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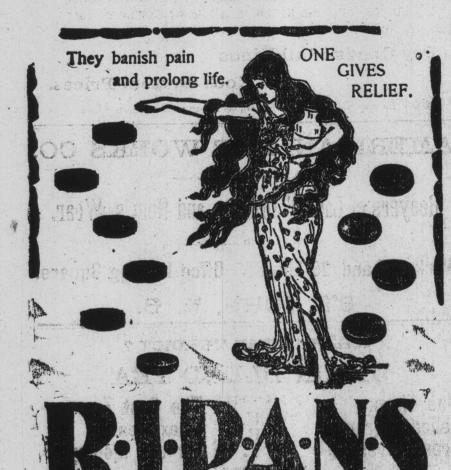
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btain protection for their business, what that good men should demand that the defence and protection of the law should cease? And as the liquor forces are united in their demands, what is more natural or reasonable or necessary than that patriotic men of every name, and especially Christian men, irrespective of party, should unite in demanding the legal overthrow of this destroyer of their homes and enemy of the public good?

Yes, the liquor question is in politics, and can never be gotton out of politics until the ministry and the Church unite to put in out. And they will never put it out by pious talk nor fervent prayers; enemy, votes and votes only give the ultimate decision. The liquor question will never be out of politics till forced out by the ballots of free men emancipated from

In order to do this the pulpit has delicate and difficult but necessary duty to perform. Difficult, but not more difficult than some other duties from which it must not shrink. Men occupying the pews and calling themselves Christians must be made to see that there is no evil of society greater than the saloon and no duty greater than the destruction of the saloon. That the saloon must be outlawed, that it cannot be outlawed until a majority of voters demand it, and that this necessary majority can never be secured while men slavishly follow the dictum of the party managers who want the saloon

The pulpit must preach the duty of party. This is the solemn and in tive duty of the pulpit of to-day. But we are told again that the pulpit

ust not meddle with politics. By whose authority and in whose interest s this saying so flippantly bandied about? Who authorizes the pulpit to leave what-

are involved in the politics of a country like our own, it is treason to truth and to List Publishing Co., Green Ridge, Mis-God to demand the silence of the pulpit in relation to these questions. The pulpit must discharge this duty with truth and with love, and it must be in this as in all its ministrations neither an advocate

form of carrying L party measures. The pulpit should be non-partisan in fact and not in mere profession, and should not lend itself to mere party service any more by its silence than by its utterances.

But are we not in danger of falling into error concerning the relations and duty of the pulpit to political organizations and measures? Whence comes the widely prevalent sentiment that the pulrit must be dumb concerning political parties and their issues?

What law of God, what principle of

Christianity, what reasonable requirement of man demands the silence of the pulpit concerning any man or body of men, any society or corporation or organization whose avowed principles and open conduct vitally affect the interest of society? And what command of Christ or what postage stamp until tomorrow? principle of ethics exempts the organization called a political party from the honest consideration, on if need be, the denunciation of the Christian pulpit? Indeed the political party, because it

makes its appeal for popular support, is more than other organizations the legitimate subject of pulpit discussion. The contrary position is dengerous in the extreme. If a body of men organized in any other capacity promulgates theories perilous to the community and solicits public support, the pulpit would be accounted cowardly and guilty to maintain silence. Why then when a political organization adopts a platform that embodies dangerous principles, proposess "to frame iniquity into a law" and asks the support of the Church, should so many men demand that the pulpit be dumb concerning this matter? Shall the pulpit yield to-this unrighteous and perilous demand because a large number of party-blinded men

What will happen if the pulpit does heed this clamour? Suppose a political party advocates the legalizing of lotteries, the licensing of prostitution, the protecting of gambling-houses, the pulpit, in obedience to this imperious behest, must keep silent and allow these abominations

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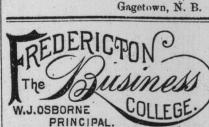
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