

interest should be kicked out of power. The country has no use for men who work for party first and country afterwards; who say: "If the law is enforced it will hurt our party, we will lose the German vote." Such men are traitors to humanity, civilization and liberty. I fear the results of any organization which will act as an excuse for lazy electors to offer their political consciences. What this country needs is not anæsthetics and narcotics to soothe the conscience of electors, but the burning iron of intelligent action, and the knife of righteous law freely used upon the loathsome ulcers on the body politic by officers whose official tenure depends upon the honest enforcement of law, they having been elected by a party based on that principle. It is my opinion that if half the money and time and effort had been used to induce the people to apply the common-sense methods of political treatment for political disease that have been spent in devising false remedies, and studying "how not to do it," there would not be an open bar-room in this country to-day. The fault is not with the masses, but with the leaders, or so-called moral leaders of society. When the leaders of Kansas and Iowa and Ohio mustered up grit enough to lead the way they found the masses true as steel. Our leaders have become stumbling-blocks whose inaction smacks strongly of cowardice, inability or treason. The old worn out cry: "The people are not educated up to the point," is an insult to the intelligence of the American people. The state having failed to destroy the evils of the traffic by license, or by giving communities the power to deal with it, should now outlaw it, brand it as infamous, and the people should put in administrative offices men whose honor, conscience, and party fealty all say: You must enforce the law. Cowards may cry: "You are going too fast," but every interest of home, humanity, civilization and country demands immediate action. The last time I was at home, my little boy stood by me to say with a laugh, "Papa, I's almost a man." For a moment I was as happy as he in the thought, and then the cloud came; every inch he grows taller, every day he grows older brings nearer the time when he will go out on the streets of a city that opens more schools to make him a devil than it does to make him a man. I bowed my head and asked God to give me courage and muscle and nerve to stand in the front of the fight with my fellow-workers, and assist in freeing Nebraska from this curse before my boy should be in danger. "In a hurry?" How many more hearts must be broken? how many more babies be starved? how many more women must have