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Keep a smile on your lips.—Nixon Waterman.

Public Conscience Aroused.

Most every gambling place in the city is connected with a saloon. That fact does not strengthen the saloon in the eyes of the people, and the sooner the saloonists wake up to that fact the better for that business.

The people are aroused on the subject and it is needless to deny that fact. The people are the public conscience, and the following in connection with the public conscience and vice from the Harrison County Herald is quite timely:

The people of Clarksville have become aroused to the extent, the Herald believes, that lawlessness will not be tolerated. They have learned the value of the ballot and they recognize that election day is the time to rebuke laxity in the administration of city affairs, though at times under temporary spells of passion, they forget.

For the last several years the voice of reform has been heard here and sentiment in favor of honest, clean, respectable city government has been strongly crystallizing. To such an extent has the conscience of the people been aroused that houses of bad repute have been compelled to go out of existence. But, in this respect, as was stated by the Herald last week, a condition exists openly which is fully as bad, and no effort is put forth to stop it. The streets are over-run with women of questionable character, indeed, to the largest extent ever known within the recollection of the present generation. This deplorable condition is due to either the indifference shown by the city administration or by incapability to cope with the evil.

The truth is the history of the administration to rid the city of this disgrace. Respectable people should not fail to hold to account those charged with the work of keeping the city clean, but instead permit vice to run rampant. The place to make them accountable for their failure is at the polls. Your conscience again!

This pretense of reform is further disclosed by the prevalence of gambling on an extensive scale. Years ago, when a different character of population was here, the city was wide open, but with the standard of population splendidly raised, it is astounding to realize that the city, in a way, is just as wide open as during that "salmy" period. Yes, it is true. Promiscuous gambling is going on in Clarksville today. It has been for some time. Unfortunately for the welfare of the citizenship of the city and especially for dependent families, these places succeed in enticing many young men. Money that should go for food and clothing for the children at home slips easily over the gambling table and is seen no more, and the children at home are given less food, less clothing and fewer of the pleasures of life.

Most, if not all, of these places are attached to saloons and operated in conjunction, in open defiance of the law and without notice by the men in authority sworn to enforce the law. Little wonder is it that there is a rapidly growing prejudice against the saloon and an insistent demand for its abolishment.

None can think it strange under the circumstances that the public conscience—your conscience—should be aroused, but that conscience will not have been satisfied until gambling is driven from Clarksville forever.

The people of Clarksville demand a clean town and we believe they will have it, but not until they provide for changes from official indifference and incapability.

Telegram is Exonerated.

The Daily News in its issue of today publishes affidavits showing that the infamous Francis election posters were not printed at the Daily Tele-

gram office nor at the instance of the Daily Telegram or any of those connected with this newspaper, a fact that the Daily Telegram contended all along and endeavored to establish by its various efforts. Of premeditated Democratic fingerings to lay the deed upon the Telegram.

As was noted in this newspaper not long after the matter was taken up for investigation, the question as to where this bill came from and who was its author, arose not only in the minds of the editors of the Telegram, but also in the minds of all the political men, politicians and others, who make no distinction of religion when it comes to the public service. This question, not only in justice to them, who were accused of being implicated, but also for truth and right, the editors of this paper set out to answer.

The investigation, however, did not prove to be as easy as it looked at first. The printing of the dastardly posters was shrouded in mystery and the only satisfactory evidence that the Telegram could procure was that the Democratic gang and its mouthpiece, the Clarksville Daily News, knew all about it. This evidence also brought forth the fact that the said bills were printed with exactly the same kind of type that the Daily News used for its big display headlines on its first page. At this stage the progress of the investigation was given to the public.

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