

PROHIBITION RACE NOW NECK AND NECK

Twenty New York Cities
Dry, Nineteen Wet, and
Dopesters Give Up

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NEW YORK, April 25.—The great York State race between John Barleycorn and the old war horse of Prohibition is going nearly neck and neck. Nearly, but not quite, because at the quarter-post Prohibition is leading by a nostril. Thirty-nine cities have voted on the liquor question, and of them 20 have gone dry. Nineteen have decided not to see the error of their ways—yet.

There are a thousand political complexities entering into the New York situation, with the result that even the most hardened dopesters are chary on making deductions. For instance, women are voting. What with this vast and unguessable addition to the electorate, and the mystifying see-saw of the liquor question from city to city, it is an admitted impossibility for anyone to surmise what the outcome will be—as regards booze or anything else.

Every issue has been split wide open again, and some have even flowered out into half a dozen new ones each. The only certainty in the situation is that the New York campaign next fall will be the most intricate the State has ever seen.