

Non-partisan public sentiment may force victory for Prohibition in town, city or state, but it alone can exert no power to prevent the undermining and discrediting of that law by officials in power who owe allegiance to national parties really controlled by liquor bossism in our great license cities.

The record at our Prohibition national headquarters indicated:

That there are now eight Prohibition states with a total population of 13,000,000.

That there are 250 Prohibition cities in 35 states, with from 5,000 to 160,000 each, having a total population of 3,500,000 and an average population of nearly 15,000.

That practically 40,000,000 people, of whom at least 10,000,000 have been added within the past four years, are living in Prohibition territory which now comprises nearly two-thirds of the nation's area.

That the liquor traffic is now largely centered and protected in 100 large cities of 28 license states, from which vantage the nation's Prohibition two-thirds are being bombarded and devastated without redress by the brewers under the protection of the federal government's interstate regulations.

One of the startling facts regarding this final item is that the governments of these hundred leading license cities are almost equally divided between the two dominant national parties, and that thus the liquor traffic through its close alliance with the party bosses in these cities controls and dictates the attitude of these parties in the nation at large.

The millions of Prohibition Republicans and Democrats, north and south, in their respective parties are helpless to prevent this dictation or thwart the manipulation of the liquor power's chosen tools in perpetuating their business.

Shall the liquor traffic, through the political power and licensed protection of these hundred centers of the nation's commercial life, continue to dictate its own terms of immunity to the

American people; continue to feed its appetite of greed with two billions of dollars annually filched from the pockets of our citizens with not a penny's worth of fair or wholesome return; continue to wreck homes, debauch young men, debase motherhood and damn childhood, all because, forsooth, the people who hate it and are in the majority keep themselves divided in these two parties, which are the mere tools of the traffic in its desperate game of bluff?

The entire nation has become alive to this issue within the past twelve months.

It is the greatest national issue since the Declaration of Independence. In its solution it will benefit and bless every section alike.

The politicians of the two now dominant parties may ignore the issue in their national platforms if they choose, but such action this year will be sure to bring swift retribution upon those who would attempt at this late hour to stifle public agitation and weakly dodge the question involved.

The Prohibition question has the right of way and nothing can now prevent its agitation from one end of the nation to the other.

The brewers in national convention affect to welcome the agitation. As a matter of fact they cannot stop it if they would.

And the Prohibition party, after its pioneer decades of persistent zeal with others to bring about this very hour are today sure of the result.

The issue of Prohibition cannot be agitated without making Prohibition sentiment and Prohibition voters.

We launch our national campaign this year confident that the providential hour for national victory is not far distant.

We know we shall win, and with the aid of the Prohibitionists heretofore politically helpless within the ranks of the Republican and Democratic parties now in the grip of the liquor-bosses of the hundred license centers of the land, we shall hope to win this year at the polls on November third.

THE SALOON VOTER'S PART

[The following are a few of the concluding paragraphs of Mr. Clinton N. Howard's great speech at the Centennial Congress in Saratoga on the evening of June 19]



CLINTON N. HOWARD

We celebrate today a century of victory. No other reform in the world's history has made such magnificent progress. The change in the attitude of the public mind, in the industrial, scientific, religious and political world, toward the drink traffic, is the mightiest moral achievement in human history.

Much is said about our industrial revolution, and the age of iron, steam, electricity and speed, and the marvelous transformation in methods of locomotion, transportation, communication and illumination; but greater than the change from oil to electricity, from hand made to machinery, from horse power to steam, and from the mule cart to the locomotive, is this moral revolution of the last half century that has put the brand of perdition upon the traffic of intoxicating drinks, made a social outcast of the man who made it, made it disreputable to sell it, unmanly to drink it, and un-Christian to vote for it.

For one hundred years the emphasis of the temperance reform has been placed upon total abstinence. We have preached it in the Sunday school, in the public school, on the rail and in the factory, and the world has caught up with the total abstinence principle. The corporation, the railroad, the bank, the barkeeper's union, and the breweries are enforcing that rule while on duty, and the church of God must move up and take higher ground. That is where the world stands;

Christian men ought not to stop there. To abstain today is not enough, "For do not even the publicans the same?" "For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." To abstain is not enough; we must place the emphasis today upon Christian voting. Salvation for the drinker was the first step, salvation for the drink seller was the second, salvation for the drink voter is the last step to the victory over the saloon.

The day of pouring literal coals of fire upon the saloonkeeper and brewer is over. The axe must be laid at the root of the tree. To its source, the ballot of the criminal citizen, the curse has been traced, and there the axe of separation must be laid. The one great central truth evolved from a century of temperance prayer and endeavor is that the criminal saloonkeeper is as good as the criminal laws that license him, and no worse than the criminal citizen who makes and sustains them. This criminal partnership with the saloon at the ballot box must be broken. Let the iron brand where it will; consent to sin is one with the sinner, whether as keeper, drinker or voter. You cannot consent that another man shall run a saloon without sharing the responsibility for that saloon. . . . The saloonkeeper is in business by the grace of bad men's votes and that is intended to include all men whose ballot consents to the curse. "Thus saying, thou reproachest us." I do reproach you, Christian citizens of America. Woe unto you! for ye vote license to the saloon and the saloonkeeper runs it. Therefore ye shall receive the greater condemnation. The Master said, "The publicans and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God ahead of some of you." Cleanse yourselves from this iniquity, or the saloonkeeper and the brewer will go into heaven ahead of some of you. If it is wrong to make it, wrong to sell it, wrong to drink it, wrong to rent property to it, it is wrong to vote to continue it. It is a rule of law that he who does a thing through another does it by himself. And the word of God makes it even more emphatic, saying, "He that offendeth in one point he is guilty of all."

I did not come here to call the judgment of God upon the saloonkeeper and brewer. I will talk to the saloonkeeper and brewer when I have them for an audience. I am talking now, not to the men who run the saloon, but to the Christian men of America who vote for the saloon. When we can convert the saloon voters we can put out of business the saloon-keepers.

TENNESSEE IN DOUBT

Party Machine and Traffic's Boodle Count Small Majority for Anti-Prohibitionists in Democratic Primary

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 28—(Special correspondence)—Yesterday the question of Prohibition was indirectly voted upon by a large part of the people of this state in the Democratic primaries. The choice for candidate for governor lay between ex-Senator Carmack and Governor Patterson, Mr. Carmack standing upon a Prohibition platform and Mr. Patterson, under the banner of the so-called "local option," rallying the liquor interests of the state in a desperate fight to hold the narrow field which they still occupy.

The whole machinery of the Democratic party in the state was, of course, under the control of Governor Patterson and used by the liquor interests, and an enormous corruption fund, raised not alone by the liquor dealers of the whisky cities of the state, but by the liquor interests of the whole country, was at the disposal of the Patterson heeled. At the present time the result is in doubt. Upon the face of the returns, Governor Patterson seems to have a majority, but the charges of fraud and unfairness are so numerous that it will require an official count and probably a hearing before the courts to definitely settle what has been the outcome of the primary.

The election from many parts of the state was attended by most spectacular scenes, friends of Prohibition forming in parades, and holding meetings and the women and children surrounding the polling places with banners and songs.

THE MOVEMENT IN FLORIDA

Recent Voting in Democratic Primary of Slight Significance

Editor of THE NATIONAL PROHIBITIONIST:—Owing to the fact that that candidate for governor who espoused the cause of the submission of the question of Prohibition to the people of the state before the Democratic primaries was defeated, the whisky party are shouting themselves hoarse, but the fact is that Prohibition played but little part in the defeat. The candidate was not agreeable to the Flagler interests and to numerous other corporations, and they hid behind the liquor men and shouted "sic 'em, Tige," and spent what they had to contribute to defeat Mr. Stockton, who was the candidate for whom the temperance people desired the nomination. It was a combination and not the question of Prohibition which defeated him. In many parts of the state the temperance people triumphed gloriously, electing members of the legislature and others on distinctly Prohibition issues.

The question of Prohibition is not dead in Florida, but is one of the liveliest and most virile of any before the people and will so show itself when the opportunity comes to give an expression at the ballot box.

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WATER WAGON SOCIAL

Pittsburg People Ride in Spirit on the All Conquering Chariot

PITTSBURG, PA., June 27—(Special correspondence)—The Prohibition club of Pittsburg will hold a Water-Wagon social at Caton's Auditorium, 204 Sixth street, on Thursday evening, July 7. The social will begin at 7:45 and thirty-five minutes will be devoted to the pleasant task of getting acquainted. The work of welcoming and introducing all who shall attend will be in the hands of a committee whose duty it will be to make everyone as happy as possible. At 8:20, with Dr. A. R. Robinson in the chair, a program will begin. There will be music by a quartet, Miss Truxal and Miss Meisinger, and addresses will be delivered by Matthew H. Stevenson, Esq., the party's recent candidate for state treasurer, the Rev. Joseph E. Appley and H. W. Coad.

At 9:30 refreshments will be served. The committee in charge extends the most cordial invitation to all Prohibitionists, not only of Pittsburg, but of all neighboring points, and