

The Prohibitionists

Issue an Address.

Prepared by the Committee Elected at January Conference.

The prohibition conference held in Columbia on the 12th of Jan. 1900, adopted the following:

Resolved, That Joel E. Branson, J. S. Moffatt, E. D. Smith, J. A. Hoyt, F. H. Hyatt, W. O. Thomson and Jeremiah Smith be and hereby are appointed to prepare an address to the people of South Carolina, setting forth the work and issues before us, and to plan for and perfect an organization of the prohibitionists for the coming campaign.

In accordance with the above, we submit the following address:

To the People of South Carolina:

The prohibitionists of the State are encouraged to make another appeal to the voters for a supreme effort along the line for the abolition of the manufacture and sale of liquor in South Carolina.

For many years the men and women of our State have labored earnestly to effect legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and gratifying progress was being made not only in banishing the licensed saloons from all territory without incorporated towns and cities, but there was much being accomplished in the way of reducing the number of saloons here and there, and also in securing control of the smaller municipalities through the ballot box or restrictive legislation.

This progress in temperance reform induced an application to the regularly constituted authorities of the Democrat party in control of the election machinery of the State for a separate box in which to vote for or against prohibition, and this privilege was granted in the primary election of 1892, resulting in an overwhelming majority for the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and along with this result there was obtained a clear majority of members in the lower house, who passed a strict prohibitory measure in accordance with the verdict of the people.

This measure was defeated, however, and in its stead was substituted the dispensary law for the regulation and control of the traffic, an importation that was recognized as contrary to the wishes of the people and in direct conflict with their ascertained verdict.

Thus the dispensary began its career as a supplanter, and it has made seven years of unsavory record, marked by bloody and disgraceful steps from the beginning.

The present condition of the liquor business can hardly be said to be satisfactory to a single intelligent person in the State.

When the dispensary law was first adopted, thousands of our honest people hoped for, and expected much from it.

They were told that the restrictive features of the law would be enforced by sober State officials, who, not having any financial interest at stake, would labor to reduce the consumption of liquor and make the dispensary system a stepping stone to prohibition.

The dispensary had been in operation but a short time before the greed of gold began to manifest itself among high officials, and pressure was brought to bear upon dispensers to increase sales.

The annual salary paid a common county dispenser would buy thirty bales of cotton, and he was given to understand that his dispensary must be profitable to the State or it would be closed and himself dismissed from the service.

The sales increased at once and have increased month by month ever since; so that today the State is selling nearly as much liquor as ever did the old barroom in their palmy days.

And how could it be otherwise? The appetite for drink is the same and every hindrance to the sale of liquor has been swept away.

The door of the dispensary stands wide open to serve every one that will buy. No knowledge of the purchaser necessary, no inquiry as to the purpose for which the liquor is wanted, and no signature to any request; simply pay your money and take your liquor, as much as you can carry, if you like.

\$180,000, the counties and towns received a small sum each, and to this we reply: The expenses incurred by the counties and towns in the trial, punishment and support of criminals, who have been made such by the liquor sold them by the State, will for more than balance the money received from the dispensary.

We appeal to every newspaper in the State that has a sense of honesty and fairness to lose sight of the few dollars that may come to it through those who love liquor; to forego the imaginary pleasure of holding up the hands of those who cry, "personal liberty," when that personal liberty is violative of the rights of others, and to join with us in the effort to remove the accursed liquor traffic from our State.

We appeal to the good women of the State, and when have the women of South Carolina ever failed in a good cause? You cannot vote, it is true, but you can give expression to your opposition to the traffic by wearing the badge and by a thousand acts of your life, and it may be your hand that shall drive the "tant ool" through the head of the monster that is now actually eating your offspring.

We appeal to the Christian ministers of the State. Shall those who preach the gospel enter the field and speak against liquor selling? See the Master with a scourge driving out the money changers from the temple, overthrowing the tables and pouring out their money; and hear him cry, "Woe unto scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Light the fires of prohibition on every hilltop in the State; let the rays go gliding down the valleys and floating on the bosom of every stream until the healing beams shall penetrate every nook and corner, every crack and crevice in the homes and hearts of our people.

Joel E. Branson, Chm'n, J. S. Moffatt, E. D. Smith, Jas. A. Hoyt, F. H. Hyatt, W. O. Thomson, Jeremiah Smith.

FROM THE WIRES.

Frankfort, Feb 20.—The house has adopted the resolution passed by the senate yesterday, ratifying the former proceedings by which Goebel and Beckham were declared in office.

Jackson, Miss, Feb 19.—A concurrent resolution has passed both houses of the Legislature inviting home, and foreign capital to invest in manufacturing enterprises, especially cotton factories, and setting forth the advantages of Mississippi as a manufacturing State.

Bills to exempt new established factories from taxation for the period of ten years are pending and will be passed during the present week.

Washington, Feb 22.—The next national democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, Mo., July 4. This was the decision of the democratic national committee which met at the Hotel Raleigh today to fix the time and place of holding the convention.

Florence, Feb 20.—At Effingham Sunday night Charlotte Kirby was accidentally shot by Davis King. Both parties are negroes. Constable Dennis arrested Davis yesterday afternoon while he was watching by the bedside of the woman he had shot, and the negro is now in jail.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb 19.—Southern Pines, a winter resort forty miles from here, had a \$20,000 fire early this morning, the Alfa Hotel, with all its contents, being destroyed.

PRICES DECLINE.

DUNN'S WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Feb 23.—R. G. Dunn & Co's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Prices of materials are yielding. If not the best news possible for some speculators, it is the best that could come for the country, since industries could not long prosper without reaction from the extreme prices caused by actual or supposed scarcity of materials last year.

The great iron industry has been embarrassed by prices for pig and billets, which were no longer sustained by the gradually yielding prices of products. Considerable transactions are now reported at Philadelphia \$1 to \$1.50 per ton below recent quotations.

Cheaper hides and leather enable boot and shoe makers to take contracts for split goods at 2 1/2 less than prices recently asked, and some large sales have resulted, giving part of the shops work for some time.

At last it is admitted that wool quotations so long held are fully 3 cents per scoured pound higher than prices in large actual sales last week and since, the decline covering grades between one quarter blood and lower, which is in demand and scarce, and fine fleeces graded XX or above.

Prices of cottons are still advancing, the Fall River committee having raised all its goods an eighth, and in spite of heavy port receipts, spot cotton advanced to 9 06 cents.

Failures in three weeks have been \$7,241,230 against \$7,129,780 last year and \$7,293,439 in 1898, but in the previous years they exceeded \$10,600,000.

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Darlington, Feb 22.—James Gardner committed suicide at Mechanicsville last night by taking strychnine. Disappointment in love was the cause. Mr Gardner was from North Carolina and was 55 years old. He willed all his property to the girl who rejected him.

The secretary of state Thursday issued a commission to J. R. Brown, of Rock Hill, S. W. Heath, R. L. Blackman and E. D. Biakney, of Kershaw, Lancaster County, as corporators of the Kershaw Cotton Mill, which is to be located at or near Kershaw. The capital stock is to be \$125,000, divided into shares at \$100 each.

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A special from Orlando, Fla, says: The thermometer registered 25 degrees here Saturday night. Practically all tender vegetables are destroyed. The strawberry crop has suffered somewhat. The orange, peach and pineapple output will be shorted, but the extent of the damage will not be known until warmer weather.

New York Feb 22.—A special from Hong Kong, British China, to The Evening World, says: "United States Consul Wildman has information that three members of the Filipino junta, Luban, Ponce and Agoncillo, brother of the envoy, left recently for Japan to meet Aguinaldo. This gives credence to the story that Aguinaldo escaped from the island of Luzon to Formosa, when hunted by Gen Lawton's expedition through the northern part of island."

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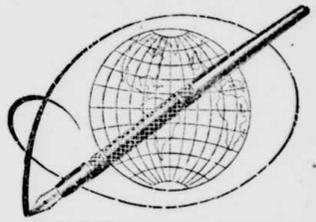
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