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BOOZE AND BUSINESS.

State Senator Plunkitt of New York is a Tammany leader who has never had the advantages of education or social culture.

I believe that the change will be more readily appreciated when it is learned that instead of seven hundred and forty thousand dollars taken out of the treasury the present system will take less than one hundred and fifty thousand, and the counties which have been maintaining these schools and have been paying for but a small fraction of the support of the public schools within their, being now required to do so, there can be levied for the support of the public schools annually an eleven mill tax for maintenance of common schools, which will give one million, two hundred thousand dollars for that purpose alone, and as a result the county schools can have at least six months schooling, which now in many instances, have only three, and each county the benefit of a high school of its own, which should commend itself, if these were the only benefits obtained, to every thinking man and tax payer in this state.

I therefore take the liberty of submitting these views of the matter to you, feeling that upon a thorough investigation you will take pleasure in giving Mr. Wall the full credit for his efforts in this connection, should command.

H. H. BECKMAN, Tallahassee, Fla., May 20, 1905. The Beckman bill is now a law. Whether its results will prove beneficial or not remains to be seen.

At the time our editorial on "Money and Education" was written the News had not read the bill and only knew in a general way of some of its provisions, which seemed good.

Since then we have learned more of the bill. It is a most radical measure and one the results of which can not easily be predicted.

For the present, and until it becomes better acquainted with all its provisions, the News prefers to remain a mere "looker on."

THE STATUS OF TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION IN THE SOUTH.

The following figures are taken from the tables prepared for the exhibit at St. Louis, and must have been correct at that time, as such publicity if false, would have proved harmful.

Some are revised to present date. Florida has 45 counties, of which 39 are dry.

Arkansas, 45 prohibition, 29 license; Maryland, 15 " 9 " 9 " 40 " 35 with one saloon, 19 with two saloons; 818 licenses. Penn. prohibition in all but about 12 cities. By law, in all of less than 5,000 inhabitants. By counties, 84 prohibition, 12 license. Miss. 66 prohibition; 10 license (3 of these have license only at county-seat).

Texas, 141 prohibition, 57 partial, 48 license. Ok. 129 prohibition, 7 license. Va. 48 prohibition, 13 have it sold in only one town; 7 in only two towns; 7 counties were not heard from on inquiry made to each of the 100 counties.

MISSISSIPPI. A recent number of Mida's Criterion announced, "Mississippi, like most of the Gulf States, is largely under local option, but by a great effort was kept from going prohibition altogether."

This is true. There are now 66 out of 76 counties dry through the local option law. Three of the 10 counties have saloons only at the county seats.

For 23 years a frequently recurring and heated campaign has educated the people in prohibition sentiment; thousands of business men have learned to value prohibition as a business asset. The year 1900 witnessed the first organized expression of discontent with Mississippi local option in a vigorous but unsuccessful attempt to secure prohibition for the state. A bill for constitutional prohibition failed in the legislature of 1904, the vote standing 63 to 43, lacking but six of the two-thirds majority to carry.

LOUISIANA. Local option being the law in Louisiana, municipal and parish ordinances largely control and regulate the liquor traffic. Several parishes and many wards, precincts and towns have voted prohibition, and some high schools and colleges enjoy absolute immunity from the open saloon through the enforcement of the three-mile and five-mile laws.

A system of very high license has curtailed the traffic in some portions of the state.

SOUTH CAROLINA. VICTORY FOR PROHIBITION. Prohibition defeated the dispensary in Cherokee county, South Carolina, November 8, by a vote of 1,245 to 349. The election was held under the Brice law, and the result of a sensation in Tillmanland. Cherokee county has long been considered a staunch champion of the State saloon, but notwithstanding that fact and the additional fact that Senator Tillman took part in person in the campaign, the dispensary is knocked out by a vote very close to the ratio of 4 to 1.

MISSOURI. A little over 15 years ago 2 laws in the interest of temperance were enacted; a local option law, and a high license law. Great enthusiasm was aroused for the local option law, and in a comparatively short time 90 of the 114 counties of the state voted out the saloon. A few of these counties still permitted the sale in large cities.

Today there are 12 counties that have local option. There is abundance of hatred to the liquor traffic and some genuine prohibition sentiment. The Missouri judge in refusing to grant a divorce to a saloonkeeper whose wife had become insane through excessive use of liquor, said: "When a man is engaged in the business of making drunkards, it doesn't lie in him to complain if the effects lie home to him."

TENNESSEE.

Mida's Criterion has lately "discovered" that all prohibitory laws fail. No one advocated the abolition of the laws against stealing and murder because they are violated. Liquor selling is prohibited in 84 out of the 96 counties in Tennessee and in all the towns and cities in each of the 12 liquor counties, except one or two places in each county; yet there is some illicit liquor selling in all the prohibitory counties, and a constant stream of jugs from the wet to the dry counties, for many of those who formed the habit when they had the saloons, great as they drink less liquor, they still drink it. Yet no one fully acquainted with the situation in Tennessee, believes there is so much liquor sold as under the saloon regime.

Testimony gathered from all parts of the state show everywhere an increase of from 10 to 25 cent in all kinds of business since the saloons went out. The banks have never before handled so much money. They not only get the money that was once spent for liquor, but the wage-earning capacity of the people is greater as they drink less liquor.

There is no open saloon to tempt the boys. Even were there as much liquor drunk as before it would still be worth while to have its sale under the ban of the law. The only lines of business that do not claim to have increased under the prohibitory laws are the magistrates' courts, the city recorders, the undertakers, and other institutions of like nature.

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SOME RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

An English paper, the Alliance News, commenting on the report of the Mossy Industrial commission which last year was sent from England to discover the secret of our commercial success, says:

"The Americans have realized that alcoholic liquor is not one of the things which lead to industrial greatness and national progress. There is no disputing that the mass of the evidence given by the Mossy delegates shows that the use of alcoholic liquors among American workmen is much less than among English workmen."

Another Englishman, Mr. John Newton, in a later edition of the paper quoted above, says:

"The universal testimony of those who know both countries is that the workman of America is superior to the workman at home mainly because he is more sober. He neither wastes his physical nor his mental resources in the public-house to anything like the extent our workmen at home do."

Looking for the cause of this greater sobriety, the same writer says:

"In the United States, scientific temperance instruction is universal in the elementary schools. They early recognized that the star of hope for the temperance reform stands over the schoolhouse."

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AN ORDINANCE

To Grant to the Georgia Southern and Florida Railway Company a Franchise and right of way for its Railway Track along a Portion of Laurel Street in the City of Palatka, and to operate its Trains and Cars thereon as a Main Line.

Be It ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palatka, Florida: SECTION 1. That the Georgia Southern and Florida Railway Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby granted a right of way and complete authority to build and construct a line of railway along Laurel Street, along North side of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Track, commencing on Laurel Street where Fourth Street intersects or crosses same, and extending in a westerly direction along said Laurel Street, North of Atlantic Coast Line Railway Track to Jones Street, the streets hereinafter referred to being given with reference to the plat of said city on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam county;

That the said Georgia Southern and Florida Railway company, its successors and assigns shall have the right to operate its trains and cars along said railway track that may be built under this Ordinance, as a main line of railway, in accordance with the laws of Florida and the ordinances of the City of Palatka, provided the same shall not be used as a switch or for the storing of cars;

SEC. 2. That this franchise is granted upon the express condition that the Georgia Southern and Florida Railway company, its successors and assigns, shall pave said Laurel Street with rock, brick or other material that may be acceptable to the City Council, the entire width of said street from Fourth street to Jones street; and upon the further condition that the said Georgia Southern and Florida Railway company, its successors and assigns, will keep said street paved and in good condition, and will maintain its tracks on such a grade and will maintain such pavement in such a manner as will permit the free use thereof by the public; and upon the further condition that said Georgia Southern and Florida Railway company, its successors and assigns, shall not interfere with or disturb any sewers, water pipes or gas pipes;

SEC. 3. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed in open Council this 16th day, A. D., 1905.

A. M. STEEN, President City Council. J. N. BLACKWELL, Clerk City Council. Approved May 17, 1905.

A. USINA, Mayor.

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Table with columns: OWNER, DESCRIPTION, Section, Township, Range, Acres, Amount of Tax. Lists various land parcels and their owners.