

be surrounded by others granting license. The outlawed liquor seller knows if he can bring the law into contempt the people will vote for license next year, and everything is favorable for such violation as will bring it into contempt. Under such conditions, prohibition can never have a fair trial.

3rd. Citizens of a town will say, "Drinking men will not come to a prohibition town to trade, if there is a license town equally near, and we cannot afford to kill our town even for principle."

4th. Local option delegates power to a municipality to prohibit the traffic, but does not give the municipality the power to fix an adequate penalty to violations. A local option law is a license law, with license law penalties for violation, which are wholly inadequate to enforce it. Penalties sufficient to destroy the traffic will never be made until the state recognizes the traffic as an outlaw and enemy. License recognizes it as a good thing regulated to destroy bad incidentals.

5th. Local option degrades the struggle into a personal fight. It is the citizen of the town against the saloon-keeper of the town. Many business men who would vote for state action will not vote for local prohibition, because it brings the fight into their local affairs.

6th. It is an unsafe principle to introduce into municipal matters, because it subordinates all business interests to the one issue of saloon or no saloon. If a first class business man was nominated for the council, or mayoralty who favoured license, and a man poorly qualified be nominated for the same position who opposed license, prohibitionists, as a matter of principle, would be compelled to vote for the man poorly qualified, claiming that a less evil than licensed grog-shops. Each year this issue would be forced. Neighbors who should be friends become enemies, all because an issue of national character has by cowardly politicians been forced into the municipal elections, to be fought over every year, with the knowledge that the municipality can never settle it, and the certainty that, though prohibition be adopted, the legislature can change it at any time, without consulting the municipality.

7th. Prohibition can never be fairly tested by local option. Local option is determined by annual elections. No law changing the social customs of the people, and destroying a social institution, can be honestly tested in a single year.

8th. The people in the cities where the evil element controls, are entitled to protection by the state. It is a truly brave man and leader who would say to the drunkard's wife and child in Cincinnati, "I regret