

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A TYPICAL CRITIC OF PROHIBITION.

BY NEAL DOW.

A gentleman from western New York was introduced at my home a few days ago : he wished, he said, for information about prohibition. I said : 'How long have you been in town?'—'I have been here a week.'

'Then you must have seen and heard enough to enable you to form an opinion of it. What do you think of it?'—'I think it is a failure.'

'Where are you stopping?'—'At the Falmouth Hotel.'

'Do they sell liquor there?'—'No : I tried to get some and could not.'

'Did you try anywhere else?'—'Yes. I went to the 'Preble' and they would not let me have any.'

'Did you try anywhere else?'—'Yes. I called at a druggist's and couldn't get any.'

'Did you try anywhere else?'—'I went to a barber's shop and asked if he could tell me where I could get a drink, and he said he did not know any such place.'

'Well, you've been here a week and have tried your best to get a drink and failed. Why do you think prohibition a failure?'—'One morning I was in the park and saw a drunken man with a bottle, and from that I saw that prohibition was a failure.'

'If you had seen in a morning paper an account of the conviction of a thief, would you conclude our criminal laws to be a failure and suggest their repeal and a license instead?'—'Oh, no ; that is different.'

'Do you know if that drunken man came here from Boston in the early morning steamer with the bottle in his pocket or that he bought it here?'—'No, I do not know about that.'

'There is not 100th part so much liquor sold in Portland now as there was before the law, and the city is twice larger than it was then. Doesn't that indicate the law to be a great success?'—'No, to my mind it is a failure.'

'Consumption is a fatal disease ; it kills all whom it attacks. Suppose somebody should announce a cure for it, and on trial it is found to cure ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, would you consider the remedy a failure or a success?' He made no answer, but took his hat and left.

'I said 'Good-morning' instead of 'What a fool you are.'

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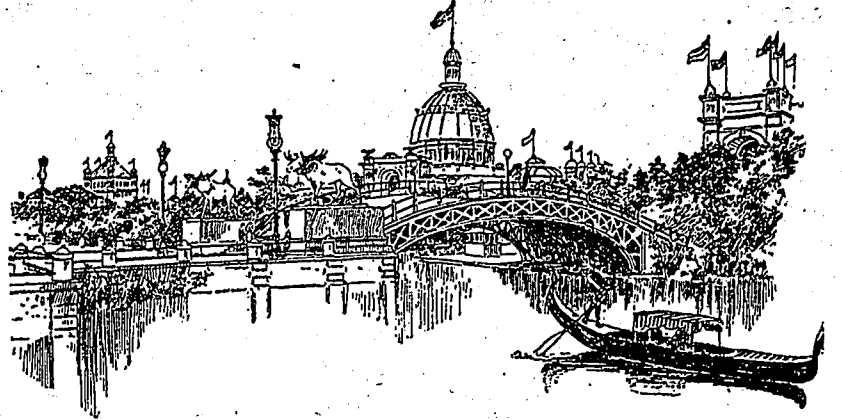
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