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TO BE CONGRATULATED

East Jordan In Having Commission Form of Government

The following editorial in the Traverse City Record-Eagle relative to East Jordan's new form of government, is true and puts into words what every citizen of our city who has our municipal well-being at heart, has in mind.

WORKS WELL IN EAST JORDAN

One of the smallest cities, if not THE smallest city in the country, to adopt the commission form of government in this country, is East Jordan, Charlevoix county. That thriving little city of less than thirty-five hundred inhabitants became dissatisfied with ring rule and partisan politics and determined to get out from under. Therefore, with the interest of the whole city at heart, a little more than a year ago, the principal taxpayers gathered to discuss the problem. They decided that the commission form looked good, and that three men of ability and integrity could manage the affairs of the city better than six. The result was a vote to change the form of operation and the commission plan was adopted.

The result—everybody is satisfied—with perhaps a few who were identified with the partisan form. The experiment has been successful and the taxpayers have confidence in the plan and the men chosen to conduct the city's affairs. Under the new charter there are two commissioners—one for the year, another for three years, besides a mayor elected for two years. The old plan required six aldermen and a mayor. Under this plan each new official will have the benefit of the experience of those holding over. The salaries are small, not much more than one thousand dollars annually, in addition to the salaries of clerk, assessor, treasurer, engineer and other officers who are appointed.

The taxpayers take a strong stand in East Jordan in the matter of indicating their choice of the men best fitted for the offices and the first trial has proved so satisfactory that the confidence of the people in the new regime is pronounced. The municipal government last year witnessed a great saving of cost of operation, so much that plans are now being prepared for paving and building five miles of good roads in various directions from the city. A movement is also on foot to require the telephones, telegraph and light companies to place their wires under ground or remove their poles from the streets to the alleys.

One of the objections from certain sources to a commission government for Traverse City is that the town is too small for the plan. The experience of East Jordan proves that the size of a town makes no difference.

Another objection is coming up in East Jordan and no one there doubts that there will be any sentiment what ever against the present form.

East Jordan is to be congratulated.

The effort made by the Michigan Brewery Association and the saloon interests of this state to have it believed that a recent decision of the supreme court disturbs in any way the manufacture or sale of cider in Michigan is fully disposed of in an official communication from Attorney General Kuhn. In a letter dated January 19, 1912, to the prosecuting attorney of Branch county, the attorney general said:

"The word cider as used in the local option law does not include the unfermented product and does not include cider vinegar. The decision in the case of People vs. Eberle does not change the rule that sweet or unfermented cider and cider vinegar may lawfully be manufactured and sold in these counties where the local option law has been adopted."

(Signed) FRANZ C. KUHN, Attorney General.

Whether a county is "wet" or "dry" does not matter in the least so far as the sale of cider is concerned. Cider that could not be sold in a dry county could not be sold in a wet county except in saloons or by some one possessed of the proper licenses and the authority to sell intoxicating liquors. Attorney General Kuhn's official letter as to the law in the case and the supreme court's decision disposes of the cider discussion so far as its relation to local option is concerned.

Those who rise early in the morning are the more likely to rise above their troubles.

A FLATTERING STATEMENT

W. P. Porter, Writes of the Conditions in Charlevoix County.

Charlevoix Sentinel: W. P. Porter, president of the East Jordan Lumber Company, is widely known throughout northern Michigan as an able and successful business man of the highest personal character. All who know him know a statement made by him can be relied upon. The following letter from him to the Traverse City local option committee will be instructive:

"Answering your inquiry as to the practical working and results of local option in this county and our city. I would say that local option has worked out here fully as well as anticipated by its friends. Since the saloons went out, about three years ago, this town has enjoyed greater prosperity than ever before, more improvements have been made, more houses built or improved, especially by the working people, than ever before during the same length of time. Our merchants and tradesmen are having a larger trade and their accounts are better paid. Farmers having truck to sell report people have the money to pay, instead of asking credit as before. Our mechanics, carpenters, painters, masons, plumbers, etc., have been well employed, and during the season for building have had all they could do.

"The increase in our bank deposits in the last three years has been very large, being over one hundred per cent increase in the savings accounts.

"Among the farmers in this vicinity the same increased prosperity is very apparent. Men who before the saloons went out could not come to town without frequenting the saloons and spending their money and time there, and whose families lacked the comforts and even the necessities of life, are now prospering and comfortable.

"The stock argument and claim of the saloon element is that if the county goes dry taxes will be much higher, implying that the saloons are kindly paying our taxes for us. I hardly need say that there is nothing in this, and for example Charlevoix county in 1909 owed a debt of between \$30,000 and \$40,000, incurred while the county was wet. Within the last three years every dollar of this has been paid, leaving the county finances in fine shape.

"The law is well enforced here, and throughout the county generally, and it is much easier to enforce local option than to prevent law-breaking by the saloons, or to regulate them, which seems to be almost impossible. I will say in conclusion, I believe the sentiment of our people, after three years of local option, is thoroughly and decidedly in favor of its continuance, and those of our merchants and others who were at first doubtful, and were afraid of losing trade are now thoroughly convinced that local option is best for their business."

In a communication to the Detroit Saturday Night it is stated by one who has given time and thought to the study of the subject and the conditions involved that many men who would naturally be classed as "wet" sympathizers are becoming "dry" voters. This Saturday Night correspondent says: "Masses of men who never enter a church and hear only funeral sermons and are as far from being prohibitionist as the east is from the west, are voting 'dry' on local option because they declare it removes the tempting force, makes sobriety easier and drunkenness more inconvenient. It is no longer necessary to look through some sectarian telescope or to have the spectacles of a doctor of divinity in order to detect the cause of a red nose. The men who have had saloon experience, who know its allurements on pay days and on holidays and after supper, are the men who can give best testimony as to the value of local option. They may not be able to make speeches or to write newspaper articles but they know that when the saloon doors are closed from morning until night that it means absolutely no drinking for 90 per cent of men who would be drinking if saloons were open. The drawing power of the saloon, its alluring convenience, its social attractions and its treating habits, account for at least 90 per cent of all the drinking done in any community where saloons exist. These facts account for the unquestioned success of county local option."

Delving In Southland Real Estate

The following from St. Petersburg, Fla., Independent, is of interest to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Loveday, who spend their summers in this city:

Saturday afternoon D. C. Loveday sold his five acre orange and grapefruit grove and residence on the Gulfport car line just west of F. A. Wood's residence, to Frank A. Lacount, of Springfield, Mass., for \$7,500. The place was advertised in The Independent's Booster column. Mr. Lacount will cut the place up into building lots and sell them. He gets possession of the plotting ground at once, but Mr. Loveday will continue to occupy the residence until May first. When asked if he would leave St. Petersburg, Mr. Loveday answered that he "could not be driven out of the Sunshine City," and that he was going to build a home on his beautiful lot on Bayboro waterfront. He has made considerable money buying and selling St. Petersburg real estate in the last three years and is in love with the city. He is an honorable and excellent man and we are glad to know that Mr. Loveday is to remain with us.

Notice Of Caucus.

Republican township caucus for South Arm township, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, will be held on Friday, March 15th, 1912 at one o'clock p. m. at South Arm Grange Hall. For the purpose of nominating township officers for the election on April 1st 1912, and transact any other lawful business that may come before said meeting.

Two tickets will be nominated as follows:

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be placed on ticket No. 1. The candidates receiving the next highest number of votes on ticket No. 2. Dated March 1, 1912

MARTIN RUBLING
H. L. OLNEY
JOE WHITEFIELD
Committee.

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Resorcin is one of the most effective germ destroyers ever discovered by science, and in connection with Beta Naphthol, which is both germicidal and antiseptic, a combination is formed which destroys the germs which rob the hair of its natural nourishment, and also creates a clean, healthy condition of the scalp, which prevents the development of new germs.

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Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is entirely unlike and we think, in every particular, better than anything else we know of for the purpose for which it is prescribed. We urge you to try this preparation at our entire risk. Certainly we know of no better guarantee to give you. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies only at our store—The Rexall Store. The W. C. Spring Drug Co.

FOUND ICE SOLID

Six-ton Boiler Taken to South Manitou Island

Almost every day furnishes additional proof that this is the most severe winter ever experienced in this section of the country, it being the first time within the memory of present day people that navigation has been closed on the upper lakes even to the powerful car ferries.

Lake Michigan is frozen on this side as far as the eye can reach, and the ice is so thick and clear that it will bear up almost any weight that could be placed upon it. An illustration of its great strength was made recently when a six-ton boiler was transported on sleds from Glen Haven to the South Manitou island, a distance of 13 miles, without any mishap.

This boiler was one to be placed in the shingle mill belonging to Whitney Staats of Acme, which is being operated on the island this winter. The boiler was taken from the Traverse City Iron Works overland to Glen Haven on sleighs by the Columbia Transfer company of this city, and from there it was drawn across the ice to the island by two teams belonging to Mr. Staats, a distance of 13 miles. The ice all the way was as clear as crystal and not a particle of snow was encountered all the way.

This is the first time in history that a load of any kind has ever been transported from the mainland to the islands, and the first time that the ice has ever gained such a thickness when perfectly clear from shore to shore. It is also the first time that the residents of the island have ever known such heavy snow, high winds and intense cold, all of which makes it a winter never before equalled in any respect.

This is the first season since the lighthouse was established on the island that it has been closed on account of lack of anything for the keepers to do. There are no boats on this part of the lake and have not been since the first of the year, and on this account the government closed the light-

house and the men came ashore to spend the winter. According to present indications it will be several weeks before the ice will break and their services again be needed.—Traverse City Record-Eagle.

William J. Bryan makes an argument in behalf of the justice and fairness and value of local option that lacks nothing in force and strength and truthful application: "County option is fair because the people of a county assist in making the towns. Who makes it possible to erect elevators, establish grocery stores, run dry goods stores, build implement houses, and, in fact, make a town? The farmers. Some people in the cities say farmers have no more right to vote on the saloon question than they have upon the question who shall be mayor. I submit to you that the saloon question is a county question. You cannot plant two brothers in Lincoln without those brothers affecting every father's son and every boy in the entire county. You cannot plant two gambling bells on the streets of Omaha without these deans of vice affecting directly or indirectly every mother's husband, every hired hand in Douglas county. And you cannot plant two murder mills, called saloons, where booze is dispensed without affecting directly or indirectly the taxpayers and the citizens of the entire county. Local option is a proper county issue.

THIS BOOK WORTH READING

The Adler-i-ka book, telling how you can EASILY guard against appendicitis, and how you can relieve constipation or gas on the stomach almost INSTANTLY, is offered free for a short time by James Gidley.

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W. C. SPRING
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