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A SANE VIEW OF THE QUESTION.

The wave of prohibition frenzy which is sweeping the South, and which bids fair within two years to add Texas to the list of legally "dry" States, was initiated by the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, which John D. Rockefeller financed as a means of crushing Frank Monnett many years ago. Monnett, as Attorney General of Ohio, prosecuted the Standard Oil Company under the anti-trust law of that State, and procured its expulsion. Then Monnett ran for governor, and Rockefeller launched the Anti-Saloon League to create a diversion. Monnett was beaten. The political value of the new tool was proven. It has since been used in Southern States when and where public servants attempted honestly to enforce the anti-trust laws against illegal combinations. It is the head and front of the prohibition campaign in Texas. The South is old-fashioned; as in early New England its Protestant preachers are prone to exert large influence in politics. In this campaign to change human nature and human habits by law, clear across the South, the churches have been turned into political forums; the preachers, a very large percentage of them, have become political partisans. They exhibit the fiery intolerance, the ruthless disregard for established rights and customs, that were exhibited by the early abolitionists at the North. We now know that negro slavery would have been voluntarily abandoned, as economically unprofitable to the slave owners, within four or five decades after it was abolished by war. Similarly, the farseeing are aware that the slow, steady pressure of education and public opinion will abolish the open saloon and expunge the abuses of the liquor traffic within a few decades, without legal interference. But prohibitionists of the South, like abolitionists of the North in the sixties and fifties, are hot to force will upon those in disagreement with them. They are not content to wait on social evolution. They do not hesitate to compromise and enter into alliance with oppressive economic factors (forces far more us and burdensome than the excess of the liquor trade ever were), in order to procure a majority with which to abridge the natural freedom of the minority. Among their leaders are notorious lobbyists for the railroads, the schoolbook trust and other special interests. These scoundrels gain abolition and the odor of sanctity—without abandoning their anti-democratic practices—merely by affiliating with the preachers who seek to impose their version of ecclesiastical law upon a secular State, and with the paid agents of the organization which owes its birth to Rockefeller's need of a weapon with which to punish an honest attorney general. These political preachers, in Texas, have no word of censure for the starvation of the rural public schools; for the agencies of exploitation which have rendered 220,000 white farm families landless and homeless wandering tenants and renters within less than fifty years; for the ruthless plundering of the State school lands by political favorites of past administrations; for the virtual enslavement of thousands of white families in the lumber districts of the State; for the flagrant violation of State laws by the great lumber companies, nor for the withholding from use or sale, to take the unearned increment, of thousands of square miles of fertile land owned by these same lumber companies. They have no time nor thought for anything but the "drink evil." They are the victims of a fixed idea, an obsession. It is not in human nature for such a frenzy to last very long. It will wear out in due time as all such frenzies have worn out, by the excess of its own violence. While the frenzy is on, under the guidance of

and skillfully fanned by adroit professional politicians who seek to ride into office on its crest, it serves to divert the attention of the rank and file from the grotesque economic injustices under which they suffer. This was its purpose. It was meant, as such crusades launched by the ruling caste have always been meant, to take the common man's eyes off the life here and fix them upon the life hereafter. It will pass. Its victims will sober off presently. Men always do, whether they get drunk on alcohol or on religious emotion. Life cannot be lived long at such high pressure. Man's vital need of friendly neighborly relations with his fellow man is the ultimate corrective. And man cannot imprison his neighbor's will, do violence to his neighbor's honest convictions, abridge his neighbor's natural freedom, without creating an intolerable enmity between them, in place of the neighborly kindness which should exist and which is the soundest morality. But while the frenzy is on, one might as well try to argue with a mad bull that a red petticoat won't harm him, as to try to reason with one of the frenzy's unfortunate victims. I have no particular sympathy with the liquor interests of Texas, or of any other State, for the matter of that. They have sinned away their hour of grace, in Texas and the South generally, by failing to consider any but their own selfish concerns. They too have been blind or indifferent to the economic exploitation of the workers in town and country. They have aligned themselves with the great industrial and transportation companies whose meddling with the people's governments has been arrogant and flagrant. They have ignored the outcry of the poor and the oppressed on the tenant farms and in the industrial districts. They have given neither sympathy nor material aid to employes of the railroads and the mills when these men have been forced by intolerable oppression to go on strike. They have employed in politics, for the most part, professional politicians quite as odious to the Democratic masses of the working people as any that are now employed by the Anti-Saloon League. If their property shall be confiscated and themselves impoverished by a frenzied crusade which will put Texas into a moral strait-jacket, they will perhaps acquire a keener appreciation of the feelings of the majority of Texans who are economically submerged. The rich will enjoy their liquor, subject only to infrequent "prosecutions" prearranged for political effect, in their clubs. The poor will get it only by descending to disreputable underground processes, and at risk of real punishment. The quantity consumed will be, as it has always been in Maine, quite as great as before the prohibition law was enacted, but it will be generally of a viler, more destructive quality. And if a nationwide prohibition amendment shall be adopted, as it threatens to be, then thousands of moonshine distilleries and wine presses and little kitchen breweries will spring into being, and an army of spies will be needed to detect them—until outraged common sense once more resumes control and the people repeal such unnatural laws, as they did in many States half a century ago, after another such frenzy swept the land.—Reedy's Mirror.

Republicans Get Together.

At the republican elimination conference held at Minneapolis last Thursday, Brown County was represented by Hans Mo and Albert Hauser of Sleepy Eye, Jos. A. Eckstein and Emil G. Hage of New Ulm and A. R. Egensperger of Hanska. All of the counties were represented except six representing a total of 949 votes. The meeting was called to order by J. F. Jacobson of Madison and Gunnar B. Bjornson of Minnesota was elected as Secretary and Emil G. Hage of New Ulm and C. L. Alexander of Pelican Rapids were named as Assistant Secretaries. Only one ballot was taken and of the total 949 votes cast, Wm. E. Lee of Long Prairie received 555 votes, Samuel G. Iverson 197, James A. Peterson 186 and James T. Elwell 11. All of the republican anti-Eberhart candidates having agreed to stand by the result of the conference there will be only one candidate to oppose Governor Eberhart in the republican primaries.

The meeting was remarkable in this, that there was an entire lack of the old republican war horses and the usual office seekers that attend state and national conventions. It may be characterized as an enthusiastic, serious business meeting and that all present were dominated by the laudable idea of ridding the republican party of the machine which has been built up by State Chairman E. E. Smith and his henchmen, and in attempting to wrest the office of governor from the control of this political machine. Among the planks adopted at this meeting was one favoring County Option and another favoring Woman's Suffrage. Whatever the result may be at the primary election it looks now as tho there was a strong enough split in the republican ranks in this state to make the election of a democratic governor this fall seem possible.

Lecture on Liquid Air.

Saturday evening at the German Methodist church will be given another of the series of lectures under the auspices of the Young Men's Clubs. The speaker will be Prof. Erickson of the State University and he will deliver a demonstrated lecture on the subject of Liquid Air. The public is most cordially invited to be present. Special music has been prepared for the occasion.

Young People Working For Rest Room.

The young people of the German Methodist Church have taken hold of the Rest Room project and hope and expect to carry it thru to success since they have no selfish ends to serve but have solely in mind the establishment of a place of comfort for tired mothers who have children to care for as they do their shopping unless they can find some trustworthy person to leave them with. The Epworth Leaguers met at the church parlors Monday evening and discussed plans for the project and the following committees were appointed: Finance, Rev. Hohn, Miss Mae Martyr and Miss Adeline Durbahn; Arrangements, Mrs. G. F. Reineke, Lloyd Alwin and Miss Mabel Durbahn. When the merchants desired to establish such a rest room it was impossible to come to any decision as to the location since it was impossible to place it where it would be equally accessible from all their places of business. The young people do not have to keep this thought in mind unless they find that they are unable to raise funds sufficient to support the venture. Three places have been offered them, one, the room at the rear of the Brown County Bank, one in the basement below the Rawson Variety Store and the other, one of the Commercial Club Rooms. Any one of these rooms may be had free of rent and the young people believe that they can secure the services of some reliable person to take charge of the rooms during shopping hours and of the children who may be left there by their mothers.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS

The following advertisement is ordered by Wm. Backer and will be paid for by him. Having been requested by a number of citizens to enter the campaign for the office of City Clerk, I have decided to do so. My friends believe that I am qualified to fill this position and I, myself, have confidence in my ability and know that I can fill the position, should I be elected to the office of City Clerk. I will say at this time that I have had a splendid experience in the line of bookkeeping and will state that, if elected, I will serve the public to the best of my ability and in the interest of the city. WM. BACKER.

No new Petitions Filed.

Nothing startling has happened in the city campaign since the last issue of the Review. In addition to the nomination petitions filed since last week, one more has been filed, that of William Becker who is a candidate for city clerk. The time for filing nomination petitions will expire March 28th.

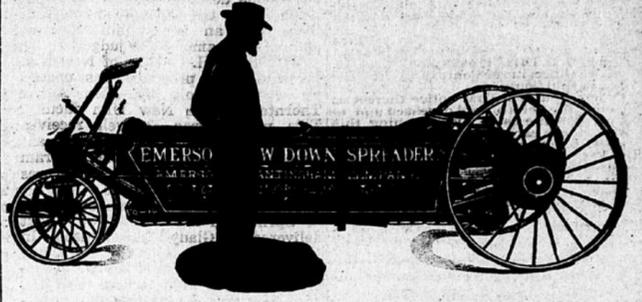
No nomination petitions have been filed as yet for Alderman of the second ward and third ward and none for City Justice and Constables.

In the last issue of the Review it was stated positively that Capt. Edwin Juni had withdrawn from the contest for the office of City Clerk. In this the Review was in error. Mr. Juni has not definitely decided whether to stay in the race or not. This is the information that is given to us by Mr. Ben Juni, father of Capt. Edwin Juni. Mr. Juni is at present in the cities attending to some important business matters and will not be home until to-night. (Wednesday) and it will not be definitely known until then whether he will be a candidate or not. For the present he must be considered as an active candidate for the office.

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