

OUR POLITICAL COLUMN.

EDITOR STAR:
I wish to take advantage of your courteous offer, opening your columns to the discussion of political creeds, and add our mite to the chorus of jangling voices.

We believe the greatest economical, and only moral, question before the American people to-day, is the abolition of the liquor traffic. By as much as humanity is greater than commerce and man greater than money, is the platform adopted by the Prohibition party at Pittsburg, greater than any other or all other platforms adopted for this campaign. But let it be understood that in making a plea for humanity, for American homes, for the recognition of moral questions in government, we do not ignore nor underestimate the industrial or financial needs of the hour. On the contrary we hold that the annual wastage of more than a billion dollars, required to pay our drink bill, turned into legitimate channels of trade would immeasurably stimulate business and in no small degree relieve the stringency of the times.

We demand the absolute, unconditional abolition of the liquor traffic. In making this demand we have perfect regard to the legitimate rights of every man. As a party we have nothing to do with men's personal habits, but our relation to the saloon is that of antagonists to a pernicious public policy. It is not our wish to infringe any man's rights or interfere with any legitimate branch of business, but we hold that the liquor traffic has not the slightest shadow of an apology for its existence. It creates no values, contributes no happiness, supplies no normal want, conserves no legitimate interest. It is the crowning evil, the supreme iniquity, the greatest crime, the most pernicious factor in our American society and politics. It is the open enemy to peace, purity, order, law, home, State and church. It is civilization's beast of prey, fattening itself on the poverty of helpless women and children. It is the mother of vice, the destroyer of home, the corrupter of politics, and the slayer of justice. It is, to use the language of Dr. Herrick Johnson, "A waste of values, a breeder of lust, a hotbed of iniquity, a constant menace to peace and good order, and an unredeemable nuisance." However if we exalt the saloon to a place co-equal with other branches of business, and grant the 240,000 saloonists a respectable place in society, then the mischief wrought, the misery superinduced by the traffic would demand its abolition, inasmuch as public good always supercedes individual rights.

We have become indignant, and rightly so, over the slaughter of Armenian Christians by the "Unspeaking Turk." I do not hesitate to assert that if his future power and place among nations, depended on the American vote, he would be annihilated. The Turk has succeeded in butchering a possible 50,000 in the last quarter of a century. We have in our midst a legalized institution that murders thousands more than that each year, and the knowledge of the fact fails to stir our people from their apathy. Ministers, bishops, editors and statesmen have gone into hysterics over the prospect of a debased currency, but the debasing of American manhood goes serenely on without protest.

It is repeatedly urged that government has nothing to do with regulating men's personal habits. We have already shown that this is not our demand. But government has to do with public evil and public safety. Now the government has already recognized and dealt with this evil in the adoption of the license system, by which, we assert, common sense is crucified and American statesmanship put to the blush. If it is in the province of government to license an evil, does it exceed its prerogative in prohibiting it? If it is wrong to drink liquor, it is wrong to sell it. If it is wrong to sell it, it is wrong to grant to another the right to sell it. If the individual may not be justified in wrong doing, shall we justify the State in wrong doing? Can that which is morally wrong be made legally right without compromise of conscience and disregard of God's law? "Woe unto him (individual or State) that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken also." "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

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