

# The Licensed Saloon Is An Unmitigated Curse: Vote Against It May 26

As a crime-producer the licensed saloon is without parallel in history. As a home destroyer and wrecker of character it has no equal. It stands for all that is low in morals and bad in principle. It is a foe to schools and churches and a hindrance to business. It is indecent in character and is everywhere under the ban of good society. Children are warned by parents to shun it and it is the only business sanctioned by law where those who engage in it are ostracized socially. Saloon keepers are debarred membership in nearly all the fraternal orders and are not allowed to conduct their business near schools and churches. They are ruled against by the great railroad systems, banking institutions and business industries. To license them by law is wrong in principle and condemned in practice by the highest courts in the nation. The liquor traffic as it is carried on through licensed saloons is more destructive to human life than the three great curses of the world, war, famine and pestilence combined.

**Hell is Enlarged Because of Drink.**  
In no other place in the Word of God is there such a curse pronounced as in connection with drink and drunkenness. For no other curse is hell said to be enlarged.

"Voe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink that continue until night, until wine inflame them! And the harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe, and wine are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands. Therefore, my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge, and their honorable men are famished and their multitude increased with thirst. Therefore, hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure, and their glory and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejecteth shall descend into it." Isa. 5:11-14.

Hear what the highest court in the nation says about the liquor traffic:

**United States Supreme Court Decisions.**  
"No legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants. . . . Government is organized with a view to their preservation, and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for them." Stone vs. Mississippi, 191 U. S. 816.

"If the public safety or the public morals require the discontinuance of any manufacture or traffic, the hand of the legislature cannot be stayed from providing for its discontinuance by any incidental feature of a law which individuals or corporations may suffer."—Beer Co. vs. Massachusetts, 97 U. S. 32.

"The state cannot by any contract limit the exercise of her power to the prejudice of the public health and the public morals."—Butchers' Union Co. vs. Crescent City Co., 111 U. S. 751.

"There is no inherent right in a citizen to thus sell intoxicating liquors by retail; it is not a privilege of a citizen of a state or of a citizen of the United States."—Crowley vs. Christensen, 127 U. S. 89.

## THE SALOON.

**What it is and What it Does.**  
The saloon is a running sore on the body politic, a moral cancer on the conscience of the nation, an ulcer on the home. It is more destructive than the three curses of war, pestilence and famine.

The saloon is debauching, debasing and defiling; it is vicious, vile and villainous; it is false, foul and filthy. The saloon is the hot-bed of immorality and impurity; the source of poverty and pollution; the cesspool of cruelty, crime and corruption; and the cause of riot, revelry and ruin.

The evils of the saloon affect public order and public decency; public morals and public decency; they affect every man and every home, every business and every community.

The saloon sits supreme in the halls of congress, and almost every state legislature; it is the governing power; many courts of justice; it makes officers of the law its lackeys; it silences the legislature; it is a governing power in some pulpits the ministers of the gospel; it sits by some editors on the tripod, and dictates their leading articles.

It is destroying this government of the people and turning it into a government of the saloon, by the saloon, and for the saloon.

The saloon has neither honor or principle, it is savage and relentless, it dogs the step of its victim until he falls into its hungry jaws.

It is a sea-constrictor that coils itself around its prey, and squeezes all blood, many principles out of him. It is a sly snake, that bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. It is a jackal and hyena, a wolf, tiger and bloodhound. It is the child of the devil and the parent of vice. Its first-born is "Death!" and its last-born is "Despair!"

It is the foul and filthy fount of shame, the source of crime, the foe of man and the enemy of God.

It is a cruel despot, a heartless tyrant, an unfeeling master and an insatiable monster. It respects no law, regards no person and remembers no Sabbath. It makes sober men drunkards, rich men poor, honest men thieves and business men rascals.

It ruins character, engenders strife, encourages vice, creates criminals, crowds prisons, fills poorhouses, desolates homes, blights the purity of men, blasts the virtue of women, it wrecks bodies, ruins brains, poisons morality and debauches humanity.

The saloon is a pirate that preys on the wrecks of human hearts and homes. It is the rendezvous of criminals; there anarchists plot their devilry, and burglars plan their work, and thieves concoct their schemes, and gamblers ply their trade; there the harlot spreads her net to allure young men to the

stones, for they are only paupers that nobody owns," and bury them in "Potter's field."

Reader, if only a tenth part of this terrible picture of the saloon and its work were true, can you as a rational, intelligent, responsible being go to the polls and by your vote perpetuate its existence?

From the most reliable statistics that can be gathered from 75 to 99 per cent. of the crime before the courts comes directly from liquor. Seventy-five per cent. of the orphans in our orphanages are there from liquor.

Seventy-five per cent. of the paupers in our poorhouses are there from liquor.

An army of one hundred thousand drunkards are going to their graves every year from liquor. One out of every five of the young men of our land are drafted in annually to fill up this depleted army of drinkers and drunkards.

Will you be a party to a business which is so corrupting, so ruinous and so damnable, as to vote for its continuance.

Before you cast your vote, pause for a moment and ask yourself the question, am I willing to face this great wreck and ruin of humanity in the judgment as being by my vote a party to its consummation and ruin. Will you vote for the saloon?

Be sure to cast your vote on the 26th of May against the parasite of hell.

### Negro Insurance Organizer Goes to Roads

Special to The News.  
Raleigh, N. C., March 23.—State Insurance Commissioner James R. Young returned Saturday from Asheboro, Randolph county, where he went to participate in the prosecution of J. S. McMillen, colored, on the charge of defrauding negroes of that section in that he pretended to be getting up a life insurance company, collecting considerable money in stock and for other purposes.

He forged the name of the state commissioner of insurance to several receipts for money that he claimed to have paid over to the insurance commissioner after having collected it from his negro clients.

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**Mining Men in Session.**  
Seattle, Wash., March 22.—Leading mining men of the Pacific Northwest gathered in this city today for a two days' conference. Questions of importance to the mining interests are to be discussed, particularly the proposed revision of the Alaska mining laws, and steps will be taken to secure the next session of the American Mining Congress for this city, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon are represented at the present conference.

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