

**A SENSIBLE PROPOSITION.**

At a meeting of the Kansas State Temperance Union in this city on November 30, a lively discussion was precipitated by the introduction of a resolution favoring the sale of liquors in this state by state agents at absolute cost. Although there was considerable opposition to the resolution by some members who were alarmed at the tendency toward "paternalism," the proposition carried by a vote of seventy-five to thirty-eight. This is a sensible move. The elimination of the element of profit from the traffic is the first practical step towards its successful control; and the endorsement of such a policy shows that there are some level heads in the State Temperance Union. This is a step in the right direction, and when the prohibitionists of the entire country manifest a disposition to unite with the People's party in taking this step there will be some prospect of a final solution of the liquor question. We cannot mount from the foot to the top of a ladder at one leap, neither can we arrive at an ultimate adjustment of this problem by the enactment of arbitrary prohibitory laws. If we could agree first upon the one single proposition to take the traffic absolutely out of the hands of individuals who pursue it for profit, and place it in the hands of responsible state or national agents who would work upon salary and sell at cost, the strong incentive to sell would be removed. Further than this, states where prohibitory laws exist at the time such a law would go into effect would at once have absolute prohibition, and it would be in the power of the people of every other state to have it as soon as a majority should declare in favor of it at the ballot box. Nationalize the entire business of manufacture and sale if it is ever expected to accomplish successful control of it.

**A FIRST-CLASS APPOINTMENT.**

The appointment by Gov. Lewelling of Fred J. Close as his private secretary is commended by fair-minded men of all parties. The governor has made a good beginning in this case, and if his appointments are all equally meritorious, his administration will be an unqualified success. In these appointments he should, and we believe he will, be governed by but one consideration, the qualification and fitness of the men and women (for we expect to see the women recognized by this administration) who may be selected for the several positions to be filled. If this policy is adhered to, and the state is given an honest and efficient public service, our position in the political arena will be rendered invincible. We do not anticipate any mistakes. The governor is believed to be a conservative, broad-minded man, and one who will be the governor, not of a party, but of Kansas. It requires strength of character to safely pass through the ordeal that confronts him at the beginning of his administration, but we believe him fully equal to the occasion.

It beats the world how many re-

publican papers have recently come to the conclusion that the coal trust is a curse, that the beef combine ought to be "busted," that exorbitant interest charges are draining the earnings of the people of the west into the coffers of eastern mortgage owners and bondholders, that transportation rates are too high, that corporation stocks are watered, that there is not money enough in circulation, that our industries are monopolized, and that the great common people of the country really have cause of complaint. Who can account for this sudden waking up?

W. L. BROWN, president of the Kansas Reform Press Association, and editor of the *Kingman Journal*, has been mentioned by several of our reform papers for clerk of the senate. The *ADVOCATE* unites in the recommendation. Mr. Brown has been an efficient worker in the recent campaign, and what is more, he has done his work at his own expense, besides contributing liberally to the campaign fund. Kingman county has given a good account of herself, and we would be glad to see Mr. Brown's services recognized in a substantial way.

KANSAS will not be divided up. It will contain 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 inhabitants some day and be a great state; but it will never reach this condition unless it overthrows the blatherskites, fanatics and impracticables who are now running and ruining the state.—*Globe-Democrat*, November 28.

Kansas has just succeeded in overthrowing those fellows, and will soon enter upon a career of honor and increasing prosperity. The *Globe-Democrat* need not borrow trouble about this state. It is fully competent to attend to its own affairs.

To the Members of the Kansas Reform Press Association.

Owing to the campaign being on and the editors busy at their posts of duty, the time for calling the annual meeting was passed; but now there is a lull in the fight; we hope every reform paper in the state will be represented at a meeting which will be held in the city of Topeka, Tuesday, December 20, at 10 a. m., for which the following program has been arranged:

Address of welcome, by Mayor Coffran.  
Response, by president of association.  
Paper. Subject, "The Fight We Have Just Passed Through," W. H. French, of *Kinsley Graphic*.

"The Coming Fight," Jas. P. Easterly, of *People's Advocate*, Marysville.

"Causes of the Upheaval," A. A. Stewart, of *Manhattan Republic*.

Hon. W. A. Harris, Governor Lewelling, and W. S. Morgan, of the *National Reformer* and secretary of the National Reform Press Association, have been invited to deliver addresses.

The election of officers will take place at this meeting. Arrangements will also be made for Kansas editors to attend the meeting of the National Reform Press Association at Washington, D. C., February 22, 1893. This will be the long-promised excursion we have looked forward to since the organization of this association, and rates can be secured that will make it possible for every reform editor in the state to take a well-earned vacation trip to our national capital. Congress will be in session, and a good time is assured.

Now, brother workers in the cause.

We earnestly ask each and every one of you to be present at this meeting. No men have done more in the history of the world for a great cause of the people than have you. The weekly reform papers have fought the people's battle against the great daily papers of the state backed by the corporations and edited by their tools. No class of men have remained truer to their principles than you have. Many of you are poor and have had a hard struggle to keep the paper alive, but with all this, money had no effect on your manhood, and if there is one thing above another that should be a cause of gratification and pride it is that no member of this association has proved false to the cause; and while our friends the enemy are looking around for the cause of their late defeat, they can locate the prime factor in the reform press that corrected their false statements and educated the people. Therefore let us meet together, counsel with each other, and keep up the fight until this is a government "Of the people, by the people, and for the people."

S. McLALLIN, Secretary.  
W. L. BROWN, President.

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**Will Justice Be Done?**

STONEWALL, COLO., Nov. 19, 1892.

We, settlers within the Colorado portion of the alleged Maxwell grant, in mass meeting assembled, earnestly invite the attention of the public to our grievance.

At the first session of the present congress the house committee on private land claims, after an investigation of the facts of record relating to the Colorado portion of the said alleged Maxwell grant, concludes its report on the same as follows:

It is the opinion of your committee that the lands included within the Colorado portion of the alleged Maxwell grant, were required by act of June 21, 1890, to be treated as public lands. They were located within the out-boundaries of the said Vigil and St. Vrain grant, and were not a part of the original Beaubien and Miranda grant.

The fact, then, has been authoritatively ascertained that the Colorado portion of the so-called Maxwell grant—nearly 300,000 acres—was required by law to be treated as public land. Hence said tract of land was rightly surveyed by the government as public land, and our homestead and pre-emption rights acquired under the public surveys are valid, and our threatened eviction by the Maxwell grant company is unlawful.

The house committee on private land claims at the last session of congress, in compliance with a resolution offered by Hon. John G. Otis, of Kansas, recommended that a select committee of seven be appointed to investigate this matter, and the investigation is now pending; but we have been so often disappointed when investigation seemed to be assured that we beg the press of the country, interested in seeing settlers have fair play in their fight with a wealthy foreign land grant corporation, to come to our aid and join with us in a demand for immediate congressional investigation.

A. DULING, President.  
HENRY FISHER, Secretary.

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