

PORTLAND LIQUOR DEALERS

Wholesale Houses State Their Objections to It

Proposed Measure Would Grow 15,000 Men in Oregon Out of Work

It seems to be an erroneous opinion on the part of the general public as to the so-called local option which comes up for a vote at the election. This local option law is a radical prohibition measure. With a view to placing the matter before the public, we desire to state our objections to the law.

In the first place, it is glaringly unjust. For instance, it provides that if a majority of the people in any county vote against the issuance of liquor licenses, no license can be obtained there in that county, no matter how many votes in some particular precinct are cast in favor of license.

It leaves it to every liberal-minded citizen whether this is a fair proposition or not. Local option means local choice. Is there a choice where every vote in a precinct may be in favor of a license and a license cannot be obtained? Prohibitionists—they are not local optionists—they are not local choice. If the vote of the majority of the people in any precinct prohibits, it prevents the obtaining of a license there, then would it be fair that a majority vote in that precinct "against prohibition" should allow the issuance of licenses, which it would not in the case set forth above?

The adoption of local option in Clatsop county would result as follows: The city and county would lose \$100,000 revenue every year. One-quarter of the buildings in the city district would be vacant. About 4000 men would be thrown out of employment.

The expenses of maintaining the government would be as much, there would not be enough revenue to pay it.

Taxes would be so high that no one could afford to own property.

The Prohibitionists have recently got out a pamphlet in which they make the following statement: The adoption of the proposed local option law, it is estimated, will throw out of employment in Oregon about 15,000 men, but the immense sum of money now expended for intoxicating liquor which would go into the purchase of household goods and personal supplies would bring into employment to meet the increased demand not less than 125,000 men.

We think the State of Oregon can scarcely afford to adopt a law which its own advocates admit will start out by throwing 15,000 men out of employment. The statement that it would later result in the employment of a larger number of men is ridiculous and is disproved by the unprogressive record of every town or state which has adopted prohibitory laws.

If the proposed law were really local option the legitimate liquor interests would oppose it. They have never opposed any reasonable legislation, but as a matter of fact local option law is merely an attempt of the Prohibitionists to obtain under the deceitful name of "local option" something which they would have no chance on earth of obtaining if they were to call it by its right name, "Prohibition."

BREWERS' AND WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.

LOCAL ENTHUSIASM.

On One Subject Salem People Grow Enthusiastic.

The increase of popular enthusiasm on the following subject is almost daily manifested by public expression and local endorsement. Read what this citizen says, and discover the cause for the constant showering of praise which follows in the wake of Doan's Kidney Pills.

Jacob Morelock, farmer, residing on Rural avenue, between Hazel and Laurel streets, in Nob Hill addition, South Salem, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Dr. Stone's drug store, did me good. I had been bothered off and on for quite a long time with pain through my back and kidneys. I have always worked hard at farming and think the trouble was originally caused from a strain. The secretions from the kidneys were annoying at times and caused me considerable inconvenience. Before I had taken one box of Doan's Kidney Pills the pain in my back and other symptoms of kidney trouble had passed away. I am pleased to recommend this remedy to others."

Sold for 50 cents a box by all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

OHIO DEMOCRATS.

Columbus, O., May 23.—The Democratic state convention will meet here tomorrow and Wednesday to choose delegates at large to the national convention and to nominate candidates for secretary of state, judge of the supreme court, one member of the board of public works and a dairy and food commissioner. The delegates are slow in arriving and few of the party leaders are expected to put in an appearance before tomorrow. What course the convention will take with regard to the several matters upon which it is called to act appears at this stage to be very uncertain. Even the politicians supposed to be best acquainted with the situation hesitate to venture a prediction. Comparatively little attention is being paid so far to the nominations for state offices. What interest is manifested in the convention centers in the selection of delegates to the St. Louis convention and the adoption of a platform. Hearst has been pursuing an active campaign in Ohio and one of his followers has been chosen for temporary chairman. The striking feature of the situation up to date appears to be the utter lack of interest taken in the convention by those heretofore looked upon as the leaders of the party. Even Tom Johnson of Cleveland is not displaying his wonted activity. He has declared his opposition to the Hearst movement, but has made no active fight and expressed no wish to go as a delegate to the national convention. It is freely predicted that unless the opposition awakes from its apathy Hearst will surely succeed in his efforts to control the convention.

Roses Pay Rent of Church.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 23.—A score of the descendants of Caspar Wistar, living in Philadelphia and Germantown, journeyed to Stouchsburg today to attend the annual Whit Monday feast of roses, at Tulpehocken Reformed church.

Nearly 150 years ago Caspar Wistar, of Philadelphia, transferred to the congregation the land upon which the present church and parsonage stand. There was a condition in the deed that a red rose was to be paid annually. It was never observed until two years ago, when the back red rose rent was paid by presenting the Wistar descendants with 142 red roses. Since then Wistar descendants contributed money for a new organ in the church. In recognition of this the congregation decided to add a white rose to the annual rental. The presentation of the two flowers was made this morning in the presence of more than 1000 persons.

Forbes Stud at Auction.

Boston, Mass., May 23.—The most notable horse sale that has ever taken place hereabouts is the Tranter-Kenney sale which began today at Readville. It is a dispersal sale of the horses owned by the late J. Malcom Forbes. The stock to be placed on the block is appraised at \$125,000 and includes many of the great horses of the trotting turf. Heading the list of brood mares is the celebrated Nancy Hanks, one time holder of the world's record, for which Forbes paid \$43,000. The lot includes Bingen,

2:06 1/4, for which \$25,000 was recently refused, and Vice-Commodore, a three-year-old son of Bingen and Marion, the celebrated daughter of Arion and Nancy Hanks. In addition to the Forbes stud the sale includes a consignment of seventy-five head from Thomas W. Lawson's Dreamworld farm.

Papal Blessing for Ohio Couple.

Hamilton, O., May 23.—A rare honor has been conferred upon George Bramlage and his wife of this city in the form of a blessing received from Pope Pius X. Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Bramlage will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The papal blessing is in documentary form, and comprises a handsome picture of Pope Pius, together with the printed form of the official document. To this is affixed the papal seal and the "cross signature" of his holiness.

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