick class.

Again he says: "The people of Oregon need to live in peace. There is enough of hatred now." Who is it that is going to kick up a row and disturb the peace should the law be enacted? Not the peace-loving and law-abiding people who vote for it, but the law-breaking, peace-disturbing saloon element. It was Christ who said: "I came not to send peace, but a sword," and it was in reference to just such issues as this. The advice he gives to sacrifice temperance and morality for neighborhood peace and temporal prosperity—for that is exactly what it amounts to—is bad, utterly bad.

Are we to trucefully surrender before the battle, for fear the saloon men and their allies will disturb the peace if defeated. In the name of God, man, don't you know there is no peace and can be none, so long as the saloon exists in Oregon? Ask those broken-hearted families in Corvallis who mourn their recent death through the influence of the saloons of that town if they fear local option will drive the gentle dove of peace from their windows!

The vote of an outside precinct should not be permitted to force prohibition on Salem, is another one of his arguments. What is Salem, but the focal point of these same outside precincts? Is it a matter of indifference to the spokes of a wheel that the hub is rotten? Let me tell you very plainly, Mr. Bits for Breakfast man, that Salem would be small potatoes were it not for the constant presence on her streets of the rural population of Polk and Marion counties. We come to your town with pockets overflowing with the wealth resulting from our industry, and you welcome us with open arms. But when we claim that we have a right to destroy the infernal traps you have set to catch us and rob us of our intellects and money, and to debauch us and our sons, you tell us it is none of our business; that our right is limited to preventing the setting of such traps in our own door yards. Do you not realize that the man who sells his crop in Salem, spends his money in Salem, does all his business in Salem, schools his children in Salem and gets his news through the Salem Statesman, is as much interested as yourself in its institutions? It's only an imaginary line that divides us.

I shall vote for local option, because, if passed, it will give every individual in Oregon a chance to vote for or against prohibition in that locality. Every one should have the privilege of expressing his choice, and the majority should decide. I am not saying that I shall then vote for prohibition in my county or precinct. That matter is not yet up for discussion. But I am asking for the privilege of expressing myself on the question when it comes up. It seems to me no one should vote against my having this privilege. Even the Bits for Breakfast man, when he acknowledges the reasonableness of this, casts his vote in favor of local option, though he votes steadily thereafter against local prohibition.

JAMES R. SHEPARD. Salem, R. F. D. No. 1, May 19, 1904.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST.

This weather will soon bring on the cherries and strawberries, and life will be still more worth living.

The G. A. R. had engaged the third story of the city hall for their indoor exercises May 30th. It was found yesterday, however, that the stage was being taken out, by some one's order, so it will not be possible to use the room for the purpose. It seems a mistake to take out the stage of that room. There are times when there is no other place available in which to hold meetings. The city hall belongs to all the people of the city, and it seems that a good reason ought to be advanced for rendering it useless for most public meetings. No good reason has been advanced. There were some G. A. R. men in Salem yesterday who were wrathful. Some of them who pay high taxes, part of it going to pay the interest on the bonds that were sold to cover the cost of the city hall. Some one should be asked to explain the matter.

The summer resort men will begin to get busy.

Would you like to be the ice man?

J. R. Shepard, the progressive farmer who lives over in Polk county, near

where Zona used to be, on Rural Free Delivery route No. 1, takes the Bits for Breakfast man to task for saying he is going to vote against the proposed local option law. Mr. Shepard says he himself is going to vote for it, in order to be fair and give the people a chance in the future to have local option, though he will not at this time say he will vote for county prohibition, when the matter comes up. That is a different question. But the trouble is that if this local option law is adopted the question of county and precinct prohibition will be up most of the time, and it will be a disturbing element. It is not the right way. And a person is not necessarily truceful if he desires peace and good feeling among neighbors; if he desires to see as little quarreling as possible, and as much pulling together as may be. There are plenty of honest people who do not believe in prohibition, county or state, and who are not under the influence of the saloons. Local option by precincts is a good thing. We have that now. The law on this point might be improved. But local option by counties would be a bad thing, and the opportunity to vote on the question often, as provided in the proposed law, would stir up continual strife and would be a bad thing for Oregon. It might not be allowed. Precinct local option and high license in the towns are practical. There is a chance for wholesome legislation along these lines. But this chance would be thrown away by the adoption of the proposed local option law. The thing to do is to vote it down, and to go to work along practical lines.

SUNDAY GAMES

SALEM WINS THE THIRD VICTORY OVER ROSEBURG IN SERIES OF FOUR.

Albany Wins From Eugene—Gervais Loses to the Allen and Lewis Team—Mt. Angel Defeats Pratum and South Salem Alerts Get Away With South Salem Youngsters—Salem Meets Albany Here Friday.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns for Club, Won, Lost, Pet. showing standings for Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, and Salem.

In the hardest fought contest of the season, the Raglans won the last game of the series with the Shamrocks at Roseburg, on Sunday afternoon, by a score of 6 to 5. It took eleven innings to decide the game, the score being tied, 4 to 4, in the tenth, but by hard work on the part of the Salem "lads" they succeeded in snatching victory from their opponents by a narrow margin. The special feature of the game was the heavy stick work of both nines, Salem's column showing eleven hits and Roseburg's twelve, among which were four home runs, made by Downie, Nehring, Reed and Bradley.

Tabulated Score of Game.

Table showing the score of the game between Salem and Roseburg, including runs, hits, and errors.

Roseburg.

Table showing the score of the game between Albany and Eugene.

Runs by Innings.

Table showing runs by innings for Salem and Roseburg.

Summary of Game.

Bases stolen—Nehring, Fay. Double plays—Fay to Nehring. Home runs—Downie, Nehring, Reed, Bradley.

Albany, May 23.—The fourth game of baseball between Albany and Eugene here, at Rampler Park, yesterday afternoon, was the best of the series. It was an errorless game on both sides, and good ball was played. Gregory, the Albany pitcher, fanned out five men, and Schofield of Eugene, struck out four. Tealy Raymond, the great shortstop of the Los Angeles team, played here for the first time and scored a home run, as did Sullivan, the new third baseman.

For Eugene Captain Downing did a like service.

The Albany boys appeared in their new uniforms, dark green trimmed with red, making a splendid appearance. A crowd of over 1000 witnessed the game, many of them from Portland.

Following is the detailed score:

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Runs and Hits by Innings.

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Summary of Game.

Earned runs, Albany 4; Eugene 2. Two-base hits, Lewis, Gregory, Lee, Downing, Clynes.

Allen & Lewis vs. Gervais.

Gervais, May 23.—(Special to the Statesman).—An excellent game of ball was played yesterday on the Gervais diamond, between the Allen & Lewis team, of Portland, and the Gervais team, both nines putting up first class ball, as will be seen by the score and by the fact that ten innings were necessary to decide the contest. Following is the score by innings:

Table showing the score of the game between Allen & Lewis and Gervais.

Mt. Angel vs. Pratum.

Mt. Angel, Or., May 23.—(Special to the Statesman).—One of the liveliest games of baseball seen for some time in the eastern part of the county was that between the Mt. Angel College nine and a team from Pratum on Sunday afternoon, in which the College boys came off victorious in a score of 6 to 1. This is the first defeat of the season for the Pratum team. There was snappy playing from start to finish, and the students were a little too limber and full of ginger for the farm lads. The latter were also handicapped by not being accustomed to the grounds, which are very sloping toward the infield and therefore deceiving to strangers.

Junior Alerts Victors.

The Junior Alerts of North Salem defeated the South Salem team by a score of 27 to 5, in a game of ball last evening. Keeton and Johns composed the battery for the South for two innings, during which time nineteen runs were credited to the Alerts. Johns was "fired" from behind the bat because of his "butter fingers" and on second base he handled the ball in a way that would have done credit to a Japanese juggler. The Souths were held down by Blaco to 6 hits, and 14 strikeouts were put to his credit. Smith made a home run hit and Graham and Blaco each a three-bagger and several two-baggers were made by the alerts. The following is the line-up:

Table showing the line-up for the Junior Alerts game.

UNITARIANS' ANNUAL MEETING.

BOSTON, May 23.—Unitarians from various parts of the country assembled here today for the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association. The convention will last until Saturday. Unitarians of New England generally will observe the occasion as a notable anniversary of their denomination. The first meeting of the convention was held this morning in Historic Chapel, where the delegates gathered with a service of prayer.

J. H. McCourt, J. Oliver and P. A. Fugate, local representatives of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, left yesterday afternoon for Seattle to attend an insurance convention and banquet.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

MAY TERM.

Road and Highway.

Table listing names and amounts for the Road and Highway department.

Court House Expense.

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CASTORIA advertisement for infants and children.

Advertisement for Castoria medicine, featuring a signature and 'In Use For Over 30 Years.'

Advertisement for lawn services, 'Prepare for the Warm Season' and 'LAWNS'.

Advertisement for Rosten & Greenbaum, 'PRICES ARE MOST REASONABLE' and 'Cushion Cords only 10c a yard'.

Advertisement for Dr. W. Norton Davis, 'Seventeen Years Experience' and 'IN A WEEK'.

Advertisement for Money to Loan, 'On improved farm and city property at lowest rates.'

Advertisement for Dr. C. Gee Woo, 'This wonderful Chinese doctor is called great because he cures people without operation'.

Advertisement for Cancer Cure Guaranteed, 'No knife, no pain. Why experiment with X-rays when you have something sure offered you?'