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## Now That's A "Dry" Martini

On Nov. 5, 1912, Fall City's future was set - along with other unincorporated areas of King County - to become a "dry" town; the sale and manufacturing of alcohol were to be prohibited starting Jan. 1, 1913. That November election included this question regarding alcohol in local elections across the State, at the city and county levels under a local option law. For King County, the county and all of the unincorporated areas were categorized as one voting unit, and the majority of the votes were in favor of temperance.

At the time, neighboring towns Duvall, Tolt, Redmond and others were also unincorporated, so they too would become "dry" in 1913. Though these three towns had voted to be "wet" in the election, the combined results for King County overrode that option. These towns immediately rallied, and voted for incorporation in part to avoid the Prohibition statutes: Duvall - Dec 30, 1912, Tolt - Dec. 31, 1912, Redmond - Dec 31, 1912. By being "wet" towns, it was possible to tax the thriving saloon businesses, and for Redmond, that meant funding for much-needed waterworks.

This success was short-lived, however, for in November 1914, Washington voters approved Initiative Measure Number Three, prohibiting the manufacture and sale (although not the consumption) of liquor statewide. This measure went in to effect Jan 1, 1916. There was an exception for pharmacies and religious services. Drug stores, where prescription liquor could be obtained, boomed - it was found that 65 new drug stores opened in Seattle between January and March, 1916.

### 45 SALOONS ARE CLOSED BY DRY VOTE

The "dry" vote in King county, outside of the incorporated towns and cities, will put 45 saloons out of business. The county is required under the terms of the local option law to refund 90 per cent of the license for the unexpired term to the saloon men. The license for country saloons is \$300 annually.

*The Seattle Star, Nov. 9, 1912*



Pioneer Saloon, 1906 on River Street

Fall City's first recorded saloon was Bertrand's Saloon, opening in 1880, and remained open until its sale in 1895 to Justin and Emerson Neighbor, who converted it to a general merchandise store. Along River St. there was also the Pioneer Saloon, opened by Peter Stokes and his son Frank, and the Middle Saloon opened in 1908 by the same Bertrand brothers. Happy to keep their clients in house, hotels also advertised their bars on site.

For Washington state, the question of Prohibition began in 1854 with the first territorial Legislature, where it failed. However, over time that eventually changed, and Washington was among the 33 of the existing 48 states that had already adopted Prohibition laws at the state level before the 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Prohibition amendment, was ratified in 1919. *Cheers!*



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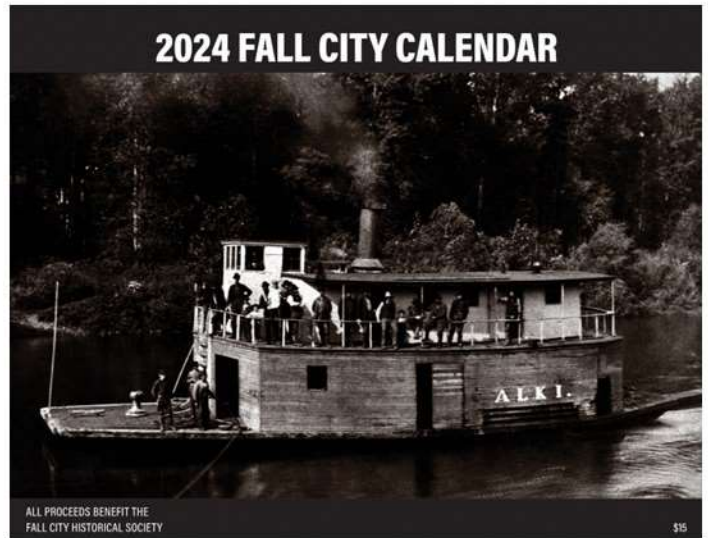
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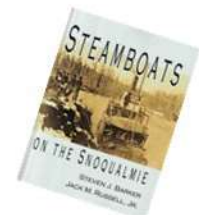
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