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Rev. Robert M. Emrick, 205 South Edwards St., Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend: ---

You know, of course, of the plan that is on foot for the revision of the city charter. Some matters that are proposed are such that they concern government efficiency and not anything more basic than that; but it might readily be possible that through design or oversight there might be changes or omissions that would affect seriously the moral and religious life of the city.

Personally I am hoping that the new charger may safeguard us as far as possible from the danger that the town may become "wet." To this end it seems to me it would be a good thing, though the original suggestion is not to be credited to me, that the new charter contain a provision that neither the city council nor any other governmental body or individual shall have the power to authorize the sale of liquor without submitting the matter to the vote of the people.

Accordingly I am including a suggestion of a resolution which might be submitted to the Newberg Ministerial Association for consideration if you think it wise. I am writing out the suggestion, not because I think I can frameit better than anybody else, but to make it easier to get the matter before the body if it is to be considered.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.