GOV. GARCELON AND THE MAINE LAW.

BY HON. NEAL DOW.

Gov. Garcelon of Maine, has recently been interviewed in Atlanta, Georgia, on the effect of prohibition in that State, and the *Constitution* of Atlanta, contains more than a column of what purports to be a report of the Governor's opinions. The anti-prohibition press of the country catches up this new port, as a *bonne bouche*, and gives it wide circulation. This circumstance only renders it important to notice it and correct its gross misstatements.

It would be difficult to conceive anything more false and foolish than this pretended statement is of the effect of the law in Maine. I assume that the governor is misrepresented, because there is not a single statement in the report true in the sense in which it is intended to be understood. To follow the article of the *Constitution* in detail would require three or four pages of your paper, and I content myself, therefore, with noticing briefly each of its points.

The accuracy of the reporter may be fairly inferred from the first sentence which he puts into the governor's mouth: "The Main Law was framed and *passed* by Neal Dow!" But the governor goes on:

1. "I am not certain that its operations have been beneficial." Now, the law was enacted in 1851, and here the governor is represented as saying that he does not yet know whether the effect of it has been good or bad. If he is correctly reported in this, I will venture the remark that he is the only intelligent man in Maine, uninfluenced by appetite or passion, who does not know that the effect of the law has been wonderful for good upon every public and private interest in the State. The governor lives in Lewiston, the largest manufacturing town in Maine. Just across the Androscoggin river is Auburn, another large manufacturing town, the population largely made up of such people as crowd such places. The two towns—practically one—contain about 30,000 people, and a number of them is to be seen at an open grog-shop, in any other place in the state, I fully believe, by a few foreigners. This has been the uniform condition of things in Lewiston for a long time, except during the single year when Gov. Garcelon is reported to have said, "It is impossible to enforce it." This enforcement of the law has been attended with a success in certain beneficities, being really the [illegible] will enforced, so that in Lewiston [illegible] entirely in [illegible] smaller towns, villages, [illegible] and it is no [illegible] and scarcely, in country towns and lower towns, and it would be exceptional for the worst part of our population.

At the time of the enactment of the law, the liquor traffic was carried on upon a large scale, wholesale and retail, in every part of the State, so that the enormous consumption of the State, its property, to whatever spirit, was consumed by the people in strong drink in every period of about twenty years. But now, under the law I am confident that half a million of dollars a year will cover the cost of liquors smuggled into the State and sold in violation of law.

The governor is reported to have said that liquors are now carried about secretly, in peddler's packs and in the sample boxes of drummers. Formerly they were transported all over the State in hogsheads, puncheons and barrels, by oxteams and horse-teams—great loads of them—and in steamboats and on railroads. The reported statements of the governor show the wonderful success of the law in stopping all that.

There is not now a distillery, brewery, or wine-factory in the state; they have all been suppressed by the law. We formerly had large importations of liquors, shiploads of them, now whatever liquors come into the State are smuggled in; kegs, jugs, or bottles enclosed in flour or sugar-barrels and packed in sawdust. The officers are constantly seizing these at railway stations, at steamboat landings, and in teams of various kinds, wherever they can find them and they are searched for diligently.

In the secret grog-shops, the liquors are kept in small quantity, hidden away beneath the floor, buried in the cellar, and sometimes plastered into a wall, with a rupper pipe leading to a concealed tap. A few days since, the officers in this city [Portland], in searching a suspected rum-shop, found a concealed tap, and traced the rubber pipe to a pig-pen, where a barrel of beer, with which it communicated, was found hidden under a pile of manure. Liquors are sold in Maine only in this way, where sold at all, and yet the governor is reported to have said that the law is not and cannot be enforced.

There has never occurred a single instance from 1851, when the law was enacted, to this day that would justify the declaration that it is or has been a failure; on the contrary, it has been a great success from the beginning. The law is thoroughly sustained by an overwhelming public opinion in the State, as it could not be unless its operations had been beneficial to its interests.

There is no respectable or influential opposition to it in any quarter, and it is accepted by the unanimous acquiescence if not consent of our people, as the settled, fixed policy of the State, and they would not sooner consent to its repeal than to the repeal of the registry law, the voting by ballot, or to the repeal of any other law admitted by general consent to be necessary to the public welfare. I wish to treat the governor with all due respect, but I do not hesitate to characterize his reported statements as false and foolish, so far as they are intended to show that the Maine Law is a failure.—*National Temperance Advocate.*

MAYOR BEATTY'S GENEROUS GIFT.—WASHINGTON, N. J., July 10th, 1879.—A large gathering of children was held in the M. E. Church at Washington, New Jersey, on Children's Day. An address was delivered by Hon. DANIEL F. BEATTY, (of Beatty Piano and Organ fame,) the Mayor of the city, who presided at the meeting. The audience was also entertained with recitations and singing, by the children. Beatty's Orchestra furnished excellent music. The gathering of the children was the largest ever known in Warren County. The pleasant announcement was made by the Pastor at the conclusion of the ceremonies that Mayor BEATTY had presented the Sabbath school with a new Library, valued at $369. This is only one of the many gifts the Mayor has contributed to the church and the poor within the last few months.—*New York World.*

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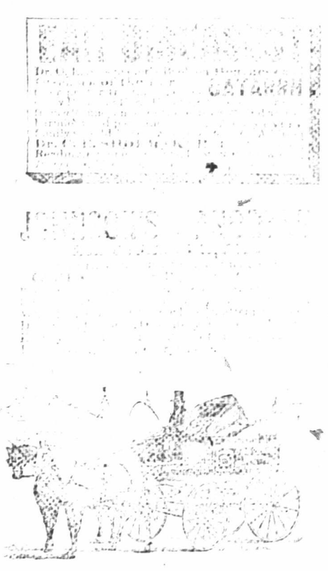

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