

## A Few Facts Worth Remembering!

FIRST—It is always a good policy to buy when everybody wants to sell anything of value.

SECOND—When the business as shown by our jobbing trade, retail trade, railroads, packing houses, and clearing house reports shows more business than other cities two and three times as large as our city, real estate must be valuable, and is sure to increase in value.

THIRD—If St. Joseph is a "City Worth While," why should real estate be cheaper here than other cities not half so good?

FOURTH—Why should any man or woman in this city deposit their money in a bank at 4 per cent when they can invest it in real estate and earn 8 per cent, and in nine times out of ten realize a handsome profit on the investment?

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## ASSASSINS OF CHARACTER

Editor The St. Louis Star: A late copy of the "American Issue," and a pamphlet of the Anti-Saloon league a few days ago fell into my hands. After a careful reading of the publication, I took up the pamphlet, and my eyes fell upon this paragraph:

"The Anti-Saloon league is an interdenominational, omnipartisan organization of church people and other good citizens for the single purpose of overthrowing the beverage liquor traffic. It seeks by thoroughly Christian methods to apply the principles and power of Christianity to the problem of the destruction of the world's greatest common foe."

I don't believe that within the thirty-five years of my rather strenuous activities I have ever read a newspaper which contained so much venom, bitterness, misrepresentation and double-distilled hypocrisy as was contained in this "American Issue." Had I been a supporter of any of the other candidates for governor, this campaign of vilification and abuse against Col. Fred D. Gardner would, through sympathy and disposition to be fair, even in politics, drive me at once to the undying support of the man who is being persecuted and wronged.

The "American Issue" gave the names of three St. Louis Democratic politicians whom it supposed were particularly obnoxious to the voters of the city as favoring the candidacy of Colonel Gardner for governor. Upon inquiry, I found every one of them had committed himself to the candidacy of others. Still, knowing these men to be high spirited, and in politics fair and just, I would be mistaken in them if this attack did not drive them in self defense to the support of Colonel Gardner.

Further reading brought me to charges against "the Gardner coffin trust." Before I decided to support Colonel Gardner, I made inquiries of this supposed trust, and found these were absolutely nothing in it, and that it had originated in the brain of a Democrat, who a few months ago announced his candidacy for governor, who thought by means of this club he could drive his most formidable opponent out of the race. I felt sure, too, that Attorney General Barker, candidate for governor, would have known of such a trust, and had it existed, he would long ago have taken proper action against it.

There were other offensive references to the personal life of Colonel Gardner, of a nature which the secular papers would hesitate long before printing. I ask here, are these Christian methods? Are even Christians justified in resorting to them? Do they harmonize with the pamphlet declarations?

There was also in the "American Issue" an attack upon the Gardner land bank bill. It was referred to as "the millionaires' bill," etc. The Gardner land bank bill has not only the support of the farmers of the state, which its author hoped and believed, through its operation, to aid, but it has received the indorsement of a Democratic congress and our Democratic state convention, recently held in St. Joseph. It passed the Missouri senate without a dissenting vote and passed the house with only six Democrats voting against it. It is a well-established fact that this land bank bill will prove a valuable asset to the Democratic organization in the great battle just ahead. It will draw unquestionably to us the support of many Republican farmers. In quite a number of the Missouri counties Gardner clubs have been formed, and many Republicans have joined them, because of the confidence they have in the author of the bill and their great desire to see the land bank in active operation. They feel it means much to them.

In the paragraph above quoted the Anti-Saloon league declares its single aim is "to overthrow the beverage liquor traffic," and by "Christian methods." If so, why is it charging Colonel Gardner with being at the head of a coffin trust? What has that to do with the temperance issue? Why is it opposed to the land bank bill? What has that to do with prohibition and the overthrow of the liquor traffic? Why are these issues associated and confounded? Why does it attack Colonel Gardner personally? How can the cause of religion or temperance be promoted by a campaign of abuse, misrepresentation and libel?

Is it not apparent that the Anti-Saloon league—that is, its superintendent, who seems to be authorized to speak for it even in advance of conferences with the league's executive committee—has gone into a conspiracy with the Republicans, as has been charged, to defeat the Democratic candidate for governor? Does it not appear plausible the report that Superintendent Shupp is for Mr. Swanger for governor, and that it is his desire to do everything possible to swing the league and its friends to the Republican ticket?

The "American Issue" works off an old, bewhiskered chestnut and charges that Gardner had shipped whiskey and egg nog into dry territory in coffins. Of course, nobody in St. Louis believed that story, and it seems puerile to even refer to it. Mr. Lee Tucker, prominent in church circles in this city, and a highly esteemed citizen, tells me that for over ten years he has been connected with the St. Louis Coffin company. He says he is ready to make an affidavit that in that time no whiskey or egg nog was ever shipped into either dry or wet territory, and if it had been he would know it, as he looked personally after all shipments. He says, however, it could be done without Colonel Gardner knowing anything about it, as he (Colonel Gardner) pays no attention to that particular department. Suppose some good fellow over there did slip in a flask of whiskey or a little egg nog and sent it at Christmas time to an old customer? Would that be really a crime? There are but few of us who haven't received a similar Christmas gift, and valued it, too. Pardon me for even alluding to this, the silliest and meanest of all the campaign stories I have ever encountered.

We all remember the activities of the same Anti-Saloon league in the campaign when Cowherd and Hadley were opposing candidates. Through misrepresentations of poor Billy Cowherd, and impositions of Hadley, it ran the dagger deep into the heart of our Democratic candidate, and helped elect the man from Kansas, the first Republican candidate in Missouri for over forty years.

Dr. King, who has been Colonel Gardner's pastor for twenty years, gives the lie to the character assassins on his trail. The newspapers of St. Louis are practically unanimous in their estimate of Colonel Gardner's high standing as a clean, honorable, enterprising and progressive citizen, worthy of confidence and trust. From the pile of rocks, brickbats and sticks under the Gardner apple tree, it would indicate Fred is not a Ben Davis.

Will the Democrats of Missouri allow themselves to be betrayed and defeated by the Iowa agitator? Do they not know he will vote for Swanger, if nominated, as I am told he voted and worked for Hadley. He claims now to be a Democrat, but one who scratches his ticket when it pleases him to do so. I simply desire to warn all Missouri Democrats to be on their guard.

LON V. STEPHENS.

Samuel R. Patton, the veteran citizen of 1849. Mr Patton was rezen of the Whittion neighborhood, returned from a trip to the plains, and members very distinctly of hearing stopped at old Weston, and while Missouri's distinguished first United States senator Thomas H. Benton, there Benton came to town. The big free soil question, and Benton after whom many fathers of the early poused the unpopular side, for he was days named their sons. Mr Patton is beaten in the election, and retired to 85 years old, and in talking with him private life the following year. Benton was senator for thirty years. Mr. some of the early incidents, among Patton's mind remains clear and he them being his opportunity of listen- talks interestingly upon the topics of ing to one of the senator's speeches the present as well as those of the in his last campaign. It was in the distant years.—Albany Ledger.

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