

# SALOONS AND CRIME: THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC TESTED BY ONLY TRUE STANDARD

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There is but one side to the question when it comes to viewing the licensed saloon as a producer of crime. The facts and figures gathered from many sources all tell the same story and are so overwhelming and convincing that they cannot be gainsaid or questioned. The licensed system is wrong in principle and should be abolished in the interest of the public good. If the liquor traffic can stand the test when measured by the standard of RIGHT and WRONG, then it has a right to existence, and should not be subjected to the heavy licenses and legal restrictions which are placed upon it.

On the other hand if the traffic cannot stand the test when measured by the standard of Right and Wrong, then it has no right to exist, either under license or without license.

This is not a question of expediency, of side-stepping or of party manipulation. The issue is clear-cut: Is the liquor traffic right or wrong? We shall judge it by its results. Even the highest courts of the land have pronounced against it. Hear the supreme court of the state of Kansas:

"Probably no greater source of crime and sorrow has ever existed than social drinking saloons. Social drinking is the evil of evils. It has probably caused more drunkenness and made more drunkards than all other causes combined, and drunkenness is a pernicious source of all kinds of crime and sorrow. It is a Pandora's box, sending forth innumerable ills and woes, shame and disgrace, indigence, poverty and want, social happiness destroyed, domestic broils and bickerings engendered; social ties sundered; homes made desolate; families scattered; heart-rending partings; sin, crime and untold sorrows; not even hope left, but everything lost; and everlasting farewell to all true happiness and to all the nobler aspirations rightfully belonging to every true and virtuous human being."

And now from the supreme court of Iowa:

"There is no statistical or economical proposition better established, nor one to which a more general assent is given by reading and intelligent minds, than this: that the use of intoxicating liquors, as a drink, is the cause of more want, pauperism, suffering, crime and public expense than any other cause—and perhaps it should be said that all other causes combined. Even those who are opposed to restriction oftentimes admit this truth. Every state applies the most stringent legal power to lotteries, gambling, keeping gambling houses and implements, and to debauchery and obscenity, and no one questions the right and justice of it; and yet how small is the weight of woe produced by all these united, when compared with that which is created by the use of intoxicating drinks alone."

Hear Judge Artman, of Indiana, in a recent decision:

"The natural tendency and the effect of the saloon business is dangerous and detrimental to public and private morals and to the peace and good order of society, and because of this fact it contravenes the fundamental principle of self preservation, and because it does this, it is unlawful and does not have the inherent right to exist. It can not legally exist at all, unless the state can sell and delegate the right of existence. The state is organized for the self preservation of its citizens in health, morality and safety. It is organized to enforce the right and prohibit the wrong. This is the paramount duty of the state to its constituent members, and it cannot surrender the execution of it for a price. It is the imperative duty of the state to exercise the police power for the promotion and preservation of the public health, the public safety, the public and private morals and the general welfare."

In these remarkable decisions of state courts we add one from the supreme court of the United States:

"By the general concurrence of opinion of every civilized and Christian community, there are few sources of crime and misery to society equal to the dram shop, where intoxicating liquors, in small quantities, to be drunk at the time, are sold indiscriminately to all parties applying. The statistics of every state show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits obtained at these retail liquor saloons than to any other source."

Here are some significant figures from the state of Virginia:

"Statistics compiled from the report of the board of directors of the Virginia penitentiary for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1906:

"Percentage of prisoners committed from dry and wet territory during the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1906:

"1. The 46 counties without any form of license had one person committed to the penitentiary for every 3,122 of population.

"2. The 26 additional counties without saloons, but with distilleries, dispensaries, or some form of license, had one committed for every 4,692 of the population.

"3. The 28 counties with saloons had one committed for every 2,913 of the population."

From the State of Georgia.

The following facts and figures were published from this state before it adopted prohibition:

"The keeper of the Georgia penitentiary shows that in four leading counties in the state will sell whiskey there is one person in the penitentiary to every 319 of their population, whereas out of four counties which have no bar rooms there is one criminal to 1,898 of the population. He shows also that from the whiskey counties in the

state there is an average of six negroes in the penitentiary to one from the dry counties.

"Furthermore, the superintendent of the Georgia insane asylum shows that 50 per cent. of the insane come from the few whiskey counties as against all the balance of the state.

"In Waycross, Ga., a railroad town, for 16 years the town has had a \$30,000 license. There are no bar rooms. It is a town of about 10,000 population. They have only four police. Ninety per cent. of the white people own their own homes. It is a city free from pauperism. Ninety-three per cent. of the children attend school. It has 20 churches; one rarely hears profane swearing there, nor is a drunken man seen there on an average of once in three months. Two large railroad shops are operated there because the men are more reliable than in liquor towns. Saloons, Much Vice and Crime! Not Saloons, Not Much Vice and Crime!"

From Massachusetts.

From figures given by Hon. Carroll D. Wright, D. D., L. L. D., United States commissioner of labor, it is shown that during a period of 20 years that 84 per cent. of the crime committed in the state of Massachusetts was directly traceable to liquor.

"The clerks of all criminal courts in that state are required by law, under oath, to render an accurate account of all criminal sentences and their causes to the secretary of the commonwealth. Let these men of state speak on their oaths, and listen to what they say."

"The sworn statements of these state officials, running through 20 years, show that the whole number of crimes of that state for 20 years was 578,348. Of this great number of crimes, tried and convicted criminals as the result of the crimes, 84 per cent. was due to liquor. That is to say, of the 578,348 criminals, 485,812 were committed as the result of liquor drinking."

"Again, in 1880 an examination was made in the nine criminal courts of Suffolk county, Massachusetts, for one year. That examination resulted in showing that that year in three courts 16,887 persons had been convicted of crime. Of these criminals 85 per cent. was due to liquor. Or, of 16,797 crimes committed, 14,462 were the result of liquor."

"Again in 1895 the legislature of Massachusetts directed the bureau of statistics of labor to make a similar investigation. This investigation showed that in that year there were 26,672 convictions of crime in that state. And of this number 22,514 were chargeable to liquor. Or, 84 per cent. It was further shown in this examination that if the temperate habits of all these criminals were taken into account, 25,000 of the whole number were liquor drinkers of temperate habits, or 94 per cent. of all the crime that year in that state was due directly or indirectly to the liquor business."

Records From Illinois.

"Take five counties in southern Illinois in which there is one saloon. These five counties had, in 1904, 98,115 population. From these counties there were in the penitentiary 17 persons. One to every 5,771 of the population. Madison county has 64,695 population, and 61 persons in the penitentiary, one for every 1,060 population. St. Clair county, with a population of 46,985, has 145 persons in the penitentiary, one to every 292 of its population. This makes the saloon centers to have eight times as many criminals in the penitentiary as the counties where there are no bar rooms, and of course, the cost eight times greater."

"In Christian county, Ill., there are four incorporated towns that sell whiskey, and 84 per cent. of the crimes of that county are committed in these towns where the saloons exist, and yet the tax from which comes the prosecution of criminals is 80 per cent. of the country districts where there are no saloons. There is taxation without representation, isn't it?"

If it were necessary a book could be compiled with hundreds of pages of facts equally as strong and convincing as these and not exhaust the supply. There is but one verdict, "The Saloon does it." It has no place in civilized society and is less tolerable by far than idolatry or slavery in their vilest forms. Go to the polls on the 26th of May and blot out this vile cess pool of iniquity.

WILD GEESSE.

(Clinton Scollard in the Bohemian for April.)

Along the ocean's shingly edge,  
Althwart the turquoise sweep of sky,  
The wild geese in a winged wedge  
Go darkling by.

From far lagoons beplumed with palm,  
By cove and cape, by bluff and bay,  
Through depths of storm, through vast  
Of calm,

They speed their way.  
The pharo flashes on their flight;  
They need not heed its beckoning  
beam;

The great North, stretching weird and  
white,  
Lures like a dream.

Lures, and they answer to the call;  
Charms, and they yield them to the  
spell,

Moved ever by a subtle thrall  
Inscrutable.

Do you not feel it, comrade, too,  
The inescapable delight,  
The mounting rapture, that bids you  
Take vernal flight?

Grace begets grace.—Sophocles.

## Sour Stomach

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## REPUBLICANS OF TENN. FOR TAFT

Nashville, Tenn., March 24.—Delegates and visitors are arriving in Nashville in readiness for the Republican state convention which is to meet tomorrow to nominate presidential electors, delegates-at-large to the national convention and candidates for the state executive bench.

It is taken for granted that the convention will follow the example of the state committee and endorse President Roosevelt's administration and the presidential candidacy of Secretary Taft.

The Republicans of Tennessee, like those of New York and various other states, are badly split by factional differences, but this is not expected to interfere with the plans for a Taft endorsement. The leaders of the two factions are Congressman W. P. Brownlow on the one hand and H. Clay Evans, formerly pension commissioner and consul general at London, on the other.

Evans is an enthusiastic Taft man and while the support of Brownlow is not of the same warm variety he is not expected to put anything in the way of the Taft candidacy. Representative Brownlow at heart is believed to favor the candidacy of Speaker Cannon and should the Chicago convention fail to nominate Taft it is probable that Brownlow, who will be a delegate from his district, will endeavor to swing the Tennessee delegation into line for Cannon. The name of Speaker Cannon, in fact, is heard more often in Tennessee than that of Governor Hughes, who is comparatively little known to this section of the country.

But as the situation now looks a substantial majority of the 531 delegates to tomorrow's convention will be for Taft. The personal of the delegates-at-large has not been definitely determined as yet. The understanding is that no federal holder is to have a place in the delegation eliminates many of the most prominent Republican leaders of the state. At present the men most prominently mentioned for delegates-at-large appear to be State Chairman Newell, chairman of the executive committee, Sanders and Robert Haggard, a lawyer of Wayne county.

"Jacobi Memorial Dormitory."

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—At Goldsboro today the special committee having in hand the movement for erecting some memorial to the lamented Nathaniel Jacobi at the Odd Fellows Orphanage of which he was such a devoted promoter, met today and perfected its plans for recommending to the next grand lodge of the memorial take the form of a "Jacobi Memorial Dormitory." E. P. Albee of Winston-Salem is the chairman of the committee.

"Miss Sharpe—Verá," he stammered, "you must know why I've been calling here so much; why I sit here in the parlor with you night after night."

"I suppose, Mr. Kloseman," the girl interrupted, "it's cheaper to do that than take me out anywhere."  
Catholic Standard and Times.

—Malice supplies the want of age—Latin.

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## Louisiana Sunday Schools

Baton Rouge, La., March 24.—The twenty-second annual convention of the Louisiana State Sunday School Association opens in this city tonight for a session of three days. Several hundred delegates have arrived, all parts of the state being represented. Special trains brought large delegations from New Orleans, and Shreveport. Visitors upon their arrival in the city were taken to convention headquarters, where they were assigned to private families who were entertaining.

The state executive committee met this afternoon to complete the final details of the convention program. A big welcome demonstration this evening marks the formal opening of the gathering. In addition to State President T. W. Holloman and Mayor W. H. Bynum, the speakers at the initial session will include official representatives of the State Sunday School Association of Texas, Mississippi and Kentucky. Professor E. O. Excell is here to direct the musical features of the program. The regular order of business, including the annual reports from officers and committees, will be taken up tomorrow morning.

## ALCOHOL FROM NATURAL GAS.

A New Process Invented to Provide for Cheaper Product.

A patent has been issued to Dr. Henry Spencer Blackmore, an industrial chemist of Washington, D. C., for converting natural gas into alcohol. Manufacturing interests in the United States are making inquiry to the bureau of manufactures in regard to this new method of producing alcohol, and the following abstract of a letter from Dr. Blackmore is therefore presented:

"I have devised a process of converting natural gas, which contains on an average 96 per cent. methane, into alcohol by the action of limited portions of oxygen or air in the presence of a heat-absorbing fluid, such as steam, which prevents complete combustion and maintains the temperature below the decomposing point of alcohol, the oxidation being induced and maintained by passing the gaseous ingredients through an electrically heated gauze.

"By subjecting natural gas to a limited or restrained oxidation or combustion in this manner, it is converted directly into alcohols and dehydrogenated alcohols known as aldehydes, the aldehyde of methane alcohol (wood alcohol) being known as formaldehyde. The product, therefore, is a mixture methyl alcohol, containing a small portion of formaldehyde, which can be readily separated. If the combustion is properly regulated and controlled, 5,000 feet of natural gas will produce approximately 50 gallons of alcohol produced in this manner would only be 25 to 50 cents for raw material.

"A plant demonstrating the commercial value of this process will shortly be erected in western Pennsylvania, probably at Bradford."

The Boston babe  
They tried with Greek  
Whereat he raised  
A peevish shriek.

But nurse came,  
And nurse knowed;  
She soothed him with  
A Sanskrit ode.  
—Kansas City Journal.

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