

parlison, but as the Anti-Saloonists have started the game we must keep it up and answer them in their own words.

So against these two states place Wisconsin, average wage earners 182,583, nearly balancing the last two states with an average of 171,000, but Wisconsin had a total wage roll in 1900 of \$93,905,000, nearly twice as large.

It would be useless comparing any more. But this is my assertion: Place a license state alongside a Prohibition state of the same size, or nearly and you will find the licensed state in better economic shape in every sense, than the Prohibition state.

CHAPTER IX.

Prohibition and Crime.

I am going to prove to you that Prohibition is not a preventative to crime. While Prohibition may dam one of the little streams of crime which flow from the well of human corruption, this stream will gush forth with renewed energy in some other direction, and with greater violence, if the well itself is not properly controlled and piped.

Prevention is no cure. Any doctor or lawyer or chemist will corroborate this statement. To prevent the stream from running down your backyard, does not dry up the stream. To prevent a fire from spreading to your neighbor's house does not save your own.

The best Prohibition can do, is to prevent a few individuals to secure liquor, but Prohibition cannot prevent everyone from getting liquor, and it cannot prevent these few from getting other stimulants, drugs, and so forth, which according to statistics, do them more harm and lead to more crime than their indulgence in strong drink.

Now, don't misunderstand me, and run away with a false idea of my position. My claim is this: Prohibition is not the cure for human crimes. Pro-