

GETTING WORSE.

THE DANGEROUS GROWING SALOON POWER.

Bishop Ireland on Drunkenness and Drunkard Making—Great Cause for Present Alarm—An Organized Conspiracy—The Rum Power Must be Put Down.

The famous Bishop Ireland delivered an eloquent lecture to an immense audience in the Central Music Hall, Chicago, on April 6th. His subject was "The Saloon," and although the right reverend gentleman believes that "High License" will be an effective check on the liquor traffic, his stirring utterances constitute a startling arraignment of the unholy liquor traffic, and an exposure of its terrible and debauching power, such as ought to convince any intelligent patriot that the atrocious system should be promptly placed under the ban of total outlawry.

Danger.

"The character of intemperance is being altered for the worse. Liquors are more poisonous adulterated. Intemperance is not the festive frolicking of other days. It is brutal in its degradation, and hellish in its crime-begetting power. Intemperance is increasing the world over. It has become the virulent malady of the nineteenth century.

Governments on Drink.

"In England, according to Cardinal Manning and Canon Farrar, the whole country is suffering from the direct or indirect power of the drink trade. Half a million brewers and distillers in the world grow richer and richer. On the Continent of Europe stronger liquors have largely displaced wine and light beer and drunkenness and alcoholic poisoning are widespread. Economists and legislators are affrighted, and in France, Italy, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, laws severe in their restrictive power have been adopted or are under discussion.

National Danger and Disgrace.

"There is an organized conspiracy for the promotion of intemperance. The very agencies whose functions are to repress it are paralyzed by its power, and even pressed into its service. This is the great cause for present alarm. The saloon keeper is alcohol's soldier, and America's disgrace and danger. Do not dream of a possible saloon-keeper—the law-abiding citizen engaged in illicit bar-tending, honest and honorable in his dealings. Study him in actual life.

Defiant Rebellion.

"From whatever cause, hundreds of thousands crave alcohol; if easy of access they will swallow it to their utter ruin and that of their families. The law's protective arm should surround the traffic to stave, as far as prudence can, consequences too disastrous. Care is taken in the sale of other dangerous articles of commerce, and there is a limit to the supply. Saloon keepers are everywhere where the craving for alcohol exists or wherever it may be created. The principle governing their trade is to make money. Little they rock the misery drink causes if they are thereby enriched. They do it out to the tottering inebriate, to a youth surely entering on a life of sin and shame, to the workman whose family is enduring famine, and to the woman whose virtuous diadems she lifts the poisoned cup to her lips. There are attractions of all sorts to draw men to the saloons. There are saloon keepers' organizations perfected for the purpose of continually widening out the drink traffic, and breaking down all opposition. The saloon keepers laugh at the laws of protection. They glory in their rebellion and defy the people to curb their power. This shameless rebellion against law is in order to flood the land more freely with alcohol.

"The traffic can afford to threaten. It wields a great power. Every saloon is in dead earnest. He owns his patrons. The traffic is generous in the distribution of coin. There is a great deal at stake, and judicious investments will secure large future dividends.

"The Chicago delegate to the Brewers' Congress at Milwaukee in 1887 said that the brewers of Illinois had expended \$10,000 to defeat the temperance party at the elections. The liquor lobby at Albany in 1879 admitted before a legislative committee that they had expended \$100,000 to influence legislation. State and National parties quail before the traffic. The cities naturally suffer the most from the political maneuvers of the liquor men. They claim for themselves a prescriptive right to seats in the municipal council. Other city offices they concede to their friends. It is a lamentable fact that the liquor influence in American cities makes void of effect restrictive liquor legislation. The indifference of the people is the great misfortune. Little, if anything will be done until the people of America, conscious of their danger and of their duty, shall declare that the rum power must cease."

UNITED STATES.

NEWSY NOTES OF NORTH AND SOUTH.

Anti-Tobacco Legislation—Prohibitionists Pulling Up—Ninety per cent gains—Court Cases—On the War Path—A Church Deliverance—Soldier's as recruits—A Plucky lady—A Government of Women—Outlawing whiskey.

There's Lovely Fighting all along the Line.

For the Benefit of the Boys.

The Senate of the State of Ohio has passed a bill prohibiting the sale of cigars, cigarettes, or tobacco to any person under 16 years of age.

Second Party Now

The Prohibition party polled the second largest vote of the three tickets in the field at Waco, Texas, and Eau Claire, Wis., and American Prohibition papers claim that it is no longer the "Third Party."

"Prohibition" Going Ahead

SPECIAL despatches to the New York Press claim large gains to the Prohibition Party vote at recent municipal elections. There was a gain of about 60 per cent in Indiana. "No license" was carried by a good majority in Princeton, New York. Ohio also makes a good showing.

Another Important Point.

A case is now before the United States Supreme Court, the decision upon which will settle the question of whether or not a State can prohibit the manufacture of liquor for exportation.

Pending the decision, the Board of Supervisors at Sioux City, has granted a brewer there a permit to manufacture beer for twelve months.

Fighting in North Carolina.

The Anti party are making a desperate effort to secure a repeal of Prohibition, in a number of North Carolina towns, notably Raleigh the State capital, which has now been dry for two years, with great benefit to the community.

Another repeal campaign will shortly be fought out in Meriden, Mississippi.

Appalling Statistics.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, Colonel Sydney D. Maxwell, is a startling document. Among the statements it makes in reference to the beer business, are the following:

"The year has been without precedent, both in the production and consumption of beer in this city. There are now engaged in the production of malt liquors in Hamilton County 24 establishments, employing hands numbering 1,357. The aggregate production in Cincinnati and the immediate adjacent cities (Covington and Newport, Ky.) in the past year was 1,124,861 barrels.

"The consumption of beer for the year ending Aug 31, 1887, in Cincinnati, Covington, and Newport, as it appears from the figures of production and movement, aggregated 726,112 barrels, or 22,506,478 gallons, or the equivalent of 220,444,800 glasses.

Down in Georgia.

A State convention of the Georgia Temperance Association will be held on the 25th and 26th inst. at Atlanta. This is looked upon by the Prohibition party in Georgia as a scheme to head off their movement. It is also expected that this convention will declare against the Prohibition party.

Sam Small has gone South, and will give himself up to working for the Prohibition party, until that party meets at a convention to be held on the 24th inst. Sam Jones is also going South to help his brother.

Methodists on Methods.

The Philadelphia Methodist Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a recent session, made the following emphatic and definite declaration—

"High License is not a temperance measure. It is a step directly set for third and half in former temperance men. It was originally ofered, and is now urged, as a compromise by the influential political friends of the saloon. The object is to kill the movement for Prohibition and prevent the threatened annihilation of the liquor traffic.

"We cannot hope for the full enforcement of prohibitory laws in any State until the sale of liquor is prohibited in all the States. Prohibition should therefore be regarded as a national question.

"The only remedy for the failure of hostile government authorities to enforce temperance laws is for temperance men to unite the pulp, put Prohibitionists in power and hold them responsible for a vigorous enforcement of all laws on the subject.

The Blue and the Gray.

The "Prohibition Party of the Blue and Gray," is a strong and growing organization made up of ex-soldiers of the U. S. Army, and the late Confederate Army, who believe "in the principles of Prohibition and the necessity of a party that will make and enforce a law against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor as a beverage."

Branches are being organized in a number of the States, and a convention will be held at Indianapolis to commence operations at the same time as the National Convention of the Prohibition Party.

The Lady Wins.

The organ of the National W. O. T. U., the Union Signal, of Chicago, states that at Parkerburg, W. Va., a prominent liquor dealer applied on Saturday for a new license. Petitions, pro and con, signed by hundreds, were presented, as the case excited great interest. The court had listened to counsel, and the decision granting a license was almost rendered, when the daughter of the applicant, a beautiful young woman, and deputy clerk of the County Court, was informed of the fact. Rushing into the court room she raised her hands and demanded an audience. The court granted it. She made such an appeal that the license should not be granted to her father as it would be heard; burning with that eloquence which the "righteousness of her cause inspired," for twenty minutes she held the judges and audience spellbound. Counsel for the applicant, she said, had alleged that the petition against granting the license was signed principally by women. Rising to her full height, this young woman declared "that the fundamental law of the United States gave the right of petition to all, regardless of sex." Her eloquence caused the judges to reverse their decision, and they refused the license.

Those Women Again

Argonia is not going to have all the good government in the world to itself. In Oscaloosa, county town of Jackson, Kansas, the municipal elections took place on April 2nd, and a full ticket of ladies for Mayor and council was elected by a majority of 66 votes.

A press despatch says that the ladies who have taken charge of the city's affairs, are from the best class in the community, and are determined to carry on public business on the lines of temperance, morality and economy. We predict that there will not be much enjoyment in the life of a man who attempts to run an illicit whiskey shop, during the coming year. All the world will feel an interest in the municipal government of this town, and we feel confident it will not be a failure.

DRY! DRY!! DRY!!!

Prohibition Sweeping Over Michigan.

The State of Michigan is fast coming under Prohibition, through the adoption of the lately enacted Local Option Law. The Christian Herald publishes a map showing the counties which have adopted the Act, those which have defeated it, and those in which votes have not yet been taken.

The law is a very stringent one, declaring it "illegal to manufacture, sell, give away, or furnish malt, brewed, fermented, vinous, or intoxicating liquor of any kind, or any kind of liquor, any part of which is brewed, fermented, vinous or intoxicating." It also prohibits keeping such liquors for sale or for giving away. The only exception is in the case of a registered druggist who is to be governed by the regulation law relating to his business.

The penalty for violating is a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$500, or imprisonment for not less than ten days, nor more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment.

The law under which the druggists act, prohibits any selling except for medicinal, chemical, scientific, mechanical and sacramental purposes, requiring druggists to keep an open record of all sales, providing for heavy penalties, and the second violation takes away the druggist's right to sell for five years.

There are 67 counties in the State; 37 have voted upon the law, 35 have adopted it, and in two it has been defeated.

The total votes taken so far as given by the Chicago Letter, are as follows—

Table with 3 columns: COUNTY, For, Agt. Total. Lists counties like Allegan, Antrim, Barry, Benzie, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Clinton, Eaton, Emmett, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lake, Leelanaw, Lehiawac, Livingston, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oshtemo, Osego, Otsego, St. Joseph, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Van Buren, Washtenaw, and a Total Majority.

In this table not majorities only are given for Charlevoix, Emmett, Iosco, Jackson, Lake, Mason, and Osego, the full vote being given for the other counties.

Our workers are sanguine of carrying a large proportion of the thirty counties which have not yet voted.

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