

# PROHIBITION FIGHT THE WORLD OVER

The Editor's Views and Other News on  
This Great Movement

## PROHIBITION IN COWANSVILLE

The time is rapidly approaching when Cowansville will have to choose between a licensed hotel and sobriety. Next January three councillors retire and if the prohibition forces of the village desire to get to work we are sure the three new councillors who are to be elected will be pledged against the continuation of the saloon in our midst.

Let the temperance forces become organized and let them be organized for victory. It is a long time since Cowansville has had a no license election and it is time for the village patriots to awaken and to swing their town into the line of the modern temperance reform.

We give fair warning to the whisky crowd of this village that the days of their triumph are about over. The majority of the citizens of this village are tired of the saloon and want it to go. The cry of vested interests in the saloon business of our town will not go down with the electors. The present proprietor of the license in Cowansville had fair warning of the risk attached to the business when he purchased last spring. The fight to oust the saloon from Cowansville may be bitter or may be peaceful. That depends on how philosophically the saloon forces take their coming defeat. We give fair warning to all and sundry that the saloon has to go from Cowansville and is going to go next April.

## SWEETSBURG AND PROHIBITION

Sweetsburg is more or less of a quiet village. Perhaps the fact that it is the centre of the Judicial District of Bedford that makes it so. The calm arguments of legal lights and the slow delays of the law have given to it a character different from that of the neighboring municipalities.

Sweetsburg possesses a licensed hotel. Memory hardly goes back to the times when alcohol was not sold in the village. Fifty years and more ago Mr. Church refreshed his guests with a drink made from the fermented juice of the potato. At the present time potent liquors are still dispensed to the possessors of a fiery thirst.

A few years ago the temperance forces of the province were asleep and many insidious amendments were made to the license law. Formerly twenty-five names had to be obtained each year before a council could renew a license. That enactment was repealed and now once the twenty-five names of municipal electors have been obtained the council can grant a license year after year. It is only this provision of the law that allows the license to be granted each year in Sweetsburg as it is no longer possible for the tavern keeper to get twenty-five electors to sign his license paper.

The people of Sweetsburg will have a chance next January of putting in two temperance councillors and in April of cutting off the license. The license in Sweetsburg will probably go along with the Cowansville one.

## OTHER PLACES

Dunham possesses but one hotel. The price of that hotel has been gradually rising for the past few years. Dunham is a village essentially sober but possessing a raffish who frequent the barroom. The respectable elements are in a majority and if a determined effort is made we are certain the saloon can be ousted from Dunham also. Lately considerable drinking has been going on at Dunham. Young men from Cowansville and Sweetsburg have been known to go out to Dunham to satisfy their desires for a spree. It is the outsiders with but a small portion of the citizens of Dunham that have made the saloon business in Dunham so valuable to the disgust of the decent citizens. We would strongly advise the temperance forces of Dunham to make a strenuous effort to free their village from the saloon influence. Should they undertake the task they will be surprised to see how quick the saloon will go.

After Dunham comes Frelighsburg, Stanbridge East and Bedford. These towns and villages could also easily be freed from the saloons that now infest

responsibilities of life, of husband, father and citizen, to these dens of iniquity the scourge of the law must be applied.

The two hundred thousand pitfalls of drink, as legal as this church that damn childhood into the world by drunken conception, overlay them by drunken motherhood in infancy, send them to the factory to help keep the family of the father who squanders his wages for drink, marries them to those of nameless character in youth, burns them with unquenchable fire in manhood and lays them like sheep in the grave. These pitfalls of perdition must be closed in the name of childhood by the vote of manhood who would make the world of to-morrow better than the world of today.

We have received a communication from an OBSERVER advertiser who takes care not to commit himself by giving his name. This merchant tells us the many benefits that arise from home buying. Support the home industries is the plea, and the town will become prosperous. Not knowing who sent us the communication we cannot tell whether it comes from a saloon supporting merchant or not, but of any business going that supports local industries the least the saloon business is the one.

It takes the money from the inhabitants of a small town and sends it off for alcoholic beverages. There is usually one bar keeper employed who is generally paid poor wages and his wages are all the town sees of the money.

The local industries that are depending on local help have to suspend operations while the whiskeys are being consumed or else operate with inefficient help while the debauches are wearing off. The money the merchants lose to the saloon keeper is sufficient to make them all prosperous.

## The Greatest Event in the World

"The Greatest Event in the World is the Advent of a Child," said Clinton N. Howard at Lake Avenue church, Rochester, N. Y., recently. "Much is being said about protecting our national resources, saving our national forests, protecting our national water ways, husbanding the nation's wealth, but who speaks for the nation's child?"

The child is the largest asset of the nation; the child is the greatest natural resource of the world.

All the gold, all the coal and iron and forests, all the improved water ways, all the wealth in the world will not save the nation that neglects the child.

Here I am this morning a father, a citizen, a Christian; what party shall have my vote?

Not the one that has the largest number of hobo's in the wagon, not the one that has the largest number of planks in the platform, not the one with the longest list of heroes in the grave, but the one that stands by and for the childhood of the nation.

THE WORLD'S DUTY TO CHILDHOOD.

What the world will be to-morrow depends upon what the world does for the child of today. Yesterday's children will soon be in the grave; the children of today will be the world of to-morrow.

What kind of a world it will be for them then, depends on the kind of a world we make it for them now.

If the world of our children and grandchildren is to be a world of liberty, a world of security, prosperity and morality, there are some markets of trade that must be cleansed, some juggernauts that must be stopped, some pitfalls that must be closed.

The tramp of two million little feet wend their way to the gates of the mill, the door of the factory, the mouth of the mine by the early light, eat a cold dinner and return when the sun goes down, that procession must be stopped.

The traffic in girls imported from abroad under false pretense, lured in from the country by lying advertisement of honorable and profitable employment, kidnapped from restaurant and counter by demons clothed in human form who are employed to steal their honor, and abandon them to fate in hired rooms that are a part of the plot, this traffic known to the police in every city as the side line of the saloon, that is rotting the youth in body and soul, unfitting them physically and morally for the

## House Fly

The common house fly, is not only a baneful pest but it is acknowledged by authorities on the subject to be a menace to the health not only of individuals, but to the public at large. It has been proved beyond dispute that it is one of the worst carriers of disease. It crawls over diseased and decaying matter and carries on its tiny feet, the germs gathered in this way straight into the houses, depositing them upon eatables and dishes as well as upon people. Those people who are in a susceptible condition thus contract disease.

Screens for doors and windows are not only a matter of comfort to the homes, but are very great preservatives of the occupant's health.

A celebrated bacteriologist not long ago, having prepared some sterilized gelatine, caught an ordinary house fly and let it crawl over it. The result was very surprising, for in a very short time a wonderful growth of harmful bacilli appeared in the gelatine.

We should guard against flies as we would against the worst vermin. We should keep them out of our homes with the greatest care, for in this way we can help to keep our homes, pure, sweet and clean, not only as far as the eye is concerned, but in reality by keeping away hurtful germs, that may at any time destroy those near and dear to us.

## An Old Story

After Satan, with the help of Sin and Death, had constructed the bridge over the chaos so that he and his assistants might comfortably visit the earth, he made his first appearance in Paradise. In that happy garden, the grapevine was growing quite innocently no alcohol in the grapes. Satan watered the roots of the vine with the blood of four animals. First he poured on the blood of a peacock. When the leaves began to grow he poured on the blood of a monkey. While the grapes were green he watered the vine with the blood of a lion. And finally when they were ripe he watered the vine with the blood of a hog. As a consequence, say the Arabs, the man who drinks the forbidden juice first struts like a peacock; drinks a little more and begins to dance foolishly like an ape, drinks more and rages like a lion, finally, having drunk his fill, lies down in the mire like a hog.—Abernethan.

"ALL contracts for whiskey advertisements in The Ledger have expired, and from this date no whiskey advertisements will appear in these columns at any price. If liquor people desire to expatiate on the merits of any peculiar brand of their damnation, they can look elsewhere for a medium through which to extol their virtues. The Ledger makes no claim to sanctification, but when a liquor dealer tells us that a six dollar advertisement in The Ledger has sold for him twelve hundred dollars' worth of whiskey, it makes us feel that we have been in a small measure responsible for the damage done, and we promise to sin no more."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Denounces Wine For French Army

The league which has for its purpose the abolition of the use of alcohol in the French Army met at Lyons and passed resolutions in favor of suppressing the drinking of wine at officers' messes and against giving liquor ration to the troops in war time, as well as in time of peace.

Elbert Hubbard, the noted sage of the Roycroft establishment at East Aurora, New York, declared in the course of a lecture that local option is coming, and continued, "Prohibition is coming too, and then you can look for empty penitentiaries. There wouldn't be any more shooting if there weren't any liquor."

To give an appetizing flavor to a broiled beefsteak, rub a cut onion over the hot platter.

## The Month of Ripeness

Thou languid August noon,  
When all the slopes are sunny;  
When, with jocund, dreamy tune,  
The bees are in the honey,  
When with purple flowers,  
Afflaming in the sun,  
The drowsy hours  
Thread one by one  
The golden pleasaunces.

Then in heart's musing time;  
Then, of all the seasons  
Old Earth for inward rhyme  
Is full of golden reasons  
Then the ripening gourd,  
The sun-kissed garden wall,  
The purpling hoard,  
The flocks that call  
Adown the distances.  
Forego the saddening tear,  
Thou month without alloy;  
To younger seasons of the year  
Resign the flag of joy;  
But thou, be what thou art,  
Full of brooding to the brim  
Of dreams apart  
And purities dim  
Of leafy silences.

—Wilfred Campbell, in Scribner's

## Clipped From Contemporaries

According to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's positive assurance, the Grand Trunk Pacific railway was to cost the country "not more than \$13,000,000." According to a computation for which Mr. Graham, Sir Wilfrid's minister of railways and canals, furnished the data, the cost is to be \$192,000,000. According to Mr. Fielding's budget statement, the country will have to expend some \$60,000,000 on the project by the end of the current fiscal year. It looks as if Mr. Graham's view of the cost would be borne out. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is an amiable gentleman, but his polite habit of giving the people pleasing fictions instead of blunt facts has led to so many misunderstandings that the public now want original documents for everything he says.—Halifax Herald.

Over thirty-seven per cent. of the British troops in India are total abstainers. This is a good record, but from even the low standpoint of military efficiency it would be vastly better if the whole army were enrolled in the total abstinence ranks.

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## PSALMS.

### PSALM 17.

13 Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

### Psalm 18

1 I will love thee O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust: my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

## PROVERBS.

### CHAPTER 8.

19 My fruit is better than gold yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment;

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

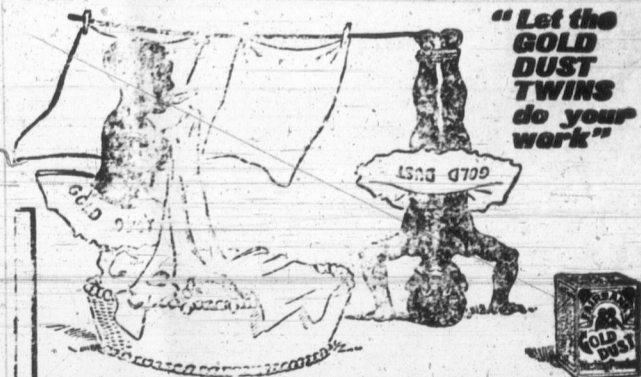
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth: when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

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