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New Post for George D. Conger

With the close of the present week comes the transfer of Mr. George D. Conger, Assistant State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, to a post of higher honor and greater responsibility. Mr. Conger was recently elected State Superintendent of the Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League, and will leave for his new field of labor in a few days. His headquarters will be in Oklahoma City.

The departure of Mr. Conger from the Illinois field, where he has rendered important and valuable service for three years, will leave a vacancy that will be hard indeed to fill. Upon his shoulders has rested the burden of a vast amount of detail, requiring infinite patience, great moral courage and a high order of executive and business ability. He has fulfilled these requirements so well that no one who has been associated with him here has any doubt of Oklahoma's wisdom in selecting him for the difficult task of holding that new and restless commonwealth in line through the early years of its statehood and making the anti-saloon principle already adopted there the permanent policy of the state. There are a thousand and one dangers and difficulties that will arise in the adjustment of new and

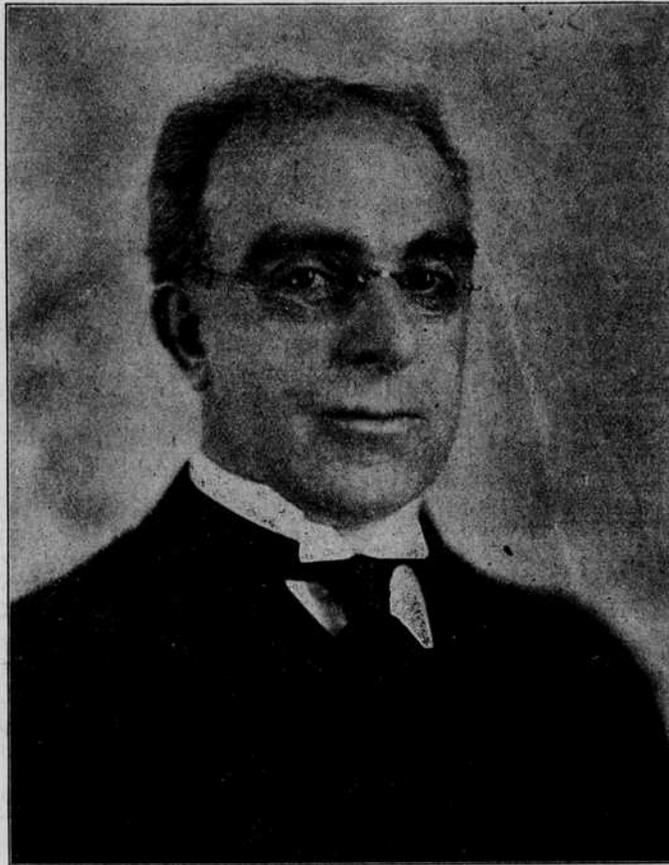
untried conditions in those pioneer communities, and these the new Superintendent must meet and solve. He is admirably equipped for the undertaking. Mr.

Conger is in the prime of life, full of energy, vigorous in body, ripe in experience, strong in character, of deep religious convictions, and wholly consecrated to the great work in which he is engaged. As a public speaker he stands in the front rank.

He carries with him to his new home the good will and best wishes of all his old associates in Chicago and Illinois.

The number of men employed in League work, the scant attention that has been paid to the mere matter of individual authority, leaving the official powers of many of the leaders but dimly defined, render it exceedingly difficult in many cases to decide whose word is law. In view of this fact, it is a remarkable circumstance that so few clashes of leadership have occurred. The bickerings and jealousies and petty differences among those who

were trying to save the Union and abolish slavery in Civil War times were a constant source of annoyance and distress to Lincoln. Anti-saloon leaders sink "self" in the work. Conger is this sort of a leader.



GEORGE D. CONGER

Lincoln's Sacred Memory Slandered

In this centennial season, commemorative of the birth of Lincoln, when all patriots, all lovers of good government, all friends of humanity everywhere are uplifted by the example of consecration to a great cause which he bequeathed to his countrymen, let not the slimy touch of the saloon power soil his sacred memory.

For once let this vile hyena that delights in skulking among the graves of the mourned and honored dead be

mindful that there is a sense of decency that even beasts respect, and let it slink back to its filthy lair and leave the loyal people of the nation redeemed by him in anguish and in blood to pay their loving tribute in peace.

As these lines are being written there comes to hand a pamphlet reeking with the stench of this dirty traffic, and time would be worse than wasted in reading it. But

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