

## Strong Action Taken by Preachers

The Ministers' Association of Sterling and Rock Falls desires to call the attention of our citizens and especially of voters in the thirty-fifth senatorial district, to the struggle which is at hand between the combined liquor forces of the state of Illinois allied with other criminal and law-defying conspirators on the one side, and the citizens on the other side who believe in fair play and the right of the people to govern themselves.

We regret the necessity which compels us to utter the word of warning; but it is perfectly clear that the liquor interests of our state, with their well paid attorneys and large fund for use at Springfield, or wherever it will best serve their cause, are determined to prevent the enactment or enforcement of any laws which they do not approve.

We, therefore, most earnestly urge all voters who do not favor the odious rule of the saloon and its allied infamies in our state to do everything in their power to prevent both the nomination and election of men who by their former record have shown their subserviency to the demands of the saloon and like interests, in defiance of the wishes of the law-abiding and Christian people of our state.

We call attention especially to the record of Mr. J. B. Castle, who is now a candidate for re-election to the legislature, and express our conviction that it would be a disgrace to our district should a man who has shown himself to be a willing servant of the saloon and liquor interests in defeating the local option bill, and in hindering other needful legislation, be again nominated and elected to misrepresent the people of this district.

If the voters whose interests center about the home, the school and the church, rather than about the saloon and its allies, will do their duty at the coming spring elections, the rule of the liquor league and the power of "graft" will be effectually broken in our state.

John H. Williams,  
Theodore Crowl,  
James A. Pierce,  
C. A. Gage,  
E. Lee Fleck,  
Committee.

By the unanimous vote of the Ministers' Association this committee was appointed to express the views of the Association.

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wives and daughters to the insults of drunken wretches when they visit the town to do their trading. Yes, let the farmers vote, they are the most interested class of people.

agitation against the liquor traffic, have succeeded in making heavy inroads upon the liquor trade."—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

### Another Compliment

#### Heavy Inroads on the Liquor Trade in Many States

The Wine and Spirit Gazette, of New York, says that the manager of the National Protective Bureau, the liquor men's association, receives \$8,000 as salary, and the attorney is paid \$15,000. The Gazette thinks that when these salaries and the expenses necessary to run the office are paid "there will be precious little left with which to fight prohibition or the pernicious activity of the Anti-Saloon League." And it adds: "Let it be distinctly understood right here, that the professional agitators of the Anti-Saloon League, who make a comfortable living out of their

## Cut Their Own Heads

### Law Violators in the Whisky Crowd Hasten Day of Temperance

It is a queer state of affairs that exists in the minds of some saloon men when after a town by a good majority votes against the saloon, that every attempt to defeat the will of the people by opening up beer gardens just outside the limits of the corporation in order to carry on the business that has been prohibited by the votes of the people is made. Look at Monmouth, for instance, the city went dry by over one hundred majority and yet the liquor men are no doubt at this very time working every plan possible to defeat that majority. The saloon men by their questionable methods are doing a great deal toward placing a local option law on the statute books of Illinois.—Alexis Visitor.

## Rocky Charges

### Magill Hit Hard by People Who See His Tricks

It is reported that Hillsdale is to have some convict made rock through the efforts of the Honorable Lawrence M. Magill, representative from this district. (This gentleman is better, and more properly known as "Larry.") Probably Mr. Magill is paying for the support of the Hillsdale paper in crushed stone and it should be noted that the delivery is made over the Burlington road, with which Larry is said to be on very friendly terms. The people of Hillsdale have our sympathy over this evidence of Magill's tender interest and are warned that later on they will be called upon to pay for this rock, if they ever get more than the promise, in some way or other. It's a cheap bid for votes and the farmers are not so cheap that a carload of rock will buy them. They are looking for real character in the candidates, not for a "shell game."—Milan Independent.

## A Stand-Patter

The people of Missouri have decreed through the legislature that the dram-shop is a special menace to the peace and good order on Sunday, and have forbidden them to operate on that day.

The effect of the enforcement of this law in the large cities of Missouri, in reducing crime by some forty per cent, as shown by the statistics, demonstrates that the action of the legislature in passing this statute was not without wisdom.

I say now, once for all, as long as the dram-shop law is the law, and I have power to enforce it, it is going to be enforced. Petitions against its enforcement will have no more effect than requests for me to violate my official oath in some other respects.

—Gov. Folk.