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STOP THIS LIQUOR EVIL.

It is an open secret, a stern reality, a humiliating and exasperating fact that our local option laws are being more and more trampled upon. Liquor can be had too much at a sly call. Prohibition is probably farther from a success now than for the 12 or 14 years since its adoption in Concord. Not that the sentiment for it is weakening. Not that the temperance forces cannot be marshalled for its defense in one sturdy, irresistible phalanx as ever, but that through a combination of circumstances and unfavorable environments the cause seems to suffer some abuse.

It is not the purpose of this article to sound a bugle call that shall rally these forces, but rather to avert the necessity of putting the battle in array. There should be no need of it.

Our appeal is chiefly to those engaged in the unlawful, destructive business. You who are slyly dealing out this forbidden drink, you know full well that you are carrying a guilty, tormenting fear of just punishment. You know that you are violating the laws of the community that gives you protection and safety and takes care of you when you are unable to care for yourself. You know the weaknesses of those addicted to the drink habit and that they have not the manliness to resist. You know that the means that ought to go to feed and clothe poor children and dry the floods of tears from distressed and hopeless wives and mothers come to you in secret guilt and shame. Can you look upon your helpless victims and know the evil you cause and yet persist? If so do you think you are placing yourselves one whit above the lower beasts in the destruction of soul?

You may put up any and all kinds of supposed reasoning and justification of your action, but ask yourself if you are willing to carry this sense of guilt into eternity. You may say you do not believe in an eternity. From the highest civilization to the lowest savagry this instinctive sense of a hereafter exists and if you will be honest with yourself you will admit your belief in it.

Be assured that our pen can not present to you a tithe of the rich rewards of a better life nor the harrowing torments for such as you who make this earth a hell for your victims and their wives and children, all for the profits there is in the business.

If we could picture to you, yourselves engulfed in a lake of endless misery, with each of these whom you have helped to ruin

and whom you have kept good people from reforming, thrusting you through with hot daggers of reproach and tearing your flesh with burning tongs as you are tearing the hearts of wives and children with your griping their scanty means, we say if we could draw this picture and present it, it would doubtless be but a tithe of what awaits you.

Now for the sake of all that makes you better than the brutes about you, do stop this vile business.

But know ye, if you have no heart to feel for others' woes, no soul to aspire to higher ends, no aspirations to make for yourselves beds on which to rest with honest contentment, that when your course has brought unbearable evil, you will find yourselves in the clutches of the law. Then you will whine as those persecuted, but it is to be hoped that no judge will again be found to be more lenient to you than just to those who cry for protection from you. It is to be hoped that no lawyer will stoop from his high duty and privilege of securing justice to his clients to that of making detection odious and fair witnesses appear vile, only to screen you from well-merited punishment.

This evil should be checked. We are aware that no appeal can reach some, while others can and will be reached. Let every city official whose special duty it is to suppress the evil address himself to the task. Back of these is the power that appoints these officials. Besides the oaths of office, beside the welfare of the generation now in the dangerous paths of youth and the tender ones that need protection from the consequences of this growing evil, the eyes of the good citizenship of the town are peering to see where they may detect the dereliction of duty and the responsibility for the crime. It will not be easy to establish official innocence while this wicked traffic is stalking almost to the degree of boldness.

A NORTHERN MAN TELLS IT.

Mr. D H Harnley, a native of Illinois, was, in Wilmington at the great crisis and wrote up the affair for The State Register, of Springfield, Ill. It is one of the strongest productions on the line that we have seen yet. It is copied in the Sunday's issue of the Charlotte Observer. It has the force of candor and fairness about it, as well as a grasp of true statesmanship, in strong contrast with the narrow sentimentalism often betrayed by those desperately afraid the negro will be wronged in not being allowed to oppress and intimidate everybody about him.

Mr. Harnley found himself taking a manly part as every patriotic non-office-warped citizen would have been. He says not one negro was disturbed who was not himself the aggressor or who refused to submit to the harmless requirements of those determined to free themselves from an unbearable condition and that the humblest negro could secure a safe escort to his home if he wanted it.

The affair was doubtless one of the most orderly revolutions on record, and in its effects one of the most complete solutions of a problem that might have resulted in fatalities a hundred fold

worse.

Mr. Harnley, a Northern man, saw and grasped the situation and even acted upon it as any high grade specimen of manhood would have done.

What a rebuke to a man like Senator Pritchard and a few others that would let all classes in the State go to moral, social and financial ruin to secure self-aggrandizement.

MR. SHIPMAN FOR CLERK.

Mr. M L Shipman, of Hendersonville, is a candidate for a clerkship in the coming legislature. Mr. Shipman is highly endorsed by Chairman Simmons, Hon. W T Crawford, Hon. Locke Craige, Hon. James H Merriman, Hon. Charles F Toms and others.

The President's message appears in full in today's issue of the large dailies. It is too voluminous to give more than a passing notice today. It is comprehensive and exhausting (especially to read) embracing more than 17,000 words. It dwells much on the momentous events of the year with some recommendations. No reference is made to the Carolina troubles.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants and use that which cleanses soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. A trial size will be mailed for 10 cents, large for 50 cents. All druggists keep it. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

The Daily Register, of Columbia, S. C., has suspended. Financial embarrassment seems to be the trouble.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A C Thomas, of Marysville Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at P B Fetzer's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

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THE
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QUAIL ON TOAST IS A SPECIALTY WITH US.



ELY'S CREAM BALM is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; sample 10c, by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City.

WANTED—Fifty carloads of cotton seed. Will pay highest market price. Jno. K Patterson.

D. J. BOSTIAN.

This - Week's - Specials:

THE RACKET.

BRANCH STORE.

77 Solid Gold Rings, plain and assorted; stone and pearl settings at 98c to \$3 each.
Ladies' Shirt Waist Pins 2 for 5 cents and up.
Ladies' Long Watch Chains at 68c to \$5.
Belt Buckles from 25 to 98 cents.
Nice assortment of Breast Pins 5c to \$1.48.
Assorted lot of Lock Bracelets.
89 inch Sea Island at 3 1/2 cents.
7 1/2 cent gingham, finished at 5 cents.
Big lot of childrens, ladies and gents Black Hosiery at 5c per pair.
Embroidery Scrim at 15c per yard.
Filo, Twisted and Rope Silk and Gold Embroidery threads at 3c per skein.
Common Embroidery Silk at 1/2c.
Crochet cotton, 200 yards, 5c per spool.
Imitation Silk 4c per spool.
Silk Crochet Thread 5c per spool.

\$2.25 Crokinole boards for \$1.08.
New Lot of framed pictures, assorted, flowers and fruits 8x16 inches, only 10c.
1 yard of flowers framed 24 cents.
1 yard of flowers framed with glass 48c.
China Cake plates at 15 to 98c.
See our stock of China ware; it is the largest stock of odd pieces ever shown in Concord.
Solid Silver paper cutter and book mark at 25c.
Large assortment of Toys, Dolls, Vases, Books, Lamps, etc.
Come and see our stock. You can buy as nice a present for 25c now as you will get latter on for 40 or 50 cents; not that they will be higher, but the special bargains will be sold before the usual Holiday trade commences to buy.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

D. J. Bostian.

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