

For Good Citizens to Remember

According to a recent decision of the Illinois Supreme Court there is not a saloonkeeper in Chicago or the state of Illinois that keeps his saloon open on Sunday who is a man of good moral character and worthy to be a citizen of the state. The only answer the saloon crowd can make to that decision is that the Illinois Supreme Court is composed of fanatics.

Can't Stop Him

You can't stop another Davidson of the Fulton Democrat. Just listen at him:

"These people need not get huffy at The Democrat for pushing local option. From days immemorial we have been for any old scheme to kill the rum traffic, commencing with the 'Cadets of Temperance' of 60 years ago. We have ever been ready to bolt our party ticket to this end. Three years ago we made the best fight in us to elect Metcalf of the prohibition ticket, and are not ashamed of it—are ready to make a similar fight under like conditions.

"It is no time to split hairs about this or that party. The question in every election is: 'How can we best knock out the liquor traffic?' And that friends of temperance should act together in any such war, we honestly believe."

Stands the Test

Probably the three most prosperous, and certainly the three most progressive cities of their size in Illinois today are Decatur, Rockford and Galesburg, all of which voted their saloons out of existence in the spring of 1908.

Decatur has had a record breaking year in the erection of new and substantial homes. Rockford has had many additions to its already large list of factories.

In Galesburg, since the saloons were closed, there are under construction and finished at least ten new business houses and a large number of private dwellings; also one new Elk club house, costing about \$40,000. Lots have been bought for the erection of two more club houses—the Swedish Odd Fellows and the Galesburg Commercial club. Taxes were never more promptly paid than this year.

Iron Clad Law Passed

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 20.—The drastic Fuller prohibition bill to-day passed the senate with little opposition. There was not a vote against the elimination of that section which sought to prohibit the newspapers and magazines from advertising liquors for sale.

The measure forbids even the possession of liquor except in private residences, making the accused person prove his own innocence before any evidence against him is introduced. It makes the use of the word saloon a crime, bars the advertisement of liquors from bill boards and signs and holds that even the possession of a federal liquor license is an absolute proof of guilt in selling intoxicants.

Every Christian ought to realize the importance of his example and influence, and make them tell for righteousness and temperance.

Results of the "War"

Uncle Sam's pocket book suffered a shrinkage because of the prohibition wave during the fiscal year ended July 30, 1909, during which period there was a decrease of \$5,290,773 in whisky tax receipts, as shown by the preliminary report of the internal revenue bureau.

Whisky tax collections last year were \$134,868,034 against \$140,158,807 for the preceding year. Receipts from beer and other fermented liquors amounted to \$57,456,411, a decrease of \$2,351,205 compared with 1908. Internal revenue receipts from all sources were \$246,212,719.

Illinois led the country with \$43,441,771 internal revenue paid into the treasury. Other states in which the tax exceeds \$20,000,000 are Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Fight On in Washington

The first time the liquor question was tossed up in this state, local option knocked a home run, writes Superintendent Horton of Spokane, Washington. The liquor men circulated the petitions and called local option elections in three places August 14, the very first day possible under the new law. All three elections went "dry." Rockford polled 121 votes—"dry" majority, 17; Cashmere, 119 votes—"dry" majority, 31; Puyallup, 706 votes—"dry" majority, 68. The contests here are very severe because every city and village must fight its own battle without the aid of the country vote. The flag is down and we are off in a bunch, only the local option horse is ahead and has the pole. We expect to hold forty-five other elections before Christmas.

Sunday School in Line

The Macoupin County Sunday School Association at a recent meeting adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, the liquor traffic is one of the greatest enemies of the cause of righteousness and is now entrenched behind the protection of certain laws, therefore be it

Resolved, that we indorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League and pledge it our most hearty co-operation in securing the enactment of a County Option Law.

Resolved, that we urge the immediate organization by the Sunday Schools in every township of an Anti-Saloon League for the purpose of getting into the legislative fight of 1910 and having Macoupin County represented at Springfield by men who will represent the homes of our county and vote to save our boys and girls instead of for the licensed saloon.

That is a good idea. Let other Sunday School Associations fall in line.

The moral law demands that we pay heed to the motto, "For their sake." We who are strong ought to help the weak to conquer their infirmities and their temptations.