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Note to Subscribers

To all those who have sent in, re-
questing copies of "The Saloon Before
the Courts," we wish to say that the
edition is exhausted, and Mr. Lilly, the
author, tells us that a new edition is
now on the press and he expects to have
it in a week or two, and then we will
be able to fill the orders that we have
received. This explanation, however, is
due to those who have been looking for
the book and have not received it.

While the intemperate man inflicts
evil upon his friends, he brings far more
upon himself. Not only to ruin his
family, but also to bring ruin on his
body and soul, is the greatest wrong
any man can commit.—Socrates.

Couldn't Fool Nansen

The arctic traveler, Nansen, was
asked by a neighbor, "Did you take any
alcohol with you when you left the
'Fram' to make your heroic expedition
by sledges?" "No," said Nansen, "if I
had done so I should never have re-
turned."

Some Figures From a Town That is a Paradise for Saloons

This is from the Cairo Evening Citi-
zen of May 31, 1906:

"There were twenty-eight arrests
made yesterday by the police. They
consisted of drunks and disorderly
cases, niggers with concealed weapons,
one or two for making gun plays, etc.
There has been three hundred and
eight arrests made during the month of
May."

This does pretty well for a town of
from twelve to fifteen thousand people,
with fifty-six saloons, but, of course,
that which follows will be of interest to
the men who want to shun taxation for
keeping up public improvements in this
same city:

"The report of Jailer M. Lutz for May,
will show 331 days of work put in on
the streets by prisoners. This was a
record breaker. Jailer Lutz has saved
the city great expense by working pris-
oners on the streets and there is much
good to show for it. The streets upon
which work has been done, present a
fine appearance, and Jailer Lutz de-
serves great praise for the good work
and the interest he has shown in the
city's welfare, keeping down expense at
the time when the city needs to save
every penny she can."

But, how about the families of the
men who got tanked up on whisky, be-
came disorderly, were brought before
the police magistrate, fined, and then
went on the streets to work out their
fines? While it may have saved the city
some expense, yet, it has been at the
expense of the families of these parties.
In many cases, doubtless, they have
gone hungry.

Again we quote from the Cairo
Citizen:

"The report of Police Magistrate A. J.
Ross will show that nearly \$350 was
collected in fines for the month of May.
This is another record breaker. The
police court has been self-sustaining
this month and will pay all of the ex-
penses attached to his office, such as
the jail bill, magistrate's salary, city
attorney's percentages, etc."

But, again we raise the question, how
about the poor laborers who paid the
\$350 in fines because they were drunk
on whisky sold under a license from
which the city derived revenue? How
about the children of these men who
paid the \$350, doubtless from their
earnings in a majority of cases? While
the city received the \$350, the baker,
the butcher, the grocer, the drygoods
merchant must do without that \$350
that the police court may be self-sus-
taining.

Speaking of decoration services, the
Citizen further says:

Our Anti-Saloon League Creed

I believe in the supremacy of law.

I believe in the divine authority of civil government.

I believe in right laws and the righteous execution of law.

I believe in the nomination and election of the right kind of
men.

I believe in the impeachment of officials who will not enforce
the law.

I believe in the freedom of the state from the political domina-
tion of the liquor traffic.

I believe in the freedom of the national government from
complicity with the liquor traffic.

I believe in the ultimate redemption of the world from the
power and dominion of strong drink.

I believe in the final absolute annihilation of the saloon in
every nation of the world.

Talk to the Point

Wisconsin Men Make Bold Statements

In the course of an address at the
recent Anti-Saloon League state conven-
tion, at Madison, Wis., the Hon. T. C.
Richmond said: "It would be hard to
draw a bill that would ask less than the
one under discussion. The man who
would impose upon his neighbor what
he don't want himself is a coward. What
we say to the saloon keeper in this bill
is: "If you insist on going to hell, why
go; but you shan't bring hell to us. I
predict the day will yet come to some
of you present when the American sa-
loon will be a thing of the past."

* Alderman Rowley followed him, and
among other splendid things he got this
off:

"Madison can well appreciate the ben-
efits to be derived from such a bill,
where the saloons are multiplying at
Camp Randall and Elmside, and not
satisfied with adult victims are reaching
out for our boys and girls. The only
demand of the measure is for a square
deal. The interests opposing it are
those who habitually ask that city or-
dinances be suspended for their sake
and enforced for others. They talk
about their vested interests. The only
vested interests they have are what they
transfer from your vest to theirs."