

ready to swear falsely to protect him, the bootlegger or blind tiger man persists in defying the law which the people have adopted. The more intoxicated men there are to be seen on the streets of an anti-saloon town the more people will be inclined to go back to the old system, and that is precisely what the big liquor interests are working for.

This, of course, is an outrageous and damnable state of affairs, and decent citizens of whatever belief as to the license system rebel against it.

The blind tiger law proposed by the anti-saloon people is in operation in many states and is an immense help in breaking up lawlessness. It has none of the tyrannical features, such as the invasion of the home by the constabulary, which are imputed to it by those who oppose its enactment. The home is carefully safeguarded in accordance with the principle that "every man's house is his castle," and such a law, properly framed, cannot be made an instrument of oppression.

The only ones who dread it are the lawbreakers themselves.

## Let's Make it 100,000

The most potent and far reaching influence of modern times is that of the public press. No great movement can hope to become a permanent power without one or more periodical publications whose columns it controls—an official organ, so to speak.

The present superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, on his entrance into office three years ago, began the publication of the Illinois Issue. Seldom has any paper received a more generous recognition at the hands of the people than has this little weekly paper. It has already reached a circulation of nearly 40,000. In the beginning it was the intention to enlarge it to a sixteen-page paper, but so many of our readers have written us saying it is just the right size for what it is expected to accomplish, that we have continued it in its present form.

Believing that there is no other medium by which we can so effectively reach the public and preach our doctrine of "get together against the saloon," or illustrate it by "news from the seat of war," we have decided to open up a vigorous campaign for the next three months to increase its circulation to 100,000 copies weekly in the state of Illinois. Scores of our friends have been urging this for some time. We therefore offer the paper for the next three months, in clubs of ten or more, at the rate of fifty cents a year, cash in advance.

This is your opportunity to help the cause immensely. Can you not among your neighbors and friends find ten or more people who ought to be getting this paper and, with the advantage of the club rates for the next three months, secure their names and send us your list?

We will have to depend upon volunteer service, as there are no profits from which to remunerate anyone for his or her services. "The reward is in the doing."

There is scarcely a town or village in the state of Illinois where it would not be an easy matter to secure a number of subscribers sufficient to secure these club rates.

Our mark is set at 100,000 circulation and we appeal to our friends everywhere to help us reach the mark.

All subscriptions should be sent to the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, 1200 Security Building, Chicago. Payment should accompany the list. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the League.

## From the Other Side

The local option idea is perhaps the most important development in the temperance movement. The right given to the voters of a given county, city or township, as the case may be, to vote for or against the saloons is the most deadly blow the liquor business ever received, because it has generally proven, so far, that wherever local option's ramifications have spread the saloon has ceased to exist.—Tom Gilmore, Leader of the Whisky Forces.

## For a Record Breaker

Let's make the coming National convention of the Anti-Saloon League a record breaker.

Chicago and Illinois are highly favored in being permitted to entertain the League workers of America in their great biennial convention.

The convention will be held during the first week of next December and plans are being laid now to make it the greatest gathering in the cause of temperance ever held in America. There is probably not another city so centrally located for all parties interested as this second greatest city of the Western hemisphere.

The annual conference of superintendents and field workers of the League will take place the week preceding so that the gathering will be practically two weeks in duration. During this time we expect to thoroughly cover the city of Chicago and surrounding country with strong League speakers.

Everyone interested in this movement should begin now to plan to attend this great gathering by setting aside the last week in November and the first in December and make their plans that nothing may interfere with their coming.

## "Reformer" a Good Name

In the convention of the Anti-Saloon League of Tennessee, recently held at Nashville, Senator Pendleton, in welcoming the delegates to the city, defended the temperance people of that state against the attacks made in behalf of conservatism. He said:

"I am not ashamed to be called a reformer rather than a conservative, and in fact, I prefer the former. Conservatism cries out to the world with Cain, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' and Reform answers, 'I am my brother's keeper.' Conservatism passes by on the other side of the wounded and dying sufferer and asks, 'Who is my neighbor?' while Reform administers to the wounded sufferer and calls every man his neighbor. In short, reform believes in the golden rule: 'What ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them.'"

With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed.—Abraham Lincoln.