

Local Option Misrepresented by Its Opponents

Statements Made Are Refuted by Facts

Last week's advertising of the Anti-Saloon League contained the following statement:

Local option means at least 50 licensed saloons in Vermont each year. Prohibition will close every one of them.

Under prohibition, Vermont liquor-sellers took out 808 federal licenses. Under prohibition, Maine has 1071 federal liquor licenses today, more than Vermont and New Hampshire put together.

Local option fosters the dive and the bootlegger. The saloon-keepers say: "They are our best customers." Prohibition with teeth will pinch them.

The Vermont prohibitory law had teeth enough to send a man to prison for the rest of his natural life. They have been putting teeth in the Maine law for 50 years, yet 12,000 rum-selling cases passed the Supreme Court in eight years, with about 12,000 settled in the lower courts.

Local option means the partnership of the state in the drunkard-making liquor traffic through the license fees received.

Under prohibition, town and county officials in Vermont were partners in violating the law. Officials grew rich in fees and fines. Maine officials do not pretend to enforce the law today. In Topeka, Kansas, where the law is said to be enforced, 100,000 quarts of liquor were consumed in one month, two quarts for every man, woman and child.

Local option in Vermont is favored at the present time by the liquor interests of the whole country, just as they favor license in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Local option in Vermont is favored by Judge James M. Tyler, Former Lieutenant Governor Frank E. Howe, Former Secretary of State F. A. Howland, Senator Luther B. Johnson, Bishop A. C. A. Hall, Rev. Roy Winchell Magoun, Rev. J. B. Reardon, the majority of Vermont physicians and thousands of others.

Do the Prohibitionists Dare to Insinuate that these Men are Allied with the Liquor Interests?

How to Vote for Local Option on the Yellow Ballot

Shall an act of the General Assembly of 1915, entitled "An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," become a law May 1, 1916?

YES NO

The voter shall make a cross (X) against the answer he desires to give.

VERMONT LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE

Raymond Trainor, Sec'y, White River Junction, Vt.

GOTCH WOULD BEAT STECHER

Champion Wrestler Too Quick For Nebraskan, Says Burns.

VETERAN GIVES HIS REASONS

Claims Humboldt Man Outclasses Youngster in All Branches of Mat Game—Adds That Gotch Has Counter For Stecher's Scissors Hold.

"Frank Gotch probably will be the first wrestler to pin the shoulders of Joe Stecher to the padded canvas in straight falls if the champion comes back," said Farmer Burns.

Burns is one of the marvels of the athletic world. Nearly fifty-five years old, this veteran gladiator of the mat possesses the agility and endurance of an athlete of thirty. He is hale and husky and ready for a mat argument at any time with any wrestler of his weight.

When asked how he had maintained such physical perfection, defying the wear and tear of age, the farmer grew eloquent.

"Avoid dissipation—that is the first requisite for a youth starting out on the right track. Then the right form of exercise comes next."

The farmer never has smoked, chewed tobacco nor used intoxicating drinks. He even avoids coffee and tea and is content to quaff water and milk to quench his thirst following strenuous tussles on the mat.

"Gotch knows too much for Stecher," said Burns in talking about the Nebraskan wrestler. "He knows more than all the men Stecher has beaten put together. This boy Stecher is a sure comer and natural grappler, but he can't hold a candle to the Iowan. He's too young and inexperienced, for one thing."

"Did you ever see Stecher wrestle? Did you notice an opponent go after the Nebraskan's head the second he had a chance after going behind him? The champion will never bother with Stecher's head. He will keep Joe busy guarding his footsties."

Gives Reasons For Opinion.

Following are some of the reasons why Burns thinks Gotch would defeat Stecher in a finish match:

"He will go after Stecher's legs and beat him at his own game."

"A wrestler should be in his prime at forty if he takes good care of himself, and no athlete ever took better care of himself than Gotch."

"Gotch thinks twice while his opponent is thinking once, and he's just as crafty as ever he was."

Counter For the Scissors.

"The champion probably is the only wrestler in the world who knows a good counter for Stecher's scissors and who is able to make that counter effective."

"Gotch never lets go of a dangerous hold when once he fastens the grip on an opponent. When he gets a hold like Cutler had on Stecher it will be curtains for the Nebraskan."

MANY CLUBS ARE BOUGHT.

Baseball Franchises Change Hands Frequently in Recent Years.

Many changes have come in the ownership of major league ball clubs during the last few years. Since along in 1911 and 1912 there have been eight changes of ownership in the sixteen clubs, and before the year is out there may be at least two and probably three others.

The Red Sox were sold to Joe Lannin by the McAleer interests in 1912. Phil Ball and Charles Weeghman secured the Browns and Cubs this winter. Death brought about ownership changes in the Giants and Senators a few years ago. The Yankees were sold to Ruppert and Huston last winter. The acquisition of the Braves by Jim Gaffney was only a recent one, and William Baker became owner of the Phillies about three years ago. Now the Braves have been sold again to Percy Haughton and others.

The Giants probably will be sold, the Cleveland American club is on the market, and the Cardinals also may be disposed of by the present owners.

SIGNS FOR TEN YEARS.

Cornell's Veteran Athletic Trainer Takes Long Contract.

Cornell's veteran athletic trainer, Jack Moakley, has signed a new contract to coach the track and cross country teams of the big university for a period of ten years. Moakley's present contract with Cornell will expire at the conclusion of the intercollegiate championship meet, which will take place on May 26 and 27 next, and the new arrangement will go into effect immediately after the championships have been decided.

Trainer Moakley came to Cornell seventeen years ago, and under his supervision Cornell has won six intercollegiate track meets and fourteen annual cross country meets. Since the opening of Schoellkopf field and Bacon practice hall two years ago the number of men out for track work has exactly doubled.

Columbus Club Not For Sale.

The Columbus club of the American association will not be sold, now that peace has been declared in baseball again.

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Sporting News

TEAM G SQUEEZES THROUGH.

Team E Won Two Strings and Then Slumped Badly—Buzby High Man.

Although team E of the Masonic bowling league won the first two strings last evening in its match with team G, the latter came so strong in the last string that it squeezed out a victory by a score of 1,281 to 1,264. Buzby of the defeated team had the individual honors with a high single of 109 and a high total of 284. The scores:

| Team G. | |
|------------|-------------------|
| Light, | 83 81 95—259 |
| Spaulding, | 87 84 89—260 |
| Pettee, | 83 78 88—249 |
| Miller, | 92 81 84—257 |
| Barber, | 87 90 79—256 |
| Totals, | 432 414 435—1,281 |

| Team E. | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Cain, | 74 77 84—235 |
| Hall, | 83 94 70—247 |
| Winchester, | 91 77 77—245 |
| Buzby, | 109 98 77—284 |
| Jones, | 87 85 81—253 |
| Totals, | 444 431 389—1,264 |

Sporting Notes.

Tickets to the number of 13,000 have been printed for the Willard-Moran fight. Of these, 1,000 are for standing room and 12,000 for seats ranging from \$3 to \$25 in price.

The Athletics have signed up Lawton Witt, a schoolboy from Goddard seminary in Vermont, and Harry Davis, who picked him up says he has the third base proposition clinched for next season, despite the fact that Manager Mack spent a fairly large sum for Charley Pick of the Richmond International League club. Davis claims that Witt is one of the best-looking prospects he has seen in years. Witt has been a star at Goddard in baseball, football and track and was one of the boys who was protested by Brattleboro high for being over age for competition in high school meets.

Ethel May Drew, wife of the world famous colored sprinter, Howard P. Drew, has sued for separate support and the custody of their two children. She claims that he has deserted her and that she does not know his present whereabouts. Drew has been "boosted" in the papers as a colored man who, although married, was ambitious for an education and worked his way through schools and college by working in the summer as a porter. It has been claimed for him that in the winter he earned money by writing special newspaper articles. He is the fastest 100-yards sprinter in the country today. He is supposed to be a student in the University of Southern California.

TWO ACCUSED OF RECRUITING.

Honolulu Men Enlisted 156 Americans for English Service.

HONOLULU, Feb. 29.—Charged with recruiting American soldiers for service in the British army, W. E. Seligson, alias W. R. Stein, C. D. Randall, alias England, and a recently discharged sergeant of the Fourth United States cavalry named Jefferson, are under arrest here.

From documents found on the persons of the men arrested and in Randall's trunk, it was learned that 154 recruits had been secured and that 154 of them had gone to the front. Seligson was charged with being the agent between the runners in the plot and the principals and Randall and Jefferson were arrested as runners. Other arrests will be made, it was announced, of people prominent in Honolulu life.

RUTLAND \$2,500 FREE-FOR-ALL.

Other Features for the 1916 Harness Racing Program Announced.

RUTLAND, Feb. 29.—Announcement is made by the management of the Rutland fair of the tentative race program for 1916. It includes a \$2,500 free-for-all and the possibility of four \$1,000 stake races. Two of the latter, at least, are a certainty.

There is also the possibility of other fairs in the circuit offering two \$1,000 stake purses.

The Rutland \$2,500 free-for-all will be an early closing event, 12 entries, at least, must qualify before April 1, when the list closes. The money is to be divided into six parts, \$1,000; second, \$500; third, \$400; fourth, \$300; fifth, \$200 and sixth, \$100.

WEST BRATTLEBORO

The Junior auxiliary of the Congregational church held a conundrum social yesterday afternoon in the home of Mrs. O. G. Covey, which was one of the society's pleasantest gatherings. There were 15 members and invited guests present. A musical program which consisted of piano solos by Miss Katharine Stockwell, Miss Helen Derynple and Miss Gladys Ames and a piano duet by Miss Stockwell and Miss Ames was given, after which Mrs. Covey gave a reading. Guessing of conundrums was one of the enjoyable features of the afternoon. Mrs. Covey served refreshments.

ARE MEDICINES LIQUORS?

A certain class of prejudiced and jealous doctors call patent medicines only alcoholic beverages. They will tell you that such and such a medicine contains as much alcohol as a glass of beer or a certain quantity of whiskey; but they do not mention that the beer or whiskey is swallowed at one draught, while only a small quantity of the medicine is taken at one dose. At the same time they will use alcohol quite as freely and many in four or five times as great proportions in their own prescriptions.

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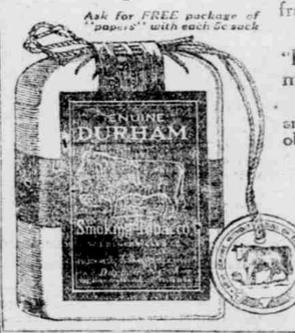
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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Charles H. Niles of Union street is ill with grip.

Miss Noble, nurse, is in Townsend on professional work.

Miss Harriet Angell spent the weekend in Springfield, Mass.

Henry C. Stowell of Canal street is confined to his bed by illness.

Merton Plumb of West Halifax is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith of Putney road.

Roger Brackett of Amherst college spent the week-end at his home on North street.

Mrs. Charles Oakes returned yesterday from a visit with her mother in Enosburg Falls.

Fred P. Thompson, clerk in Scott's grocery store, is confined to the house with a severe cold.

Mrs. Helen Brasor is having a vacation from her work in Miss S. Harahan's specialty shop.

Miss Edith Cleveland, nurse, has returned from Dover, where she had been on professional work.

Carl Klohs, who had been in Boston three months studying the tailoring business, has returned to Brattleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyland D. Tasker returned last night from a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., and New York city.

Mrs. F. H. Spaulding, sr., returned last night from Keene, where she had visited two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Beausehaine.

E. E. Flagg went to Orange, Mass., today to take a position as chef in a restaurant owned by Warner Barrett of Orange, formerly of this town.

Mrs. Lucy Bellows, mother of S. H. Bellows, has gone to Springfield, Mass., to spend the rest of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. LeBoeuf.

Mrs. R. G. Bent of Hartford, Conn., came Saturday to spend a week with her husband, who is the superintendent of construction of the new railroad station.

Harold Waite of Weston, a high school graduate, was in town yesterday on his way to New Haven, Conn., where he will be engaged in agricultural work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Moran returned Sunday from Boston, where they had been a few days. Mr. Moran went to Boston on business for the Estey Organ company.

BELLOWS FALLS.

Mrs. Ella M. Pike, 63, wife of L. W. Pike, died early yesterday morning in her home, 132 Atkinson street. She was born in Bradford and was a member of the Universalist church. Besides her husband, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Emma Bacon of Lynn, Mass., and two half-sisters.

The funeral of Miss Estella Gowen, who died Friday afternoon, was held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Barber on School street yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. A. C. Wilson of Immanuel church, of which she was a member, officiated. The body was taken to Brooklyn for burial.

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Sporting Notes.

Cornell's rowing outlook appears rosy with seven veterans to start the season with.

Let's you hadn't noticed it, mention is made that Harvard has won the hockey championship.

Christy Mathewson is down south. Whether he comes back as a "come back" or a "has been" remains to be seen.

The next two Army and Navy football games are to be played in New York, according to an agreement just made.

Frank Baker has not appeared yet at the Yankees' training quarters. He is closing up his farm business temporarily.

One reason more prominent than others at present why we would like to be a ball player is because at this time of year we could get south without walking.

Jess Willard is in New York. He is training for his boxing match with Frank Moran. Each day now there will be careful reports of every move of the principal gladiator.

Yousouf Hussane, the wrestler who, it was feared, might have been seriously hurt when Zbyszko fell on him last week in a match in Boston, is suffering from only strained muscles. He is to help Jess Willard train.

Walter Whalen, the Exeter high school jumper who cleared six feet one and one-half inch Saturday at the B. A. A. games, is 18 years old. His father, the boy says, taught him all he knows about jumping, which is considerable.

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