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Voters in next week's town meeting should not forget that there are several ballots of the same size and of different colors and in order not to make mistakes they should examine the sample ballots and make sure before they go into the voting booth. The ballot on the Perry bill is a light yellow and the referendum ballot on the primary is a bluish green. To vote for the primary put a cross in the "yes" square on the green ballot. To vote no on the Perry bill put a cross in the "no" square on the yellow ballot. To vote against the primary put a cross in the "no" square on the green ballot. To vote in favor of the Perry bill put a cross in the "yes" square on the yellow ballot. These two bills are the most important matters up at the town election and voters should be sure and not make mistakes. It is a vote of the entire state on these questions and every vote counts. The regular "dry" and "wet" ballot of the several towns is on white paper and is familiar to practically all voters. Don't get this white ballot mixed up with the referendum ballots on the primary and the Perry bill. Read the printed matter on the ballot carefully to make sure. The town ballot in Bennington will be in the same form as for several years past.

"Governor Gates announces that he is for the Perry bill. The governor always was a prohibitionist and as he is an absolute teetotaler it was reasonable certain that he would endorse the Perry bill."—Bennington Banner.

That is logical and sound reasoning. By a parity of reasoning, every other town in the state who believes that an open saloon is a bad thing, and therefore ought to be prohibited, and is himself a total abstainer, ought to be numbered among those who vote for the Perry referendum measure. Excellent. Governor Gates is himself a total abstainer; we should be glad to welcome him to the ranks.—Springfield Reporter.

If all the voters who ever take a drink vote against the Perry bill it is doomed, for the number who are absolute teetotalers is limited, but that is not the question at all. A state law of no effect unless it has the live interest and the actual cooperation of the people back of it. Local option keeps the issue alive and the law has something back of it. When St. Johnsbury and Danville are permitted to vote on the problems of Bennington and Pownal, as they do when they vote a prohibition law on the statute books, there is a resentment in Bennington and Pownal that absolutely prevents the law being enforced here. This is the great evil of state-wide prohibition. Instead of voting saloons out it creates a bitterness and resentment that increases the number of saloons in the towns where the "wet" sentiment is strong. Bennington has no desire to vote anything into St. Johnsbury that St. Johnsbury does not want, why should St. Johnsbury and other dry towns wish to add to Bennington's troubles. Under prohibition Bennington had from 25 to 40 unlicensed and unregulated saloons and we shall have them again if the Perry bill passes. The voters of the towns, which are always strongly no-license ought not to vote to make conditions worse in those few towns where fifty years experience has already shown that prohibition cannot be enforced but merely adds to the hypocrisy and corruption that comes from failure to enforce law.

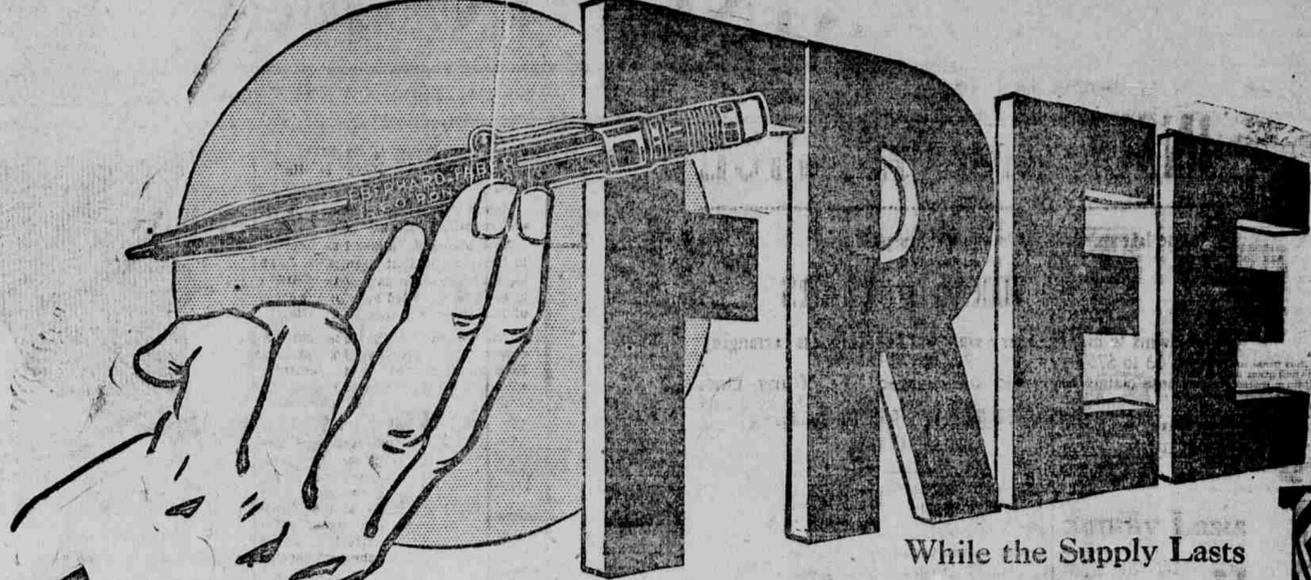
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His Job. "We all owe something to our ancestors." "True, but paying what I owe to my contemporaries is keeping me poor!"—Detroit Free Press.

Industry Pays Debts, while despair increases them.—Benjamin Franklin.

And Then Profound Thought. She—You shouldn't squeeze my hand going out of the theater. When I squeezed back I meant you to stop. He—Me? I—why, I—I didn't touch your hand!—Judge.

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