

Good Object Lesson for Illinois



What County Option Has Done for Ohio

The above map of Ohio is a striking illustration of what can be accomplished in the way of abolishing saloons with the aid of a county option law. The new Rose law, so called, which provides for county elections on the license question, went into effect the first of September last year. The first elections under that act were held about the first of October.

Of the eighty-eight counties in the state, sixty-six have voted and fifty-seven of them have gone "dry." Five counties were previously "dry." Of the seventeen counties in which elections have not yet been held, one has become "dry" through the natural process of evaporation. This is Ashland county, in which the last saloon was closed for want of patronage since this map was made. Making allowance for this circumstance, the key to the map is this: White, "dry" territory; black, counties which have voted against being made "dry" territory; shaded, counties which have not yet voted.

Ohio, therefore, has sixty-three "dry" counties and twenty-five in which licensed saloons are still permitted to exist.