

hands of tyrants they did not estimate the cost. The thought of liberty was not connected with the thought of money. The price of liberty was not too high to be purchased, even by blood. A few cents on the pound of tea did not directly cause so much bloodshed. It was a principle they were fighting for.

The argument that a system of license places the business in the hands of respectable men is absurd. There can be no such thing as "respectable" rum sellers. It is true that in many of our cities the proprietors of large hotels are whisky sellers because they keep a bar in their place, and it is true that the place is kept quiet and that only a certain grade of men are admitted; but they do more damage to humankind than the smaller grogeries of the city. In these respectable places prize-fights and other so called sports and bets are arranged. The wealthy debaucher goes to the higher houses, the ruffian and the poor man goes to the dens on the alleys. The drinker starts at the "respectable" bar but ends in the den.

Third. Sumptuary laws. This being interpreted, means that the Government has no right to say what we shall eat or what we shall drink.

Why does the Government compel the druggist to label every drachm of opium he sells, "poison?" The Government has a right to say what we shall not eat or drink, when what we eat or drink interferes with the happiness and prosperity of the people. Has the Government no right to protect the people from the misery which intemperance inflicts? If we admit that it has no right to interfere with what we eat or drink, when what we eat or drink deprives us of enjoying the right which the "Constitution" gives, we admit that the Constitution is not adhered to. Because a few persons do not drink to excess is no reason why, in order to save millions of people from misery, whisky should not be removed from our midst.

There is no doubt but that the Prohibition question is the leading question in society to day,

and there is no excuse for any one, who loves his country as he should, to not take an active part in it. The workers for Prohibition at the outset were considered a set of fanatics, so were the Abolitionists, but it was and is a noble cause to defend and for that reason it has made such rapid strides, and has such ardent defenders. Prohibition needs energetic workers in this state. The legislature is doing its part. Are the people ready to do their part? It rests with the people entirely whether the blood and misery of the innocent shall pay the price of intemperance. Now is the time for every humanitarian to place himself on record. How many are willing to go into the darkened homes of our commonwealth and rescue the wives and babes from the injuries of intemperance. Young men, young women, have you ever thought what a great instrument you can be in the cause? Many of you have homes of happiness. Are you not too selfish to do an act of kindness for your fellow beings? You need not connect yourself with the Prohibition, Republican, Democratic or any other party to do a good work in this direction. Forget party ties as did our forefathers forget the separate religious denominations to join in the religion of humanity. Surely it is an honorable work, because it is in harmony with the teaching of the Bible.

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LOCALS.

- Welcome, '91!
- Electric Light!!!
- H₂O in abundance.
- Tennis is all the racket.
- "Berdie" rides the "bi."
- A Tan gent—"Hank" Miles.
- Brew is putting on (h)airs this term.
- Grapes are often followed by Grapes.
- The apples are becoming a minus quantity.
- "Mike" Porter is assistant military instructor.