

LOCAL OPTION IN LINN COUNTY AFTER TWO YEARS

Checkerboard Prohibition Coast the Tax Payers Thousands of Dollars---Pendleton Paper Shows Anti-Saloon Detective Has Criminal Record In Umatilla

There was not a newspaper in Linn county which would warn the local option cases against it—that county politicians dared not oppose the prohibition of the churches. Three-fourths of the county would prohibit saloons—but Albany was voted dry by the county. Lebanon and other places had saloons and wanted them. But the local option law prohibited saloons in the three towns and disorder resulted. Linn county has been dry for two years with no regulation in the law. The sale of intoxicating liquors was not ended with voting the county dry. The revenue derived from the license is cut off; the tax payers are called upon to pay court costs for attempted prosecutions (which should be changed to persecutions); enmity, hatred, bitterness is engendered and fostered by conditions as now confront us, one church organization is arrayed against another; neighbor arrayed against neighbor—and hell to pay generally! The Herald editor has decided opinions on this obnoxious law. He believes that the saloon—well regulated, restricted, fairly high-license—is a thousand times more to be desired than the bickerings and broils in which we now find ourselves.

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He had been accused of embezzling about \$200 from the Preston-Parton Milling Company, of Athena, having collected this amount of money for them in Weston and Athena. After collecting this money he skipped out and was arrested in Portland a few months later and brought back for trial.

He was confined in the county jail for some time and finally after he had promised to reimburse the company District Attorney Phelps yielded to the tearful pleadings of his wife and her mother and consented to recommend that he be paroled if he would enter a plea of guilty.

Pason was accordingly paroled and for a time worked for the mill company, but one day while in Walla Walla he mysteriously disappeared and nothing had been heard of him until his name appeared in the papers as a detective and the chief witness for the anti-saloon league in the Albany liquor prosecutions. While in Athena he often boasted of his ability as a detective making those who are familiar with the case here sure that the Albany man and the embezzler are one and the same.

At the same time he stole the money from the Preston-Parton company he mortgaged a piano belonging to the Wise piano house to Ed. Knight for \$150, which is a felony under the laws of this state. Knight refrained from prosecuting him upon the promises of himself, his wife and mother-in-law that the money would be paid back. After he skipped out, however, the officers made a search for him and there is a possibility that he will be brought back to this city and be prosecuted for this offense, though Knight is now living in Walla Walla.

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oath that he had signed an affidavit that was false, and another whose neighbors say bears a bad reputation for truth and veracity.

So, therefore, we are justified in the assumption that the taxpayers of Linn county will have to pay all the costs in all the contested cases, which amounts to thousands of dollars.

After all is said, what has been accomplished to justify the perpetuation of such an obnoxious law as the local option or so-called prohibition law?

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and therefore will not be subject to arrest on that score.

Pason's wife is a former Walla Walla girl, she and her widowed mother having arrived in the Garden City only a short time before her marriage to Pason.

The sensation of the Albany liquor trials was the attempt of the defense to prove that Pason under the name of William Mason, was sentenced to serve two years in the Wisconsin state penitentiary, August 12, 1902, for stealing a motor cycle, valued at \$200.

While living at Athena, Pason followed the trade of an electrician and it was by teaching Ed Knight, a bicycle repairer, something about electricity, worked his way into the young man's confidence and secured the loan on the piano which had been purchased on the installment plan and not paid for.

Hard Work as a Medicine.

Great responsibility seems to be a powerful health protector. People in very responsible positions are rarely sick. When a man feels that great results are depending on his personal effort, illness seems to keep away from him, as a rule, at least until he has accomplished his task.

It is well known that great singers, great actors and lecturers are seldom sick during their busy seasons.

Hard work and great responsibility are the best kinds of insurance against sickness. When the mind is fully employed, there does not seem to be much chance for disease to get in its work, for a busy, fully occupied mind is the best kind of safeguard against illness.

The fact is, the brain that is completely saturated with a great purpose, that is fully occupied, has little room for the great enemies of

health and happiness—the doubt enemies, fear enemies, worry enemies.

Busy people do not have the time to think about themselves, to pity and coddle themselves every time they have a little ache or pain. There is a great, imperious must which forces them to proceed, whether they feel like it or not. The result is that they triumph over their little indispositions and crush out little ailments before they have a chance to grow into bigger ones. Fear is the great enemy of the unoccupied mind. The person who does not feel the pressure of his vocation has time to worry over the possibility of his getting the disease which may be prevalent at the time. But if every crevice of his mind is filled with his work, his resisting powers are not weakened by the fear of disease. In other words, the busy mind is in its normal condition.

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Exercise of mind and body seems to be the normal medicinal corrective of disease. It seems to be absolutely necessary for the preservation of robust health.

No function can be perfectly healthy, in a normal condition unless it is exercised. Work seems to be the great regulator of the human machine. Idleness has always and everywhere bred mischief. Vice and crime are engendered during idleness.

When a man is busy in some useful employment he is safe. He is protected from all sorts of temptations which injure him in idleness. Like an unoccupied building in the country, or unused machinery, the idle brain deteriorates rapidly. Success Magazine.

DuPar Dispatch on Statement No. 1: The editor of this sheet is in favor of the pledge or something similar. We believe, and always have believed in the election of United States senator by the people, and also believe this is the best way to get at it under the present system of national government.

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Political Pointers.

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The Republican state convention in Oregon will not be called until after the April primaries, says State Chairman Westgate.

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