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## THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

 -OoO -A letter mailed to every newspaper in the state of Texas, coming from Ex-Governor Jim Ferguson, informs our voters that he is for all the amendments but one. Jim was not for the No. 1 amendment, providing for a state despensary system to have exclusive sale of distilled liquors. Jim did not call it by that name but re-
ferred to it as the monopoly amendment, misleading.
The novelty of practically all of the newspapers the state agreeing with Jim Ferguson for the first time in his long political career has attracted much attenfin, and papers on our exchange desk apparently be-
grudgingly give James Ferguson. We stay with him on all the amendments except No. 1. This writer is most emphatic in favor of No. 1 amendment.
People all over the state are passing up the amend ment without giving it much thought. Some paid propaganda of the invested liquor interests got their work in early on this proposed amendment, and it is difficult for the average man to give the amendment the consideration due it.
What is the argument against this amendment. It would place the state in the liquor business. Correct. It would corrupt officials. It might do that, but we have tax paid boarding houses for corrupt state officials, and if we cannot elect and select men from among our population that can conduct the affairs of the liquor traffic to the lasting benefit of both the consumer and non-consumer, then we had better turn our government over to the Socialists and give up.
This argument of corruption is based onthe idea that we would not be able to administer the law without the bulk of the officials receiving bribes, and dishing out special favors. It's absurb. -dionId 一, etaoinetaoinn hands of the state, then the tendencies would be far more towards a strict enforcement of the rules, and less acceptance of bribes for special favors, than under the profit system that places a lot of Texas money into the pockets of out-of-state distributors. Just try to trace the capital that is behind liquor in this state. You vill find that the bulk of it comes from other states, and that the vast profits of the Liquor trade is relayed
wealthy liquor dealers out-side the state of Texas.
The proposed amendment has behind it the idea that has worked so successfully in the dominion of Canada. The results in Canada are specific. First, there is less tendencies towards carousals, drunken parties, introduction of liquor to the youth of that nation. Second,
it has been proved that the handling of the liquor un-
der the government supervision, has proven a profit-
able venture, and money normally gobbled up by private capital, has gone into the coffers of the government to lighten the burdens of the tax-payers. Third and most beneficial of all, perhaps, is the fact that the strictest care has been used in seeing that the quality of the liquor is standard.
Those of the nation who cannot appreciate this last afeguard, might recall the days of Jake-leg in our nation, the mounting death list that followed the reign of poison bootleg whiskey. At best whiskey as used in this nation, is a detrement to health. Then if the state does not have the most favorable opportunities to regulate the grade and substance of the whiskey that is consumed b your citizens, the tendencies will be for he distributors to neglect the quality and increase the rofits.
Think over this matter. It is essentially a moral ques tion. Which had you rather have dispensing liquor, the paid servants of the state, who must account to the people for their every action, or the liscened dealer.

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