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MAINE AND THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

A few days since, when it was announced through a Portland dispatch that a decision had finally been reached in favor of the "dries" in Maine, it was doubtless assumed by most people that this decision would settle the controversy. The contrary appears to be the case. Governor Plaisted has called a special session of the legislature to re-open the election machinery and to provide for the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors within the State. The governor believes that the cities which went on record at the last election by overwhelmingly large majorities as favoring a change in the statewide law of prohibition should have another chance to express their right of franchise on the liquor question. Public sentiment in the cities demands resubmission of the license question, says Governor Plaisted. We quote:

"Maine is many years behind in her control of the voting booths and methods which have been employed in many towns and cities have made our annual elections long a farce, and has for the most part cast its vote on election days so decisively on questions that the great majorities have stayed public clamor for recounts."

"Accepting the words of the various city and town clerks under oath as to the outcome of the ballots cast at the last election, and particularly with regard to the pro vote on the prohibitory amendment, was all that remained for the Governor and his council as required by the present law."

"Public sentiment regarding the liquor traffic in Maine has not changed, and so long as the authorities wink at the illegal selling of liquor just so far distant is the time when prohibition in this State shall be come such in fact. As it is now the open barroom in both city and town is a disgrace and a mockery to our zealousness for the law."

"The liquor question is today the liveliest issue in this state and so it will continue until it is settled as it ought to be. Maine is by many reasons destined to become the greatest State in the Union, but no healthy and permanent expansion can be made until this eternal liquor question is settled."

"It is high time that Maine as a State removed herself from the ridiculous position she now occupies in the eyes of the nation on this half century of merely professed prohibition."

"An honest enforcement of the statewide prohibition amendment as it now stands is impossible when two out of three voters in our cities favor the thing that the law decrees a crime. You cannot expect local police officials to enforce a law under any such violent opposition on the part of two-thirds of the voters who have placed them in authority."

A number of thoughts suggest themselves after a perusal of the foregoing. One is that it is singular how so many of our northern friends are prone to resort to immoral devices in holding their elections, even when moral issues are involved. Another thought is that it can no longer be doubted that the people of Maine occupy an altogether anomalous position with respect to the liquor question.

SAGE ADVICE REVAMPED.

"As for large discourses," wrote Francis Bacon, "they are flat things, and not much noted." He remarks that short speeches "fly abroad like darts." American writers and speakers, conspicuous for their prolixity, would do well to keep in mind this admonition from one whose practice and precept were that brevity is the soul of wit. The national fault is brought forcibly to mind now that public discussion is again the order of the day, and the advice is especially commended to members of the coming congress.

Robert Louis Stevenson said a man who knew how to omit could make an illiad of a daily newspaper. A statesman who knows when to stop can make a "joy forever" out of a tariff speech.

Columbia State: "Li Hung Chang has a rare ability to scent the popular side. The sly old man interrogation point is now taking the side of the Chinese rebels." Thus the Danville Register. In the pre-Homeric age when great Hector and the son of Thetis backed each other's breastplates far on the ringing plains of windy Troy, it was the custom of the gods on Olympus, according to the Chian bard, to take sides in the conflict below. It is interesting, therefore, to know that the Chinese pantheon to which the Register intimates Li Hung Chang is translated—confirms this partisan interest in mundane affairs. We surmise that the intelligence of Li's action was conveyed in a "grapevine" dispatch from Confucius, on whose bosom he has been sporting these ten years."

In other words, the Register doesn't know Wu it's talking about.

"But 'murder will out.' The guilty party will see no peace and will be brought to justice," said the Raleigh News and Observer. "Let us hope so," comments the Stateville Landmark; "but when one thinks of the unavenged murders, right here in North Carolina, not to speak of the country at large, he is forced to admit that the News and Observer is taking counsel of its hopes rather than judging the future by the past." "At least six murders," the Concord Tribune says, "have been committed in Cabarrus county within the past 18 or 19 years for which no one has suffered punishment. In some of the cases not

AN EYE FOR AN EYE.

Governor Mann's concise and convincing statement of reasons for his refusal to step between Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., and the death to which the courts have condemned him, is a state paper which many sentimentalists could with profit peruse. Punishment, holds Governor Mann, should be commensurate to the crime. Regarding Beattie as the cruel and deliberate murderer of the woman he was sworn to cherish and protect, Governor Mann fails to see how he can, with due regard for his oath as an executive, in sympathy for the criminal's stricken relatives, save him from the laws of the State. He sees even in granting a respite, possibility of causing temporizing with the law to the detriment of society. But Governor Mann puts his case better than we can for him.

While I sympathize very profoundly

by with the father of H. C. Beattie, Jr., would be glad to help him if I could with proper regard for public interests. I cannot with any consideration for those interests interfere with the due execution of the court's sentence. . . . To grant a respite in so plain a case would be to set a precedent to temporize with the law and encourage appeals to the Supreme court with the sole purpose of gaining time. I believe the best way to prevent such crimes as this is to punish them adequately, certainly and speedily. Therefore the judgment of the Circuit court of Chatterfield will be carried into effect without interference from me.

Courts, swift-acting and just, acting through a yeoman jury and sustained by a firm executive, have taught this nonchalant wife slayer that society is yet able to protect itself—taught him and many another. Beattie seemingly is unable to realize the enormity of his crime or to comprehend the blackness of his future. But the effect of this vindication of the law will be incalculable. It may even offset the maudlin and half-admiring wonder at the stoicism of the "boy of iron nerve," at most evidence of the man's utter depravity.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

The ardent mayor of Norfolk, James G. Riddick, has just received a douche of ice water. Mr. Riddick attended the Deeper Waterways association convention at Richmond in October and was quoted as having emitted on that occasion the following sentiment: "I am from a southern city and am a southerner through and through. If I had one drop of northern blood in my heart, I would tear it out."

The board of aldermen of Mr. Riddick's city saw that at a recent meeting to repudiate this expression, and in doing so they showed themselves not only shrewd of the times and patriotic citizens, but true friends of the South, old and new.

This existing would have been non-existent 10 years ago, and that it should have been indulged in so inopportunistly by a man worthy to head an important city is almost incredible. The waterways convention was representative of north as well as south, and had for its purpose a development of vast moment to the entire Atlantic seaboard and the country at large. Such words would rankle in many a mind and create distrust of the interests the utterer purported to represent.

Such an attitude toward their northern brethren was foreign to those who gave the lost cause imperishable luster even in defeat; it is opposed to the overwhelming preponderance of sentiment in the south today; and the course of these assembled representatives of a people in condemning it cannot be too highly praised. Fourth-rate politicians have too long had free rein in militating against a united country. The south could utter no more pious prayer than that it be saved from its remarkable friends.

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even an arrest has been made."

There have been several in this section, one easily recalls two in about as many years.

"The boy without a playground is fater to the man without a job." Chicago has spent \$11,000,000 in the last 10 years, and New York \$15,000,000 in the same length of time, for playgrounds. Wonder if Asheville is going to wait to establish playgrounds for her children until it becomes as expensive as it has been in the cities mentioned? The Health Bulletin asks.

The extent of the happening in Charleston is gradually becoming known. It leaks out that Vincent Chicco was elected an alderman.

The Chinese rebel flag is white with a black rim. According to our researches in heraldry that means "hot wave."

A division of the Brown voley in Georgia—are the Smith family asleep?

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