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Bad Bill—Write Your Representatives

Without raising the question of what its author intended, we wish to call attention to the dangerous character of Senate Bill Number 10 in the Illinois Legislature.

This bill, without its real nature being known to the people of the state, went through the Senate and is now pending in the House. It was introduced by Senator Potter of Marion.

It seeks to amend the act of 1877 relative to the organization of townships. It provides that Section 1 of that act shall read as follows:

The county board, in any county under township organization, shall provide that the territory embraced within any city in such county shall be organized as a town; provided, such territory shall have a population of not less than three thousand; and, provided further, that the city council in such city shall, by resolution, request such action by the county board, and shall designate the name thereof.

The word "town" as used above means "township," the shorter word being the legal term for that political subdivision.

The bill looks harmless and its title looks still more so, but this is what it will do: It will enable any city of 3,000 or more population to have itself organized into a township by itself. This will prevent voters living just outside the city from having any vote in a local option election, as they now have under the local option law. In such cases it will nullify the township feature of this law under which so many saloons have been closed.

It will deprive the people of such townships living outside of such cities of the tax from city property used for township purposes, such as keeping up the public roads used largely by city people.

It will tend to keep the saloons in these cities to pile up criminal and pauper expenses to be paid out of taxes collected from the farmers and others living outside the cities.

It will increase public expenses by multiplying township officers, making two sets of officers where now there is one.

We cannot believe the people of Illinois want this measure to become a law.

Write to your representatives at Springfield at once and urge them in every legitimate way to assist in defeating this bill.

Remember the number—Senate Bill No. 10, and the title—A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 1 of an Act Entitled "An Act to Authorize County Boards in Counties Under Township Organization to Organize Certain Territory Situated Therein as a Town, Approved May 23, 1877, in Force July 1, 1877."

Who Is the Ananias in This Case?

One of the ways in which the brewers are spending their money these days is to pay for display advertisements in the daily papers, not to advertise any particular make of beer, but to proclaim the alleged virtues of beer as a beverage.

Here is an extract from one of these paid "ads," printed in a Chicago daily:

In all the history of brewing, from the days of Tacitus, the Roman Historian, who first mentions beer as an accomplishment of the German women, down to the present date, beer has always been considered one of the most healthful drinks on account of its purity. Made from malted grains and hops and sterilized water, it is produced so cheaply that there is no incentive for adulteration or substitution and any color desired, from light to dark, can be easily obtained by varying the process of malting, making the use of coloring matter unnecessary.

Now read this extract from a report of the proceedings of the Dairy and Food Commission:

Charles L. Brown, attorney for the Commission, put this question to a retired brewer: "What is lager beer?" The brewer answered that beer as prepared in America contains sulphites of lime as a "cleanser"; tartaric acid as a preservative; citric acid as a flavor; benzoic acid as an antiseptic; tannic acid as a "bleacher"; salicylic acid and kolium metasulphite as preservatives; glucose as a sweetener; juniper berries as an antidote for salicylic acid, and various other ingredients as unfit as these for human consumption. He said there had been little or no pure lager beer made in this country for ten years or more.