

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

COLONEL BAIN'S "HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT."

What makes drunkards? Strong drink. Who sells the drink? The saloon keeper. What created the saloon? The law. Who makes the laws? The legislator. Who makes the legislator? The people. It is in house Jack built, only I do not say it now as when a boy. I say now:

Intemperance is the fire the Devil built.
Strong drink is the fuel,
That feeds the fire the Devil built.
Breweries and distilleries are the axes,
That cut the fuel,
That feeds the fire the Devil built.
Saloons and beer-gardens are the stones,
That whet the axes,
That cut the fuel,
That feeds the fire the Devil built.
License laws are the molds,
That cast the axes and shape the stones,
That whet the axes,
That cut the fuel,
That feeds the fire the Devil built.
Political parties are the patentees,
Who patented the molds,
That cast the axes and shape the stones,
That whet the axes,
That cut the fuel,
That feeds the fire the Devil built.
And prohibition party ballots are the sledge-hammers,
Destined to destroy the molds,
Break the axes,
Smash the stones,
That whet the axes,
That cut the fuel,
That feeds the fire the Devil built.

—Phaloux.

THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW.

Dear Union Signal!—From the Atlantic to the Pacific the press has heralded the "unlawful proceedings" of the women crusaders in Missouri, and the unanimous decision is condemnation.

All the great dailies, all the little dailies—all the weeklies, Republican and Democratic, unite with one accord in shouting from valley and mountain top that the "majesty of the law must be upheld."

Below will be found a fair example of their comments:

LAW MUST BE UPHOLD.

The crusaders of Spickardville, Mo., who demolished a number of saloons because a boy was found drunk in one of them, were found guilty by a jury, and each woman fined \$5 and costs in each case. It is an astonishing fact that ladies of W. C. T. U. should openly and notoriously become law-breakers and violate an almost universal law of the rights of property. They call themselves Christians, as well as temperance advocates. All good citizens must approve the finding of the jury, unpleasant though the duty must have been, to thus convict respectable women of crime. Law must always be upheld.—Cincinnati Post.

"The law must be upheld," cry these virtuous journals. For months and years the most flagrant violations of the local option law have prevailed all over Missouri, yet who has heard a protest from these patriotic, law-abiding papers?

Liquor dealers must have protection for their property, even when they are in open, continued defiance of law, as in these Missouri towns, but where is the press that will cry aloud for the protection of woman's property in her own son—in her own flesh and blood? In dozens of counties, in scores of towns under local option in Missouri, this violation of law has gone on with the knowledge and consent of the officers. Little boys of ten and upwards have been drunk on the streets, and not an official finger has been turned to ferret out these worse than cannibals, who would make profit from rosy-cheeked childhood. Why have not these journals demanded the maintenance of law? But now that a few women, grown desperate over the wrongs for which there was no redress from municipal officers, jury, judge or court, have destroyed the liquor which were sold contrary to law, the press has sided its loins to vindicate and maintain the majesty of the law.

Hesitates the father one moment to strike down the ravisher of his daughter? Does he withhold his hand from murder to protect his property from the skulking burglar? Yet neither of these crimes so justly punished is more absolutely criminal than the sale of liquors to boys in Lathrop and Spickardville, Mo. A crime before which strong men stood cowed and helpless, waiting for woman, voiceless and ballotless, to strike the desperate blow for life—and that which is dearer to every mother heart than life—her child.

In colonial days, Great Britain had a legal right to send tea to our shores. What wanton destruction of property took place in the Boston harbor! There were plenty of journals then that cried out "The law must be upheld." What law? The law of truth and justice—or the law of tyrants? When Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Law which thousands disobeyed because of a "Higher Law," time-serving journals shouted for obedience to law, the same as now. Give woman a voice and vote in choosing the officers to uphold the law, and there could be no excuse—no justification for the Missouri crusades.—Union Signal.

The grog-slops cannot be resolved down, prayed down, nor sung down; there is only one way upon earth by which they can be suppressed, and that is by votes in the ballot box.—Neal Dow.

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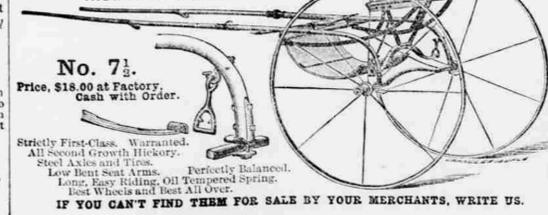
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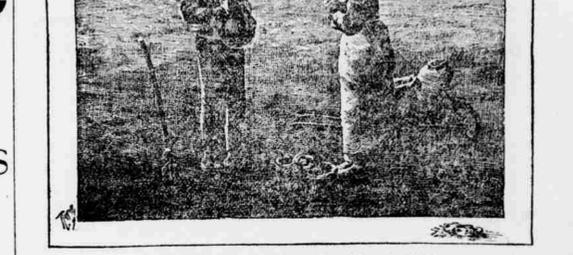
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