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WHY THE INDICTMENT IS PRESSED.

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF AN ADDRESS DELIVERED IN THE OPERA HOUSE AT
WANKISHA, WISCONSIN, THURSDAY, OCT. 12, 1882.

Ladies and Gentlemen : Early in September, while visiting in the city of Madison, I received an invitation from temperance friends in various sections of the state, to come here and talk on the subject of the prohibition of the alcoholic liquor traffic. I was willing to accept this invitation for two reasons.

1st. I was in your state four years ago, and when I returned to my western home I carried with me the memory of many pleasant places, which I had a sincere desire to revisit that I might meet old friends.

2nd. I wished to know if the people of this state were keeping pace with other states in the great work of outlawing the drunkard-makers of this country. Although the newspapers almost always tell the truth, yet sometimes you cannot depend upon their telling the whole truth about this prohibition movement, and I thought if I wanted to know the whole truth, the best way would be for me to come here and see you, and talk with you.

I am not here to deliver any regular lecture or set address. I was not asked to do that. I was asked to come here and talk to you, and that is what I intend to do—talk to you upon a question that involves your interests as much as it does mine, that should interest you as much as it does me,—a question that you must desire to see settled as earnestly as I do,—although you and I may differ in regard to the best methods of settlement.

I always wish, when I discuss this question before an audience, that I could call up every man and woman and swear them on the Bible as a jury, to render an honest verdict on all the facts in the case.