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"You may go back on your promises, but I stood by my friends and voted against the state-wide prohibition bill, and would do it again. There is another time coming, and you can't get around the fact that you used the automobiles and the money, and then double-crossed the men who stood by you."

Although the resolution was finally adopted, the charges preferred by Representative Raleigh have not been refuted. This being the case, we would suggest that the proper thing to do would be to read the above statement into the legislative record, in justice to the man who had the courage to stand by his given word regardless of personal consequences. Moreover, it might serve to inform future generations just what sort of a double-dealing outfit it was that succeeded in finally writing the prohibition law into the statutes.

But, after all, the information that Mr. Raleigh furnishes is not at all surprising. A similar situation arose two years ago, only it had a different angle. At that time the Progressives were pledged by their platform to support a prohibition measure. But certain of their leaders, for some reason or other, bent every effort to retard the progress of the measure before the legislature and delay its passage to the latest possible date. They were fairly successful in their undertaking, as the records will show. And yet these same individuals were a party to the scheme the other day to read a man out of the party, whose only offense was that he chose to keep faith with a certain element of the electorate, whose support made possible his election.

### BELAYED ADVICE

**I**N a recent issue, the Deseret Evening News offered some splendid advice to the legislators. It recited at length how community "character" was established in the state and how, because of this, Utah's credit was established abroad. In tracing the progress of the state for seventy years, this paper reminds the lawmakers that the laws of the early days were "wise, conservative and prudent, so far from radicalism as the legislatures knew how to make them." Therefore men looked towards Utah and said: "There is a place where rights are safe, where investment is guarded against plunder, where confidence is not violated, where freaks and fads and experiments and extravagances have no chance for their injurious attempts. In other words, there is where sanity prevails, where calmness rules the councils, where conservatism is the standard of values."

Although there are some who may feel disposed to challenge the historical accuracy of a portion of this editorial, still we quite agree that as a pen picture of what the ideal state should be, it leaves nothing to be desired.

The following summary of the situation in the legislature exactly coincides with our ideas:

"With deep sorrow it must be said that there are now sitting in the halls of legislation those who seem blind to existing facts \* \* \* Propositions have been introduced and are pending that if enacted into law will be ruinous. It is true that there is a degree of assurance in the knowledge that Governor Bamberger \* \* \* will be in a position to stand between some of these proposals and the statute book. But to the sanity of the legislators themselves it is necessary that an appeal be made. To their own good sense it should be evident that some of the measures proposed are preposterous. Are they going to be coaxed, cajoled, or threatened into doing that against which their sober judgment must recall? Will they consent that the reputation and character which have been built up during seventy years, and are now firmly established, shall be shattered and swept away in an hour?"

The article concludes with the editorial prayer: "May Heaven help them in answering it aright." In this we can also agree with our brother editor up the street, for the situation has long since resolved itself into a matter of prayer, and a faint hope for its fulfillment.

The editorial is timely and hits the nail squarely on the head with respect to the unfinished business before the legislature. But what about the prohibition measure? And isn't it just a little strange that all this wholesome advice should have been held in reserve until the day following the signing of the prohibition bill?

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