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The Ladies Petition to the Oregon Legislature

To the Hon, the Legislature of Oregon Territory now in session.

Your Petitioners, Ladies of Oregon Territory, in view of the existing evil of Intemperance in our rising colony, respectfully pray your Hon body to throw your aegis of protection over our country, our home and our firesides. We pray that your Legislative council may aid us in freeing ourselves from the blighting demoralizing influence of intoxicating liquors; in preserving our moral natures uncorrupted by its poison; in restoring our fallen brethren to their original dignity, and freedom from its thralling power; in gladdening the hearts, and brightening the homes of Sisters, who are more than widows, and Children more than orphans made so by the "monster sum"; in shielding our husbands, our brothers, and our sons from the shafts aimed at their lives, and their fortunes by the venders of spirituous liquors; and in making our beautiful country a country that knoweth not the "worm of the still".

In aid of this, we respectfully pray your Hon body, so to amend the Organic Law of this Territory as to prohibit the introduction, manufacture, and sale of all kinds of intoxicating liquors, to be read at the polls at the next June Election, that the same may be adopted or rejected at the next Legislature.

And your petitioners would also further pray your Hon body to make

the necessary provisions, whereby the vote of the people, on such amendment, may be expressed, and ascertained, at the next June Election by affirmative and negative votes.

And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray &c.

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