

vice of drunkenness and corrupted the morals. Thousands denounce the law as being against peace, justice and social and individual liberty, as a most tyrannical measure; as a modern Puritanical child, full of the odious spirits of fanaticism and zealotry.

It is only the moderate and successive development of a people that is endowed with organic and heathful life.

Every jump, every excess is inorganic, unnatural and marks a retrogression in the commercial and political life of a people.

The principles at the basis of the law, like many other ideas, may be praiseworthy *in the abstract*, but their practical execution is destructive to a commonwealth.