

argues that the health, happiness and prosperity of a people are measured by the occupants of penitentiaries, insane asylums and poorhouses, etc. Now, while this may be true, I do not see how it can help Prohibition, if this handbook's own figures are correct. Kansas is a dry state; Nebraska and Arkansas are put down as very wet places. Now, if you measure the health and happiness of a community by the inmates of its penitentiaries, etc., etc., then, surely wet Arkansas and Nebraska are away healthier and happier than Kansas. These figures are from the Anti-Saloon Handbook, so you must not accuse me of partiality or of being unfair.

	Kansas. Dry.	Nebraska. Wet.	Arkansas Wet.
Prisoners per 100,000 of population . . .	85.4	55.2	84.5
Paupers per 100,000 of population	43.5	46.2	32.9
Insane per 100,000 of population	172.2	167.0	69.4
Number of Children to 100 families	427.3	449.0	472.2

This last item refers to the number of children born, which the anti-saloon editor says is evidence against race suicide. So even in this respect the wet states show less race suicide than the dry state of Kansas. In other words there are more children born in the one hundred families in the wet states than the model dry states.

The figures are significant. Less prisoners in the wet states, less paupers, less insane, and more children born.

Now, whatever conclusions you care to deduct from the facts or figures, I want to emphasize the following:

1. Prohibition does not cure.
2. The Drink Traffic is not the cause of poverty, crime, insanity, and race suicide; for these very evils are in states and countries where there is no drinking.

This, then, is evident, that the Prohibitionists' figures when analysed, prove conclusively that Prohibition is valueless.