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The Local Option Feature in the Present Campaign.

Below are given what each political party in Pennsylvania has to say on the great question of local option, as well as the opinions of the three gubernatorial candidates. It will be observed that there is a decided similarity between the plank in the Washington party and that of the Democratic party, as well as in the views of those who have been placed at the head of the state ticket.

On the contrary, the Republican platform has repudiated all intention of doing anything with this vital economic question and one which means so much for the general good, for the simple reason that the liquor interests dominate the party and their money, full, abundant and free is footing the bills of all who are on the ticket in that party. And while Doctor Brumbaugh, the Republican candidate for governor does say that he approves of a local option law and that he would sign it if such a bill were presented to him, if he were elected governor, yet, if this party wins in the election of Sen. Penrose and his cohorts, Dr. Brumbaugh will not have to lie awake at night pondering how he may escape the signing of any local option bill, for none during his hypothetical term, would ever come up in the legislature, or if brought up, it would be quickly tabled.

Note how positive is the attitude of the leaders of the other two parties and as well as the fact that this issue was squarely met in the conventions of the Washington and of the Democratic party. Each voter in the state should forget whether he belongs to any party at all, compare the following tables and then vote as his conscience directs:

WASHINGTON PARTY STATE PLATFORM

"We stand for the right of the people to deal directly with the liquor traffic. We therefore reaffirm our position upon this matter, and pledge ourselves to the immediate passage of a local option law with the county as a unit. We believe that the Hobson amendment to the federal constitution should be submitted to the states."

REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM

NOTE.—A local option resolution was repudiated by the Republican state committee by a vote of ninety-six to five.

DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM

"The wishes of communities in regard to the sale of liquor, whatever their purpose, have been disregarded. Liquor licenses have been arbitrarily granted or refused, and issues have been created which have tended to impair the confidence of various communities in their judges. We declare for the passage of a local option law placing the sale of liquor in every county within the control of the people of that county by their votes at the polls."

HOW THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR STAND

WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS

Washington Party Candidate.

"I believe that the people of each county should have the opportunity to decide whether they wish to allow the traffic to continue."

"I am heartily in favor of a local option law with the county as a unit, though possibly where a county contains a city of more than 25,000 inhabitants the city might be treated as a separate unit. Such a law is a logical application of the principle of the initiative; and I am glad to believe that on this adoption the traffic would be suppressed in a large number of counties. At the same time, it is obvious that the political,

economic and social evils resulting from the traffic will not be finally eradicated until the people of this country are willing to support national action."

VANCE McCORMICK

Democratic Candidate

"I am in favor of local option. I agree with President Wilson's position on this question which is truly Democratic, when he said: 'I am a thorough believer in local self-government, and believe that every self-governing community which constitutes a social unit should have the right to control the matter of regulation or the withholding of licenses.'"

PRESIDENT WILSON has fixed October 4th, as a day of prayer for peace in Europe. Some people scorn the idea, they being apparently of the opinion maintained by Napoleon, that God is on the side of the army which has the largest artillery. In opposition to that sort of cant it may be quoted that "there are more things wrought by prayer than the world e'er dreams of." Diligence and foresight will bring things to pass that no amount of prayer can effect. It is only when men have done their utmost for a good cause, and then pray to the source of all power that prayer avails much. Each nation involved in war is praying for its side or country, to win. Can God answer all those prayers? Yes, but not in the way that erring minds crave, but for the betterment of humanity in general. If individuals are perfected by suffering, nations in like manner may take higher ground by this awful deluge of blood.

ORGAN RECITAL.

We call attention to the organ recital to be given in Amity Reformed church next Thursday evening, September 24th. The program for the evening's performance will be found in another column of this paper. Prof. Ebisch comes highly recommended as an organ player. Persons who like to hear professional playing will not fail to attend this recital. It is not often that our people have the privilege of hearing a high order of pipe organ playing.

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GREAT EVENT IN AMITY CHURCH

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ground was broken for the Sunday school and social building which was completed during the summer and dedicated in December. During this season the church was remodeled as above described and will be rededicated this coming Sunday with appropriate services and ceremonies. The following is the program that will be followed:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7:30 P. M. First service by the pastor, after which a social meeting of the congregation will be held in the Sunday school and social building.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30

Altar Services—Revs. Ira S. Munn and G. A. Neeld. Sermon by Rev. D. W. Michael of Meyersdale.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7:30.

Altar Services—Revs. E. F. Hoffmeyer and H. L. Goughnour. Sermon by Prof. J. C. Bowman, D. D. of Lancaster, Pa.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

9:15 a. m. Addresses to the Sunday school by Rev. D. S. Stephan of Berlin, to the advanced room, and by Rev. E. F. Hoffmeyer of Somerset, to the primary room.

10:30 a. m. Altar services by Rev. F. F. Hoffmeyer and D. S. Stephan. Sermon by Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer of Philadelphia. Reception of Offering by Dr. J. C. Bowman. Dedication act by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D.

7:30 p. m. Altar services by Rev. W. A. McClellan and A. S. Kresge. Sermon by Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer. Reception of Offering by Dr. J. C. Bowman. Closing services of the feast of dedication.

Special music will be rendered at each of these services. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public of the town and community to attend these services.



C. W. TRUXAL, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

In support of the foregoing improvements the members of the congregation and all of its auxiliary organizations worked harmoniously and perseveringly for the accomplishment of the end undertaken. The Sunday school classes in the advanced and in the primary room, with few exceptions, raised funds for the cause. The men's class in addition to their individual contributions raised almost six hundred dollars. A class of small boys raised fifty dollars. The Young Peoples Guild installed a three thousand dollar organ. They secured the aid of the Carnegie Corporation to the amount of \$1,250. The Guild obligated itself for \$1,750. The Ladies Aid society is paying for the carpet that has been put down. The confirmation class of last Easter has paid for two Orders of Warship for the pulpit and for equipment for the ministers room. Frank K. Stotler of Akron, Ohio, presented four collection plates, Miss Bertha Kufert, the reading desk, Miss Helen M. Lichty a rocker for the minister's room; W. H. Holzshut and H. M. Weimer assisted by a score or two of men the work done in the evening in grading the laws and putting down concrete walks, and the chairman of the building committee the plans and specifications and superintendence of construction of both buildings. Not less than \$18,000 have been put in these improvements the last year and a half.

Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., the pastor of Amity church, is a native of Westmoreland county. After graduating from college and seminary he entered the Gospel ministry in the Somerset charge in 1872. In 1880 he became pastor of the church at Irwin; in 1887 he moved to Manor; and in 1894 he came to Meyersdale. During these 20 years in the ministry, Dr. Truxal has had considerable to do with church building and lifting of church debts. The following churches were built in whole or in part under his ministrations: Centreville and Rockwood, in this county; Larimer, Manor, Denmark, and Harrison City, Westmoreland county. In all these cases with the exception of the first the buildings were dedicated free of debt. In the second year of his pastorate at Irwin, he raised the money to pay off an old parsonage debt of \$1,262. During the third year in Meyersdale a parsonage debt of \$1,100 was removed. In 1899 the church was repaired at a cost of \$2,500. The present improvements, he says, will be the last of this kind of work with which he expects to be connected.

Besides the work in his own charges Dr. Truxal also assisted his brethren in the dedication of churches and in nearly all such cases he had charge of the financial question. The following is a list of such churches. In Somerset Classis—Mt. Tabor, Beam, Jennerstown, Shanksville, White Oak, Corrigansville, first and second Cumberland. Westmoreland Classis—New Stanton, Salina, Jeannette, first Greensburg, Harrolds, St. Pauls, Ligonier Valley, New Derry and Latrobe. Allegheny Classis—McKeesport, Turtle Creek, Braddock, East End, Clar-

ion Classis—Apollo and South Bend. Also at Bangor, Northampton county. The foregoing shows the experience the pastor of Amity church has had in this kind of labor for the Lord's Kingdom.

C. W. Truxal was brought up on a farm in Westmoreland county when a young man he entered the mercantile business at Gephards, this county.



W. H. HABEL, TREASURER OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Thirty-one years ago he came to Meyersdale where until a few years ago he was a grocer. From the beginning of its organization he was prominently connected with the Sand Spring water company. When the Second National Bank was organized he was made its president in which capacity he served for a number of years. He superintended the construction of the beautiful bank building on the corner of Main and Centre street. Several years ago he resigned and retired to private life.

From young manhood he took an active part in church work, serving as deacon, trustee, elder, choir leader, Sunday school superintendent, and is at present the teacher of the men's class. The past year and a half he devoted nearly all of his time to the church improvements described in these columns.

Prof. W. H. Kretzman A. M. is a native of Summit township. He is a graduate of California State Normal and of Franklin and Marshall college. He engaged in teaching before entering college and afterwards. The past twelve years he has been connected with the public schools of Meyersdale and at present is the supervising principal of the same. He has been a member of the church from youth. At present he is an elder in the church, choir leader and assistant teacher of the men's class.

Mr. Habel has lived nearly all the years of his life in or near Meyersdale. When a young man he was a school teacher. For seventeen years he was connected with the B. & O. railroad as agent at Salisbury Junction and Meyersdale. The past fifteen years he has been in the grocery business. He has been an active member of the church, serving as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, deacon and elder. At present he is acting elder and assistant teacher to the pastor of the woman's class in the Sunday school.

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