HAWTHORNE TABERNA JOINT DEBATE AT

COL. E. HOFER, Editor Daily Capital Journal.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION DISCUSSED BEFORE IMMENSE AUDIENCE

Over 5.000 People Hear Rev. Clarence True Wilson and Col. E. Hofer Under the Auspices of the Oregon Civic Federation -Both Sides Strike Hard Blows-Shall Local Option be Superceded by State Wide Prohibition? - Vital Issue Before the People of Oregon on Which the Politicians Are Taking to the Woods.

audience; let the ladies come for nor following any suggestion from kill certain temperance bills in the plause) they need my good will; they ward, the ladies of the W. C. T. U., any source whatever. I would like Oregon State Senate, I am not in need my friendly hand and my and take seats on the platform of the platform. and take seats on the platform.

platform, and were greeted with ap- propositions: plause and cheers.

Federation of Oregon: Ladles and Gentlemen, this debate has not been arranged merely as a matter of entertainment. This is serious problem upon which every voter will be called upon to decide during this coming year; and I am sure that as voters of the State of Oregon you are anxious that this be properly settled; I am ed that it will be; and I think that with such able representatives as we have on either side, there is no doubt but what we will have some new ideas concerning the subject. This subject is set like a stone in the very heart of our political thought, but surrounded as it is with such brilliant settings as these intellectual gems, I am satisfied that the subject will be properly illuminated

Now, the arrangements are that Col. Hofer is to have the first half hour, Dr. Wilson is to follow with an address of one hour, after which Col. Hofer will close in a one-half hour address.

I have the pleasure of introducing you a man who is not afraid to register his conviction on this spb- President Civic Federation of Oregon ject, and whatever you may think of his notions about this thing, I am satisfied there is one thing that you will approve, and that is you admire man who has the courage of his what he honestly believes. I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Colonel Hofer of the Daily Capital Journal of Salem. (Applants of the prolification amendment to be submitted to the people of Oregon in 1910 would benefit Oregon."

Mr. Chairman, I accepted this lateral of the prolification amendment to be submitted to the people of Oregon." convictions and is not afraid to say

family by subsisting upon the State Is that satisfactory? or upon his fellow citizens by any artificial skin game of any kind. Mr. Hofer: Now, I have been a sympathy or my friendship or my friendship or my friendship or my sympathy or my friendship or my sympathy or my friendship or my friendship or my friendship or my friends and I want to say that the newspapers and I think I am enliving, and I want to stand before my equals, my fellow-citizens, merely as a self-supporting, self-sustain help draw the crowd, although that ing private citizen, who arrives at his conclusions in his own way, and who expresses his own ideas. I am not here as the representative of the Liquor Dealers' organization, or of candidate for the office of Governor, sitting upon this platform, and a

Mr. I. H. Amos: I am requested the wholesalers or of the retailers, announce that members of the or of any political party or of any W. C. T. U. are desired on the plat- faction; nobody but God and I are form. The president of the W. C. T. responsible for what I say here to-U. is on the platform and she night. (Applause.) And I make hasn't quite as many people as she my statements in the sight of God hibition in the morning to the would like to have there, and there and before you as one of your fellow- ministerial association and in the are a number scattered through the citizens, not under any instructions,

form also, and the party prohibition—and before proceeding into this dis-ists. Now, don't all the audience cussion I ask your indulgence to now that I would not suppress my come on that call; they ought to all state the question as I under-convictions upon any question, I

form. Now, if there are any per-sons in the lead in the trade, if they to me by your ho orable Chairman that I shall do all in my power, per-and they need my good will; and option for the country precincts and sons in the lead in the trade, if they to me by your ho orable Chairman that I shall do all in my power, per- and they need my good will; and option for the country precincts and that is the kind of Christianity I be- the right to carry on what is known sents on the platform we shall be He states in his letter, and I have glad to have them. (Applause.)

here the original, that after a concalled prohibition amendment to the At 8:14 p. m. Dr. Clarence True sultation with Dr. Wilson he had in constitution, and, after having done world, or in the next world, and I At 8:14 p. m. Dr. Clarence True sultation with Dr. Wilson he had in-constitution, and, after having done Wilson, Col. E. Hofer and Mr. M. C. vited me to take part in a joint de-everything that I can fairly before it Reed waled down the aisle to the bate of either one of the following is submitted to a vote of the people.

M. C. Reed, President of the Civic tion amendment to be voted on in



M. C. REGION.

benefit the State." That was the first proposition submitted to me. Or the alternative: "Resolved, that "Resolved, that the defeat of the prohibition amend-

Capital Journal of Salem. (Appliance and Various remarks, plause.)

Mr. Chairman, I accepted this latter proposition. "Resolved that the defeat of the prohibition amendment to the constitution would benefit to the constitution would benefit to the constitution of pulpit; I am not familiar with the article of furniture (referring to the lecturne upon the platform. (Laughter.)

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Mr. Chairman, I accepted this latter proposition. "Resolved that the denominations when I say Christian denominations when I say I

known merely as a private citizen, a State with a prohibition amendment, clude in my-respect and veneration self-respecting private citizen who is Now, if there is no controversy every citizen of the State and every not pauperixing either himself or his about that let that statement stand, industry and every business. I want

and I wish to resent that imputation (Laughter and applause.) 1 am still a private citizen and hope to remain so.

A voice: No doubt of it.
Mr. Hofer: With your kind indulgence (Laughter and applause.) And there is a prohibition newspaper published in the city of Salem that assures me every week, to the extent of about a page, that I am the one man in Oregon who never, never shall sit in the Governor's chair, (Laughter). So if you believe that newspaper, there is nothing further necessary for me to say.

A friend of mine said, "Why, Colonel Hofer, you could be Governor of this State if you would just keep still about this prohibition question, if you would just keep in with the church people and tip it off to the other side that you would not hurt them and get both sides with you. youl could be Governor of Oregon." I told him I wasn't built on those (Applause.)

Dr. Wilson. That is good. Mr. Hofer. I remember a very honorableman, as Cassius told Brutus, we are all honorable men in politics
—I remember a very honorable Senator at Salem who talked proafternoon signed up a contract that plainly understood. that class, ladies and gentlemen.

Now I think it was the intention

This debate has been somewhat (Applause, And he was an honor-have the ministers on the plat-misrepresented in the newspapers, able man; as politics goes, And I

> of what you might call hard drinkpassing away, and the man of ordinary intelligence knows today that when he is punishing liquor he is simply punishing himself. It doesn't simple fact. But I also believe that the way to reform men is through the teachings of the gospel, through the teachings of Christianity. I be-lieve in the transformed individual, the man whose spiritual life awakened and who is renewed and regenerated according to the teach-Oregon."
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> Mr. Chairman, I accepted this latsay that, I include all Christian

to be a friend of all men: I don't

A voice: Amen. Mr. Hofer: And

want us to change our mind and there are people who want to put cussion he remarked, "What is the adopt a new State policy to suit God into the constitution. There use of paying our fare clear down to their notions? That is the proposi- are all kinds of cranks in this world San Francisco to see the Jeffries-

Now, I am opposed to his constitution is for Dr. Wilson's consideration, or under God's stars, that is not detional amendment. I don't believe I have been reading the national bauched and befouled by saloon in littering up the constitution of platform of the Prohibition party, fluences that will tolerate the prize Oregon with all such propositions as and I find no reference in it to fight today. (Applause.) California oregon with all such propositions as and I find no reference in it to fight today. (Appliause.) California ferent sources and these different it is not a part of the piatform of places where liquor is sold and organizations. I don't think it is the national Prohibition parts. little more, if you please (laughter), because they need my help (apsympathy, and if I had to decide beferent sources and these different it is not a part of the platform of places where liquor is sold, and most
a lot of the so-called elect, or a lot
of the so-called saved and transmoif the so-called saved and transmoif don't think it is right, and if the so-called saved and transmoif don't think it is necessary, and I around that, but I suppose he will one of the most are the so-called saved and transmoif don't think it is necessary, and I around that, but I suppose he will one of the most are the so-called saved and transmoif don't think it is necessary, and I around that, but I suppose he will one of the most are the socalled saints of this world or going hope to present. of the so-called saved and transmofrified saints of this world or going down into the gutter with the poor and the lowly and the humble and the sinner and the downcast, and you stand, the local option law and come on that call; they ought to all state the question as I undercome, but there wouldn't be room; stand it.

It has been published in the newsthose identified with the work, take a place on the platform.

I am reminded that this is not a
religious meeting and that the brewers and saloon keepers organization should be invited to the platform. Now, if there are any nerread from the letter which was sent.

I convictions upon any question, and question, and question, and the lowly and the humble and would not straddle any public question for any honor in the gift of the people. I don't believe in that kind of politics, (Applause.) And I warn the templon of the saloon or in opposition, A religious meeting and that the humble and the lowly and the humble and Now, of course, as you all under-the sinner and the downcast, and you stand, the local option law represents party; but they don't propose to might almost say, the vilest people what might be called the home rule amend the State constitution in any thrive there, and the self-respecting lieve in. I don't want to be among as high license in the cities. It was of time (laughter and applause).

Now, when I have concluded Dr. world, or in the next world, and I don't want to sit near the throne in the next world for what little good I can do here. I don't believe in this not pretended at that time that there world, or in the next world, and I would be anything but the right for Wilson will occupy an hour of your time, and I presume it would make the next world for what little good I can do here. I don't believe in the cities. It was of time (laughter and applause).

Now, when I have concluded Dr. Wilson will occupy an hour of your time, and I presume it would make this joint debate more specific if I and Anti-Saloon League in which they would just ask him a few questions. bate of either one of the following propositions:

"First, Resolved that the prohibition amendment to be voted on in the State of Oregon in 1910 would respected. (Loud applause.) And if it should be your misfortune and my good luck to ever occupy the chair of the Governor of this State, I convictions upon this matter, and I am aware that I am in an audience of the following if it is submitted to a vote of the people. I will be one man who that kind of religion.

Now, friends, with this little pre-limitation and my good luck to ever occupy the chair of the people. I will be one man who that was published by the Anti-Saloon League in which they would just ask him a few questions. I presume he will answer them any locality, every city under this system to callfornia's Governor of the government control upon that matter, and that cities could control, and country precincts and residence wards of cities could yote out.

The people and is carried into effect by that kind of religion.

Now, friends, with this little pre-locality, every city under this system to callfornia's Governor of the matter, and I am sure you will express what I honestly feel and I am an aware that I am in an audience of the Governor of this State, I convictions upon this matter, and that cities could control, and country precincts and residence wards of cities could yote out.

The people and is carried into effect by that kind of religion.

Now, friends, with this little prediction, will answer them any locality, every city under this system to call date of the people. I while the prediction of the governor of the people. I while the prediction of the governor of the people. I denote the prevailing and that every precinct, every the would just ask him a few questions. I presume he will answer them any locality, every city under this system to call the total and that every precinct, every the decide this question and I would like to have on the governor of the people. I will be come that the probability of the governor of the people. I will be c enforced if it took all the military and executive power of this State to make you all go dry. (Applause and laughter.) I believe in peple having what they want when they vote for That was telegraphed me up to to violate the principle of local self-

and when the majority carries it believe in the will of the people here was to be filled with people now, and I want you to bear that in who were already converted and conmind, that if you adopt this prohibibeing respected. I don't believe in trifling with the expressed will of the people upon any question.

Now, I am also here to say that I am willing to give credit to the temperance workers of this State and of all states for all contents. When were already converted and continuing the propriety of this propriety of t and of all states for all good work any elements of the city that should nment, and cities like Salem and that is done along educational lines. I am glad to know and I am glad to the city that should nment, and cities like Salem and be specially invited to come here to other cities in this State would be listen to this joint debate to be on absolutely prohibited from regulatsay that in the fifty years of my life in my side of the question. I immediately wrote to him and I have a copy of the letter here, sir, that I did not problems growing out of the liquor The fact is the hard drinker is think it was fair for either side to traffic, and the city of Portland ing away, and the man of ordin- undertake to pack this meeting; would lose all its revenues which to that I would do nothing of that kind; is now receiving, somewhere bethat I would come here and face this tween four and five hundred thous-audience, although they might be and dollars a year, and would have composed entirely of people who did to levy two and a half mills addi-not agree with me; because I want to tional taxes upon all the property of say to you right here, friends, a the city and would absolutely lose great many of you are in the habit all control of the right to regulate of sitting in your churches and listening to some man in the pulpit pound with the this prohibition proposition at you great magnificent city here would be from one end of the year to the turned loose into a kind of prohibiother, and he is quite careful never tion pandemonium. That is to allow the other side to be heard you would have here in Portland. in that pulpit. That is what a lot (Applause and various remarks,

the discipline of that church to amendment would be trampled unsome of these churches and get you preach prohibition and to practice der foot, and the Seventh Day Ad- to thinking on the other side of this total abstinence. (Applause and ventists would multiply and thrive subject. I want you to think on both laughter.) In a way I feel sorry for under that kind of persecution. I sides of a subject for once in your Dr. Wilson. (Laughter.) Strictly only use these illustrations to show speaking, he is not a free moral that there are many things that it is the control of agent. (Laughter.) He hasn't got unfit and improper in a free country any choice in this matter. He has got to preach prohibition and he has got to practice total abstinence or toward the prohibition question, and debates with Dr. Wilson, and what the salary would stop in a printle. its salary would stop in a minute.

(Laughter and applause.)

Now, I say that with all respect and deference to the honorable doctor, because I am not here to throw mud or to throw bricks, and I hope to convince you that I am a bouquet thrower from away back.

(Laughter.)

I think I can convince you later in my argument that the few states that already have prohibition amendments in their constitution, that they are not obeyed and that they are not into your mind is this. That merely not speaker a gentleman whom you flaughter.) (Laughter.)

Now, in this whole discussion I does not change conditions one would like to have you bear in mind particle. If we would put,—if we that the question is, Shall we adopt could do so sacreligious an act as is state wide constitutional prohibition sometimes proposed, as to put God by adopting an amendment to the himself into the constitution of Orespoke as follows:) constitution, or shall we retain the gon, we would not be putting God Dr. Wilson: Mr. Chairman, when ironclad, rock-ribbed local option law one lota nearer to any human heart the Honorable T. S. McDaniel heard drawn by these same people who now in Oregon, not one particle; and yet the announcement of this joint dis-

tion, ladies and gentlemen, and I am who want to amend the constitution. Johnson affair when this is coming not going to let you get away from Now, there is one more little point off in our own town?" (Applause.) that proposition.

Chairman Reed: minutes left.



REV. CLARENCE TRUE WILSON. President Anti-Saloon League

answered for my own satisfaction; on the population, and you see it in the State of Nevada. Some people and one of them is dictated to me say that brings prosperity; but, my by my ancestry. My parents were friends, there are forty-six states in poor people who came over across the American Union. The last the water to make their home in a census report shows an increase in the water to make their home in a free country, and they came from a country called Germany, and I would like Dr. Wilson to tell me why, if the prohibition doctrine is true, if it is sound in principle, why it is that the people of Germany, who are not very much given to prohibition as yet (laughter) why it is that the Germany who are not very much given to prohibition as yet (laughter) why it is that the Germany who are not very much given to prohibition as yet (laughter) why it is that the Germany who are not very much given to prohibition as yet (laughter) why it is that the Germany who are not very much given to prohibition as yet (laughter) why it is that the German nation has become the the liquor business and the evils of

(Laughter.)

But, Ladies and Gentlemen, I they would multiply and spread and think there is this to be said; I am thrive in Oregon as under no other going to give Dr. Wilson credit for circumstances. So it would be if being one of the ablest men that has yo tried to amend the constitution appeared in the State of Oregon up. It compale everyhold to go to church since the Anti-Saloon League was long to the state of Oregon and the countries of Oregon and the countries of the salocation that the state of the eighty-five dry precincts and all they would multiply and spread and the constitution to the west countries of Oregon and the countries of the salocation the salocation the was the eighty-five dry precincts and all the was the eighty-five dry precincts and all the was the eighty-five dry precincts and all the was the was the eighty-five dry precincts and all the was the was the was the was the was the countries of the salocation that the countries of the salocation the was the was the was the was the countries of the salocation that the contribution the was the countries of the salocation the was the w

that he is going to be fair in this debate: I believe all that; but, on the other hand. I cannot overlook and to go to church, and that every hody would have to observe the Sabhath Methodist Church.

A voice: Amen.

Mr. Hofer: And he is required by lessness and vice hold high carnival and that the encouragement of it by now, I know that sounds sacres and that the encouragement of it by now, I know that sounds sacres and that the encouragement of it by now ould have to observe the Sabhath have been trained to a different kind, license states and communities with of music, but I am here to rudely blind pigs ten to one that we would have been taking in the seats of (Continued on Page 16.)

You have only swallow them. (Applause.) The are only five states in this union Mr. Hofer: I have a few minutes? that tolerate the liquor business: I Chairman Reed: You have just mean that tolerate the liquor business and give no chance to the peo-Mr. Hofer: Well, it might be well ple to speak on it, that restrict their to eneage in prayer for that length regulations to a license law and have

> Let's look at Nevada. In local option Missouri,—in local option Mississippi, according to the United States reports, there is only one federal liquor license given for every four thousand and that state, but in Nevada there has to be a liquor license for every thirty-seven persons, including men, wemen and children. (Applause.) Just think of the situation where a saloon must be established for every thirty-seven.

In Oregon and Idaho we have the largest native born population of any states, but in Nevada fifty-one per cent are foreign born and are shap-ing the civilization of a sovereign American state with imported ideas that will not work under a republican form of government, where the church, the school, the home and the morality and the decent public sentiment of the people, the average peo-ple, make the State all that it is.

Now, I want you to notice the de-bauching influence of the saloon up-

tectures upon the platform (Laughtern (Laughtern (Laughtern Laughtern (Laughtern Laughtern (Laughtern Laughtern Laughtern (Laughtern Laughtern Laughtern Laughtern Laughtern (Laughtern Laughtern La

being one of the ablest men that has appeared in the State of Oregog upon to compel everybody to go to church on his side of the question.

A voice: Amen.

Mr. Hofer: And I believe that he is sincere and that he is honest and that he is honest and that he is going to be fair in this debate: I believe all that; but, on everybody to observe the Sabbath of the open of your care who hundred per cent since the Anti-Saloon League was one Sunday. If you put a Sunday or organized. (Applause.) Then is since the Anti-Saloon League was one sand and the constitution to compel everybody to character to compel everybody to case from labor, which is already the law and the constitution to compel everybody to case from labor, which is already the law and the would be drinking. (Laughter.)

Now, my friends, when you hear or would like to know if the whole unit of the saloons to compel everybody to case from labor, which is already the law and that he is bounded to compel everybody to case from labor, which is already the law and the to know if the whole unit of the saloons when you will have blind pigs, you remind the token of the saloons when you will have blind pigs, you remind the token of the saloons when you dear or would like to know if the whole unit of the saloons when you hear on saloons or would like to know if the whole unit of the saloons when you will have blind pigs, you remind the constitution to compel to constitution to compel everybody to case from labor, which is already the saloons when you dear or saloons and the whole unit of the who