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THE PARIAH.

We are not conscious of any strong reform to benefit mankind. We are not responsible for them, nor are we quite sure that we have the ability to reform them. As far back as we have been able to trace reformations, we have found at the root of all of them a certain selfish interest. Seldom do men mend their ways from pure love of goodness, but if you can show them that it "pays" to be good, they are apt to invest. This brings us to the point of considering liquor drinking.

Drinking is probably no meaner vice than gambling, financiering, fornication, lying or blasphemy, but it is more unprofitable and less reputable than any of those. Indeed, all of the last named social irregularities are more or less genteel, and proficiency in the practice of them commands a quality of admiration. The artful gambler is esteemed for his nerve and judgment; the capable financier, for his cold blooded hypocrisy; the gay lothario, for his dash and gallantry; the liar, for his power of invention, and the blasphemer, for his bravado. Thus, we see, that by acquiring expertness in these sinister accomplishments, one may attain "standing" in the community and "standing" is of the very essence of success.

Now, drinking is the abomination of abominations. The greater one's proficiency becomes, the more is he condemned and despised. Any or all the other vices named may be indulged with a degree of pleasure and profit, and, if practiced with skill, lend a certain luster to their devotees. But drinking is absolutely barren of pleasure, profit or luster. Moderate indulgence is without reasonable compensation; tipping befuddles the brain and renders the tippler incapable of distinguishing between genuine and counterfeit pleasure, and drunkenness paralyzes the sensibilities, rendering the victim dead to all the joys of life. Drinking is the vice without a single redeeming feature. Its devotees are ridiculed and despised by thieves, murderers, forgers, financiers, fornicators, prostitutes, gamblers, liars, blasphemers, hypocrites, politicians, idiots and lunatics. Drunkenness is the pariah of all human vices. There is none so low and mean and vile as to do it reverence. Young men should thoroughly sense this fact. They should burn it into their souls that if they must indulge some vice, it should not be drinking. We are not talking about the morality of it, but the business in it. The teachers of morality have never paid any attention to the business end of vices and follies. They never attempt to show up the commercial and social advantages and disadvantages of the different kinds of evil practices but are content to pronounce sweeping condemnation of all of them. They entirely overlook the fact that nearly everybody, at some period of life, falls victim to, at least, one vice, hence the young have received no instruction that might serve to guide them in the selection of a "besetting sin." There is a choice among evils, therefore, it is needful that, before choosing a familiar devil, one should have some knowledge as to which will work upon him the most serious substantial damage.

It seems to us that it can easily be demonstrated that drinking is the most unprofitable practice in the entire catalogue of what might be called tolerable vices. It doesn't yield any solid advantage whatever. Every dollar invested in it is dead loss. It doesn't afford a single basis upon which to build up professionally, socially or financially. The temporary pleasure it

seems to afford is the rankest kind of fraud. It is the joy of lunacy, the delight of a maniac. You could get exactly the same result permanently and a thousand times cheaper by a knock on the head that would send you to a mad house.

Now, it is not our purpose to advise young men, or young women either, as to which of the tolerable vices outside of drinking, should be embraced. That is a matter which can better be determined by individual tastes and inclinations. But, by conscientious effort and persistency, a versatile person may become expert in the practice of any or all of them and still maintain good social standing. But with drinking it is altogether different. Moderate indulgence takes your cash and does you no good; tipping fools and befuddles you, while drunkenness eternally damns you. Any way you put it, it is the poorest kind of business, the rankest kind of folly and the lowest kind of vice.

Municipal Improvement Ticket.

The meeting of the Municipal Improvement League was called to order Thursday evening by temporary Chairman Redway. On motion the temporary chairman was made permanent chairman and on motion J. B. Gowen was elected secretary.

On motion the chairman appointed R. H. Davis, Geo. A. Dew and W. A. Stone, Committee on Resolutions. After the Committee reported the resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote.

There being but one nominee for each office the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the convention for each nominee. Mr. T. K. Little was nominated for Mayor; Mr. Will Maxey for City Clerk; Mr. Geo. Little for Police Judge; Mrs. Nellie Williams for Treasurer, and Mr. Edward Hedden for City Engineer.

The wards then separated to nominate Councilmen. Louis Schnabel and J. C. Ford were nominated in the first ward, C. C. Smith and Ernest Boone, second ward, and I. N. Paynter and Jas. Harris in the third ward.

The following are the resolutions adopted:

We citizens of Caldwell, in mass meeting assembled, for the purpose of agreeing upon a policy of government for our town during the ensuing two years, and for the further purpose of selecting from among us, citizens to carry out that policy, earnestly put forth the following declarations:

We realize that now is an important period in the growth and development of Caldwell; that in order to maintain steady and substantial progress, unusual effort must be exerted along all lines of municipal improvement. If we would have our town present an inviting appearance to strangers in search of location; if we would have new homes and new enterprises established among us, we must keep pace with the demands of modern communities. Those public utilities, such as water works, electric lights, streets and highways must be improved, extended and perfected to the greatest possible degree. But, while giving heed to those physical needs, we must not be lacking in earnest zeal for the moral and mental advancement of the community, for, after all, there is no municipal progress that is really worth while unless it be guided by wholesome principles and tends to the uplifting of the community.

In recognition of this great fact, we declare ourselves in favor of all the statutes and ordinances against gambling, prostitution, intoxication, lewdness, keeping of disorderly

sorts and similar offenses against morality, and solemnly bind ourselves, collectively and individually, to exert our best efforts towards having those statutes and ordinances enforced. And we now give fair warning to any who may be here named as candidates for municipal office that if elected they will be held to strict accountability for the discharges of their duties in this respect as well as any and all other respects. The principals will be held directly responsible, not their subordinates or appointees. No citizen should accept nomination who is not in sympathy with this declaration or who is lacking in courage to strictly enforce it.

While favoring rapid extension of street lighting and water works and insisting that the coming administration shall not be lagging in these matters, we particularly favor and shall emphatically demand the opening and grading of new streets where there is reasonable demand for them, and the improvement of streets already opened and used; and we shall demand that street improvements shall be distributed equitably and fairly throughout the incorporation and not confined to special districts.

We shall also demand a reasonable extension of street sprinkling service, so that the benefits may be enjoyed by all taxpayers in fair measure.

While we realize that County Fairs, Government Irrigation projects and county court houses are not subjects properly coming within the legal purview of municipal mayors and councils, yet, as an expression of policy, we favor all those enterprises and shall expect the next city administration to do everything within its legal authority to advance them.

We earnestly favor and shall demand the construction of a city hall and jail suitable to the wealth and dignity of this city.

We further declare that we citizens here assembled do solemnly pledge ourselves and each for himself to make it, each, his business, during the next two years to see that the policy here outlined is carried out, or know the reason why.

R. H. DAVIS, Chairman.
W. A. STONE,
G. A. DEW.

Platform and Candidates.

At the mass meeting of citizens held in the city hall last Thursday night an effort was made by declaration of policy, to ascertain the sentiment of the community in respect of moral and progressive municipal government. In order that the expression might be free and emphatic, it was decided by the meeting to outline a policy to which candidates must pledge themselves before making any nominations. The meeting voted unanimously for the platform, as we may call it, printed elsewhere in this impression of The Tribune.

In that platform the enforcement of the statutes and ordinances against moral delinquencies is a demand of first consideration. Promise of more radical or more stringent measures is not made, because it seemed folly to promise drastic legislation in face of the fact that the comparatively easy regulations now embodied in statutes and ordinances are not enforced.

Under the general statutes, and the city ordinances are much more stringent and specific, every bawdy house within the corporation may be closed, and every man or woman in anywise connected with these unfortunate institutions may be apprehended and punished for vagrancy. The candidates nominated Thursday night are pledged to enforce those statutes and ordinances, and the people who nominated them are solemnly pledged to make

it their business to see to it that the candidates carry out their pledges to the letter.

Under the state laws and city ordinances such regulations are provided for the conducting of saloons as to render those institutions as nearly innocuous as possible. All that is needed at present is a strict and honest enforcement of law. The state anti-gambling law is certainly drastic enough to satisfy the most exacting moralist. The candidates nominated Thursday night are pledged to strictly enforce those laws and the people who named them are pledged to see that the candidates do their duty. A peculiarity of the platform in question is that it imposes equal obligation on all who participated in its adoption, whether nominee or nominator. The Tribune being there represented does not hesitate to announce that it will not shirk its share of responsibility.

The unanimous adoption of the platform clearly shows the public sentiment in respect to public improvements. We believe there is nowhere the slightest difference of opinion on that subject. The community is alive to the fact that Caldwell must move and must move quick. To dally with public improvements at this critical time would be suicidal. Every dollar expended on streets, parks, water-works and electric lighting, is a dollar invested which will return fat interest in property valuation. Get next to the fact by improving public utilities you put value into your private holdings. That is the thing you want to understand.

Now what of the candidates? Well, it seems to us, they are all right. They are all young, vigorous, intelligent and progressive young men. There is an extraordinary amount of young blood among them, and it is good and full of promise to have it so. Those young men are in splendid condition to push things. The world is before them, and they want to conquer it. Their eyes are on the future.

Looking the situation over, it seems to us about as good as we could have it, and, to quote an eminent Christian gentleman, now is the time for the people of Caldwell to have a nice, peaceable, harmonious election.

Costs to Open Wrong Letters.

The authorities at Washington have fixed a penalty of \$200 fine on any person taking out of the postoffice mail other than their own. All postmasters are liable to make mistakes and get the mail in the wrong boxes, and the law says that people must examine their mail before they leave the office, and should they receive a piece which is not addressed to them, it must be returned at once. That it is the fault of the postmaster makes no difference. The law includes newspapers as well as first class mail. There is a class of curious people everywhere, and they are as a rule, contemptibly curious about letters and other mail matter which they chance to get hold of. They will open all letters coming into their possession, and often when knowing full well they don't belong to them. They will, after reading the letters, write on the envelope, "opened by mistake," and without signing their name, drop it back in the postoffice box at night or during the evening when not observed. This class of curious individuals is warned to be careful in the future. If they open mail hereafter which does not belong to them they must sign their name and state why they opened the same, whether by accident or design.—Post Falls Advance.

Messrs Kipp & Anderson have purchased a pressed-brick machine

and will have this excellent building material on the market about the first of May.

While out driving Saturday last, Mrs. C. J. Dobson was thrown from the carriage. She received very painful, though not serious injuries.

Hon. Frank Steunenberg departed for Washington, D. C. Saturday evening. He will be gone two or three weeks and will visit several other eastern cities before returning.

Finley McKenzie returned from Chicago Saturday night. He sold his lambs for \$6.50 per head. Mr. McKenzie reported business conditions in the east as being very good.

Rev. D. A. Clemens has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of this city. Mr. Clemens has served here a number of years and is evidently given eminent satisfaction.

Mrs. W. E. Borah entertained informally at tea last week in honor of Mrs. W. R. Sebree of Caldwell. Mrs. Sebree was visiting in Boise, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Egleston.

A marriage license was issued to Mr. Edward B. Campbell of Caldwell and Miss Iona Agnes Owen of Star, Monday. The marriage occurred Wednesday evening. The Tribune extends congratulations.

Prof. and Mrs. Christopher pleasantly entertained a number of the high school students Friday evening. Those present were: Misses Cora Beatty, Edith Engel, Irma Engel, May Kerby, Margaret Gipson and Fern Raymond, Messrs Forest Sower and Merton Kennedy.

Chas. Parson of Homedale was a Caldwell visitor Tuesday. Mr. Parson has a nice tract of land in that section. He, together with W. H. Schenck and Homer Jusse are building reservoirs, while waiting for the government to take a hold.

We call your attention to the announcement of Mr. John Downey which appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Downey is manufacturing a bug exterminator that cannot be equalled. It has been thoroughly tested and found to be remarkably effective in each and every instance.

J. H. Gwinn, formerly of Caldwell, was this week appointed secretary of the National Live Stock Association. He will enter upon his new duties May 1, and will have his headquarters at Denver. Mr. Gwinn's many friends in Caldwell will be pleased to learn of his appointment to this very important position.

Swain Beatty received word Sunday that his brother John S. Beatty had been assaulted by two highway men near his home in Los Angeles and was so badly beaten with a club that his life was in danger. This is the fifth time that he has been held up. Mr. Beatty was well known in Caldwell. He visited here about a year ago. Late reports indicate that he was not as badly injured as first reports stated. However it will be six weeks or two months before he will recover.

The Monday Capital News says: R. A. Cowden and S. W. Dee are visitors from Caldwell. They are interested in the proposed electric line down the valley, and hope it will be extended to their town. In speaking of this matter last evening Mr. Cowden stated that the road would be of great benefit to both Caldwell and Boise. It would do a large business from the start, and the volume of business would increase rapidly. The people living along the line would adapt themselves to this more convenient method of transportation and would use the line for the shipment of all classes of products.

BUY IT, IF YOU WANT IT.

Various Estimates of the Price of the Recently Discovered Giant "Sparkler."

The guessers have not done guessing the value of the great diamond found in the Premier mine, at Elandsfontein, near Pretoria, South Africa. Distance lends size as well as enchantment. The new marvel may well be less than three times heavier than the largest stone previously found. Even on this basis, the mathematicians vary in their estimates from \$2,500,000 to \$127,870,455! Which estimates show how precious stones dazzle the mind. We content ourselves with saying that the largest diamond previously found in South Africa was of 970 carats, uncut; that the Premier mine must be a nice piece of property; and that the remembrance of divers "hold-ups" and snatching of diamonds in this city of New York should temper the desire of our readers to obtain this giant "sparkler."—"With the Procession."—Everybody's Magazine, for April.

Altogether Imaginary.

The statement in the New York Times referred to in the article in the Boise Statesman of March 8th, in regard to Senator Heyburn having offered an amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill for the appropriation of twenty-seven thousand dollars for new school buildings at the Lemhi Agency and that said amendment was rejected because Mr. Heyburn made a speech in support of it is without any foundation whatever. The amendment was offered by Mr. Heyburn and he made some remarks in support of it, notwithstanding its acceptance by the chairman. The amendment was adopted and became a part of the Indian Appropriation bill and ultimately became a law, and the scenes depicted in the very amusing article in the Statesman are purely imaginary. Senator Heyburn's amendment was offered from his seat in the senate, and it was adopted while he still remained in his seat, and the statement that he retreated to the cloak room is false. A reference to the Congressional Record of February 28th, page 3799, will demonstrate the fact that there was no foundation for the erroneous statement.—Pocatello Tribune.

Presbyterian Church Services.

The services in the Presbyterian Church for the week beginning with Sabbath March 26, will be as follows:

Sabbath School at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:30. Faith in God the ground of our hope. Heb. 11:1.

Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. A public Missionary meeting, taking the place of both the regular Endeavor meeting and of the sermon. Addresses by Attorney J. M. Thompson and Rev. W. J. Boone, D. D. All are invited to be present.

Prayermeeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Jesus the Good Shepherd. John 10:7-18.

David A. Clemens.

Timely Notice.

Everybody clean up in the next 30 days. Look to back yards, cellars and ditches, trim, sweep, rake and be clean. Farmers as well as townsmen; all lend a hand to cleaning premises—consume debris by fire.

The County was never more healthy than today. Let us keep it so. By request of health officer.

WM. C. MAXEY M. D.

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Seed Oats.

We have it, also corn. Cash paid for hides and pelts. CALDWELL FORWARDING CO.