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This Space Bought and Paid For. SOME REASONS.

The Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune is one of the clean, moral, high-class newspapers of the country. In its Sunday issue of January 27th, the following editorial appeared:

WHERE THE MISTAKE IS.

"One of the good women of Bourbon county, Kentucky—where all women are good—writes to The Commercial Tribune in this fashion: 'Ninety-four of the 119 counties of Kentucky have voted for local prohibition, with more falling in line weekly. Bourbon county's precincts have all voted for it except Paris, the county seat, which will make a struggle for it in April. It is customary to poke fun at old Bourbon, and your excellent paper has at times taken a hand in it. If you only knew how good women are praying and good men working for prohibition I am sure you would say a good word for it.'

"There is a tone of sincerity in that communication that must bring sympathy, but there is also a mistake. The Commercial Tribune has not poked fun at old Bourbon—at least not at old Bourbon county—and it must be admitted, even by Prohibitionists, that the other old Bourbon is the best of its make, even though they insist that all makes of liquor are bad. Nevertheless, all experience has shown, and all experience to be gained in the future will show, that prohibition never has prohibited the use of liquor for other than purely medicinal purposes and that prohibition never prohibits its use as a beverage.

"Of what use is it to the precincts of Bourbon county that all but one have voted for local prohibition? While that one declines to align itself with local prohibition the thirsty from prohibition precincts will find pressing business calling them to the county seat—especially on county court day—and will slake their several thirsts under the shadow of the Temple of Justice rather than under the shade of their own vine and fig trees. Incidentally, they will also take home a bottle of the best the county seat can afford; that is to say, about the best in all Kentucky. And if Paris should vote for local prohibition, there are neighboring counties.

"Five counties, neighbors to Mason county, are absolutely dry. Yet on Christmas Day, according to special to The Louisville Times, Maysville was thronged with men from the five dry counties and from the dry precincts of Mason, and one house alone sold more than 3,000 quarts of whisky, to say nothing of its jug sales, nor of quart and jug sales of other houses. Prohibition of itself will not prohibit in Bourbon county, nor in any other county. It has not prohibited in Maine, nor in Kansas, nor in any State, nor in any community, where it has been established by law or by the exercise of

the privilege of suffrage. Good men and good women praying and working for prohibition are seeking the unattainable, and losing the practical good results they might accomplish by other methods.

"They are entitled to all credit for sincerity—but legislation will no more make a sober man out of a drinking man than legislation will make a saint out of a sinner. It takes other methods. Moral suasion, example and the inculcation of principles of temperance, as distinguished from the principles of prohibition, will do much. Legislation, of itself, will not."

What Happens in "Blind Tigers."

The following appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer on March 3rd:
POLICE CHIEF

And Two Subordinates Shot Down By a Negro Owner of a "Blind Tiger." Latter Captured.

"Fayetteville, N. C., March 2.—Chief of Police Chason and two policemen, Lockamy and Buckingham, when raiding a 'blind tiger' tonight, were shot down by Tom Walker, the negro proprietor of the place. Policeman Lockamy was instantly killed, and Chief Chason was shot through the head, dying later. Policeman Buckingham was shot in the shoulder and side, and there are little hopes for his recovery.

"The murderer is a well-known character, having been prosecuted for running a 'blind tiger' before. With him at the time of the shooting was a white man, a stranger in the city, who is now in the county jail. The wife of Walker has been locked up for safekeeping, also.

"Walker, some time afterwards was located at Dunne, N. C., and placed under arrest. He will be taken to Raleigh for safekeeping.

"When the news of the shooting became generally known intense excitement prevailed. Searching parties at once were organized, and bloodhounds were sent from Wilmington by special train. The local company of militia was ordered under arms by Governor Glenn."

Only two or three years ago the same thing happened in Danville, Ky. A policeman in raiding one of the numerous "blind tigers" with which that city is infested, was shot and killed by the proprietor of the place. The murderer was convicted and hung for the crime. It is well known that the greater part of the murders in this State are committed in Eastern Kentucky, that beautiful section to which local optionists point with so much

pride as an exemplification of the beauties of that law every county in that section having adopted it. Eighty-five per cent. of the murder cases that go to the Court of Appeals are from Eastern Kentucky and the records show that sixty-five per cent. of those crimes are committed at "blind tigers." Are you willing by voting for local option, to run the risk of creating such conditions in Paris?

Don't!

The strongest argument against the adoption of local option is found in the fact that it will tie the hands of the present officials and make it difficult, if not impossible for them to enforce the law. While they are perfectly willing to put forth their best efforts to enforce any law, there is no reason why they should be asked to perform what all other officials have found impossible. With the record of the last fifteen months before them, the people would be extremely foolish to make any change for the purpose of—as it is said—"seeing what local option will do." It would be much better to "let well enough alone."

The following is taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer of its issue of March 31st:

LIQUOR,

Imbibed Moderately, Is Usually Beneficial To Most Men, Say Eminent British Authorities.

London, March 30.—Deep indignation reigns in temperance circles because of a communication in the Lancet, one of the foremost journals of the medical world, which approves the use of alcoholic liquors for adults generally. It is signed by 16 physicians of high reputation, including Sir T. McCall Anderson; Sir William H. Bennett and Sir James Crichton-Browne.

Editorially the Lancet said: "This statement deserves careful consideration on account of the importance of the question involved both from a medical and social view point."

After considering the medical aspect of the use of liquor the statement of the doctors read:

"As an article of diet we hold that the moderate use of alcoholic beverages is for adults usually beneficial. We deplore the evils arising from the abuse of alcohol, but there is nothing, however beneficial, which does not by excess become injurious."

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