

The Temperance Movement

Editorial Views and Other News
on the Great Prohibition Question

THE CONTRIBUTION OF SHORT ARTICLES INVITED

THE POOR HOTEL KEEPERS

We are half sorry for the poor licensed Hotel Keepers. They are having a hard time of it. The churches are denouncing them. The doctors are down on their business of peddling rum. The ladies are down on the business. They are being attacked from all sides and they have their own conscience to reproach them. The cry of little children must ring in their ears. The desolate homes they have created must visit them when sleepless nights bring imaginative scenes to their brains. Poor devils, they are having a hard time.

And yet as long as there is a licensed hotel we must fight them. As long as they continue their vile occupation of turning men into beasts for money they must be shown no consideration. As long as they sit or stand behind their bars, either personally or in the person of their bar-keeper, and arouse the flaming passions of men with their compounded poisons, every man who has a spark of true manhood in him and a desire to save men from themselves, must join in the fight against the hotel keepers.

The poor devils have a hard time and will have a harder, but until they cease to prey on the weak and the drunkard, the persons most needy of help, they must be fought as you would fight rattlesnakes with undrawn fangs. Poor devils.

A DISREPUTABLE BUSINESS

Licensed hotel keeping is getting to be a disreputable business. The hotel-keeper is no longer looked up to as an authority on morals and politics. He is sinking below the level of those who perform personal services.

Those who perform personal services for others do not rank high in the social scale. It is unjust perhaps and when Socialism comes probably we will look upon things differently. But at present those who perform personal services are not regarded highly. Domestic servants, barbers, and other like classes are looked down upon. Stokes, of New York, married a girl who worked in a cigar factory. He lost less caste than he would have done had he married a domestic servant.

It seems to be regarded as slavish to be forced into an occupation where you have to do the personal bidding of another. All who can will avoid such occupations.

But the licensed hotel keeper ranks lower in the social scale than even the barber, valet, or domestic servant. These classes perform a service which is not detrimental to the hirer. But the licensed hotel keeper when he sells whiskey is performing a personal service for the drinker, just as much as does the domestic servant for her mistress or the valet for his master. But the licensed hotel keeper does not perform a service that benefits the recipient. He performs a service that is detrimental. He gets his employer drunk. Hence the business of licensed hotel keeping is being regarded as one of the lowest occupations in the social scale.

MUNSTERBERG AND THE SALOON

It now turns out that Professor Munsterberg of Harvard, who was recently acclaimed by the whiskey interests as a knight coming to their rescue, is against the bar-room. He believes that bar-rooms, saloons, and the treating system should go. This is sorry news for the whiskey interests whose financial receipts will be reduced to the vanishing point if the bar-rooms, saloons and the treating system are abolished.

Professor Munsterberg believes that alcohol is necessary in certain cases for the finer efforts of genius. He is against alcohol in its stronger forms and believes only in light wines and beers. Although he is against the bar-room, he is of the conviction that humanity has not arrived at the stage of self-control and that the temperance might as well take the form of alcoholic excess as any other form.

Munsterberg is an anti-saloon man, and, as the great fight now on is against the saloon, Munsterberg can join in the fight leaving the question of the total prohibition of the consumption of alcohol to be settled when all the saloons have been closed.

HOTEL VALUES

The value of hotel property has been going up. The price paid for hotels with license attachment have been climbing skyward. To many thoughtful persons it looks as though many hotel buyers will be sorry for their purchases unless they can unload on some one else at a higher figure before hotel values begin to drop.

Even in the Eastern Townships men are ceasing to drink. Commercial travellers are cutting out the booze and business men are following their example. It is only discouraged workmen, who see a long life of poverty before them, who fall into the habit of drinking. They want temporary happiness and a forgetting of their hard lot. As wages rise these men will cease to drink.

Moreover, a license is very precarious and any year may see the license in a village cut off. With the cutting off of a license, hotel values must drop.

There is only one thing that can justify the high values recently obtained for hotel property. This thing is an industrial awakening of the Eastern Townships and a deadened moral sense as to the evils of barrooms. Our own impression is that hotel values will not be justified and that men who sink a lot of money in the acquisition of an hotel will find that their money stays sunk.

PROHIBITION NOTES

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It is announced that Russian Statesmen propose to restrict the consumption of vodka by decreasing the capacity of the smallest measure that can be sold to one-fortieth of a kilberkin or about one-half gallon, and by reducing the number of places where liquor can be sold.

At a convocation of liquor men in Chicago the other day, called to consider by which bootstrap the trade had better try to pull itself out of the bog it has got into, one sapient representative of the traffic declared thusly: "The key to the situation is to drive the ministers out of the fight. If this is their only hope the saloonists might as well buy crape wholesale while it's cheap."—The Interior, Chicago, December 10, 1908.

A decision by the supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia at Richmond, December 3rd, declares that while common carriers must receive shipments for delivery to parties in no-license territory, wholesalers, brewers, distillers and manufacturers cannot avail themselves of that right.

"If they did so," concludes the decision, "it would be possible for violators of the law to compel common carriers to aid and abet violations owing to the consignees receiving the liquor when shipped in large quantities and then selling it contrary to law."

PROHIBITION IN TEXAS

George W. Carroll, Prohibition candidate for Vice-president in 1904, and one of the best known business men of Texas and the whole Southland, in a recent interview declared that the cool, common-sense view of business men is crystallizing for state prohibition in the Lone Star Commonwealth. Continuing, Mr. Carroll says:

"Business men are coming to realize that here are two wealth producers on earth—one is the hand and the other the head. All wealth is created by work. For a State or city to be prosperous two things it must have—men and women with steady hand and cloudless brain who are at work. These are our only money-makers. Saloons make no money. They gather in a lot of it from those who do make it, but wealth is produced only by those who toil with the hand or head. The saloon is the greatest curse to the business interests of a city—the wealth producing interests—that is known to civilized man, and the business men are coming to realize it. They know that it unnerves the hand and paralyzes the brain of every one under its influence.

Friend—"Why were you so civil to that good-for-nothing rascal?" Master Glazier—"He breaks more windows in his house than any other man in the city."

Some Difficulties of Socialism

By W. B. Hall, Ed. "The Day" Winnipeg, Man., (formerly of "The Kansas Prohibitionist."

EDITOR COTTON'S WEEKLY:

Dear Sir—Will you give place for some thoughts on the above subject by one whom you do not know to be a Socialist. I would premise by saying I have lived a quarter of a century in that hot bed of socialism, Southern Kansas; within 100 miles of Girard, "The Appeal to Reason's" home, and 18 miles from Winfield, the home of Granville Lowther, an able Socialist editor with whom I had some acquaintance. I have read both papers and listened to several grades of Socialist orators, always ready to accept and act upon any good thing they offered.

Some questions arise in my mind, some of which I have seen asked before, but usually they are pooh-poohed and called immaterial by socialist leaders, and I believe this is the reason the party fails.

All men know that a sovereign State cannot be brought to trial except by revolution. All know that Socialism must have a sovereign government, with a far larger complement of officers than any other ever had (unless each officer performs far more labor than any other ever has), if it comes in its fulness, and many are "shy" of inviting revolution. The most common citation of early Christian (so-called) socialism is to Acts 2: 44, but we find (Acts 6: 1), that before a year had passed there was a "murmuring," and more officers had to be "selected for appointment." It was a "gourd" that sprang up while the twelve were flagrantly disobeying Christ's pre-circumfixion commands, and like the selection of Matthias, made during that time, soon disappeared.

Christ prescribed the number of hours for a day's work, and most Socialist plead to win that they may reduce it one-half, and some two-thirds to five-sixths. He will not bless such efforts. Until his enemies are made his footstool he wants a full day's work each day from all who are "joint heirs with him" in the battle against evil. When "we that are strong" stand between the many headed beast, selfishness, and elect the judges of this world to judge it with truth (Christ) we can go where the enemy is (in politics) and no "filth of lies" will stick to our "robes." Until we do, it will make "merchandise" of us, and sell us.

With free booze (which most Kansas socialists demanded) would not Socialism find many content with a crust-and-a-pallet (or stack) of straw? Sixty years ago we had those conditions. Would not "bootleggers" trade their weak brothers booze for part of their food, and enjoy it in secret? Or must we have enough officers to watch all such. Outside of the Booze-ites gamblers and bawds how many are there that do not do an average amount of work, if you exclude farmers from the average. We notice many merchants, perhaps most, do as much selling as their clerks, often because they can sell better. True there are many rich men who do not work besides Booze-ites, but if the laborers saved the money they spend for Booze they could buy them all out in five years.

WHAT DO DOCTORS SAY?

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Doctor Gregory says "I never got a patient by water-drinking, but thousands by strong liquors." The experience of this doctor is true of every medical practitioner. Alcohol is a prolific source of disease, and a large amount of the work of the physician is due to this cause alone. Sir William Gull said: "I hardly know any more potent cause of disease than alcohol." According to a statement made by the late Dr. Clarke, "more than three-fourths of the disorders in what we call fashionable life, arises from the use of alcohol."

Dr. Rogers says, "The great bulk of ailments that come under observation, are traceable to the evil consequences of drinking."

Dr. Norman Kerr says, "Alcohol vitiates the blood, inflames the stomach, over-taxes the heart, destroys the kidneys, hardens the liver, softens the brain, and very often prevents recovery from diseases."

Dr. Todd says, "The habitual drinker recovers with difficulty from severe wounds, or from fevers, and is always the first to fall in epidemics." I think this weighty announcement of this celebrated doctor worthy the thoughtful considerations of every non-abstainer.

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A peopled planet opulent and grand.

It may be Shakespeare, with his endless train
Of sceptered thoughts, a glorious progeny
Borne on the whirlwind of mighty strain,
Through vision lands forever far and free;

His great mind beaming through those phantom crowds,
Like evening sun from out a wealth of clouds.

It may be Spenser, with his misty shades,
Where forms of beauty wondrous tales rehearse,
With breezy vistas, and with cool arcades
Opening forever in his antique verse:

It may be Chaucer, with his drink divine.

His Tabard old, and pilgrims twenty-nine.

Perchance I linger with the mighty Three

Of glorious Greece—that morning land of Song—

Who bared the fearful front of Tragedy,

And soared to fame on pinions broad and strong:

Or watch beneath the Trojan ramparts proud

The dim hosts gathering like a thunder cloud.

No rust of time can sully Quixote's mail,

In wonted rest his lance securely lies.

Still is the faithful Sancho stout and hale,

For ever wide his wonder stricken eyes:

And Rosinante, bare and spectral steed,

Still throws gaunt shadows o'er their every deed.

Still can I robe me in the old delights

Of Caliph splendid and of Genii grim,

The star-wealth of Arabia's thousand nights

Shining till every other light grows dim:

Or wander far in broad voluptuous lands

By streams of silver and through golden sands.

Still hear the storms of Camoens burst and swell,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Province of Quebec)
County of Brome)
District of Bedford)

Public notice is hereby given that after the expiry of two months from the first publication of this Notice, application will be made to the Lieutenant Governor in Council to confirm to or in favor of the hereinafter named applicants two certain deeds of gift or grants from "The New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends," and "The Farnham Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends," two corporations duly incorporated according to law, the former having its chief office and principal place of business in the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, and the latter in the East Part of the Township of Farnham, in the said County of Brome, and District of Bedford, passed before Moses O. Hart, Notary on the eighth day of January, 1906, of the following pieces or parcels of land, for the purposes of a Protestant Christian Burying-ground or Cemetery, the said pieces of land being lots numbers twenty-nine (29) and two hundred and fifty-three (253) of the official plan and book of reference of the East Part of the Township of Farnham in the said County of Brome and District of Bedford, and to incorporate the said applicants into a burial society to be known as "The Friends Union Cemetery Company," with power to take over said lots of land and to acquire such further land adjoining said lots as may become necessary, the whole in conformity with articles 523 and seq., and amendments thereto of the Revised Statutes of Quebec regarding Cemeteries Companies.

The names and residences in full of the said applicants are as follows: Philip W. Taber, Merritt Stevens and Eli W. Hall, all of the East Part of the Township of Farnham, in said District of Bedford, and Moses H. Beddoe, of the Village of Knowlton, in said District of Bedford, and Robert H. Strange, of the Village of Cowansville in said District.

J. E. FAY,

Attorney for Applicants

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