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The prohibition law went into effect about nine years ago. The population of the State in 1870 was 996,094. To day it is 1,464,000 an increase in nine years of about 468,000, or 50 per cent. In 1880 the population was 12.13 to the square mile of territory. Last year it was 18.49. Kansas has a population to day more than four times as great as it had in 1870

Property has increased in value to a much greater extent. In 1880 in round numbers \$7,000,000. Last year it was \$170,000—an increase of 95 per cent. in eight years. The increase in eight years under prohibition was 15 per cent. greater than under the ten years just preceding prohibition. From 1880 to 1890 the increase was eighty per cent.; from 1880 to 1888 it was 95 per cent. The assessed valuation of all property for 1878 was about ninety-one millions six hundred thousand dollars. For 1880 it was one hundred and sixty million; six hundred thousand dollars—an increase in ten years of something under 76 per cent. In 1880 it was three hundred and fifty-three millions two hundred and forty thousand dollars—an increase in eight years under prohibition of over 120 per cent.

Now for a few school statistics, 1880 the number of children enrolled was 63,218. In 1878 it was 177,806. In 1880 it was 231,424, and in 1888 it was 403,351. Since 1880 the average salary of teachers per month has increased for males, from \$32.57 to \$41.01, and for females from \$26.98 to \$34.64, while the total salaries paid to teachers has increased from one million and eighty-eight thousand dollars to two millions six hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars. The number of school houses has increased under prohibition from 5,315 to 8,196. The value of school property has gone up from four millions six hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars to eight millions six hundred and eight thousand dollars.

As a matter of fact Kansas has grown and developed and waxed great and powerful and rich under prohibition—and that in the face of general hard times and poor crops. Give Kansas half a chance and she will show the world a pretty pair of heels.—*Topeka Capital.*

**BOYS HURT BY TOBACCO.**—A committee of educators, including the professors in Ann Arbor, the Normal schools, Alma College, the University of Michigan and the Hilldale College, gave evidence before the Michigan Legislature on the effect of tobacco on the youth of that State. Superintendent Howell, of the Lansing schools, recently sent out circulars to the doctors on this subject, and has received two hundred replies. In every reply one or more cases are cited of boys being dwarfed, made insane, killed or rendered incapable of speech. The college professors

testified that otherwise bright students were made dull and stupid by the cigarette, and that in many cases the power of hearing had been seriously affected. They also said that in nine cases out of ten the regular use of cigarettes by boys would result in the loss of will power. A petition with more than seven thousand signatures has been presented, and the bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any shape to minors will probably pass.

Four thousand six hundred and thirty-two students in American colleges and seminaries have expressed their willingness to go to the foreign field. These volunteers have been pledged in the past three years. One hundred and ninety-four are already at the front in different fields. Through the efforts of volunteers \$45,406.72 has been raised for missions. Of this 17,350 came from colleges, and \$8,500 from seminaries.

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