

correction of saloon evils by "regulation, education and moral suasion." It is the immoral suasion and the lowering of the standard of living and of law abiding citizenship exemplified by the "brewery saloon" that have been the greatest single cause for the extraordinary national movement for prohibition and local option that is now in progress and that has so lately alarmed the United States Brewers' Association.

The *World-Herald*, of Omaha, Neb., writes from Mr. Liebmann's statement that a properly conducted saloon is a community asset," and says:

"Whether or not the 'properly conducted' saloon is a community asset, it is certain that the saloon which is otherwise conducted, the one that transgresses in respect to the three things Mr. Liebmann lays down transgresses in other respects, is a heavy community liability.

The *Nashville Tennessean* has a clear perception of the humor of a brewers' convention posing as a temperance meeting. It says:

These rotund members of the white wings and harpsichord brigade must have suffered the keenest humiliation when they found themselves classed with the wicked saloon man. After passing so many precious years of their lives in the philanthropic manufacture of "aids to digestion," it seems inhumanly unfair that their motives should be so misunderstood by the very people whose spirits they seek to furnish. It seems a shame that they have been forced to step into the slime of saloon politics, when all they ask is to be allowed to tread the straight and narrow path in peace and opulence. It is not too late to do them justice. In recognition of their sterling value to the commonwealth, why not remove the effigy of liberty from our national coins and put that of the wronged brewer in its place—say a hog seated upon a beer barrel. Thus would justice be done, and a wrong righted.

In Chicago the general tone of editorial comment appeared to accept the brewers' professions as in good faith, but with an undercurrent of justified incredulity. The *Daily News* concluded its editorial with these words:

The brewers reproach the public and the authorities acting in the name of the public for permitting vicious drinking resorts to exist. The reproach is justified; it should be remembered and taken to heart. "With suitable laws properly enforced and backed by healthy public sentiment," say the brewers, "such disorderly saloons could be exterminated." True. Let the public authorities, the brewers and the rest of us proceed to exterminate them.

The *Record-Herald* says:

It is devoutly hoped that the Brewers' Association will tolerate no backsliding or hypocrisy on the part of any member and will translate its sound resolutions into consistent, systematic actions that mean tangible and visible reforms. The public will await actual results, and by such results test the genuineness of the convention's protests and disclaimers.

The *Toledo Blade* discredits the sincerity of the brewers entirely and says:

How far the brewers will go to improve conditions in their own household is a question, but the fact that they did nothing in that direction until driven in a corner robs their new program of much of its efficiency. For the people, taking heed of the past, can not convince themselves that there is any sincerity in the proposed reformation of the business.

**MORALITY AND LAW . . .**

The *Herald and Presbyterian* of Cincinnati, one of the foremost organs of the Presbyterian Church, comments upon the old saw about the inability of law to make people moral. It says:

"You can't make people moral by law." Of course not. Neither can you make them healthy by law, but this is no argument against law. Laws are not designed to make men either moral or healthy, but to protect them in person and property, in their homes, and in all their interests. Doing this they promote morality by punishing evil doers and restraining those who would do evil. They also establish conditions favorable to morality and health.

A pure-food law may not compel a man to eat healthful food, but it prevents men selling him, under false labels, what is unhealthful. A law against cigarettes does not take away a boy's appetite for them, but it prevents men selling them to him and so protects boys from temptation. It protects others from the formation of the appetite. A law against saloons may not make drinking men temperate, but it creates an environment favorable to temperance.

**"TRY IT ON THE DOG" . . .**

The *American Issue*, the organ of the Anti-Saloon League, treats the efforts of the brewers to reform the saloon with humorous sarcasm. It says:

The brewers have decided that the "dive" saloons must go, but that the "respectable" saloons must be protected and preserved. Here, at last, is "the conclusion of the whole matter" and the keynote for the solving of problems having to do with the public health, the public morals, the public peace and safety in general. The mad-dog scare which has been going the rounds of the cities in these recent weeks will now abate, for the people interested will at once see the soundness and safety in this remedial plan. . . . All that will be necessary under this plan will be first to ascertain the character of the mad dog. If he happens to be a full-blooded English bull, or a French poodle or a high-grade Scotch terrier, he must be turned loose at once, and allowed to run at large. If, however, he is found to belong to the common yellow dog family, he must be shot on the spot.

**PERSONAL LIBERTY . . .**

The *Union Signal* puts in a single sentence one of the best statements in refutation of the personal liberty argument ever produced. It says:

The demand for "personal liberty" to buy and drink intoxicants would be more convincing if it came from those whose liberty is said to be in danger rather than from those who have intoxicants to sell.

**JUST CASES IN POINT**

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 24—While in a drunken and crazed condition Thomas J. Whitsett, pumper at the Frisco station at Big Creek, Ark., today shot and perhaps fatally wounded Mrs. Mattie Reed, wife of Dr. J. F. Reed, seriously wounded Miss Nellie Ellsworth, sister of Mrs. Reed, and then, after unsuccessful attempts, finally succeeding in ending his own life.

COLFAX, WIS., June 25—John W. Welsh, claiming to be from Minneapolis, attempted to kill his own wife today, stabbing her twelve different times in the neck and the breast. Entering the room he locked the door behind him before attempting the act. Mrs. Welsh is at the point of death. Welsh was taken to the county seat and locked up. He had been drinking for several days.

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