

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

TRUE COURAGE

To stand by one's convictions, right in the face of long established custom displays a beauty more admired than it can be imagined, who faces the common world for he by no means stands alone but knows that he will receive support from millions of people. But to stand alone and brave the stigma of being called a heretic. The traffic in alcohol has increased and is growing on or off the roads, the increase of population is increasing and, while the public and traffic unjustly burden every legitimate industry, imposes heavy taxation upon honest labor, ruins social life, hinders crime, breeds pauperism, antagonizes the people, corrupts politics, nullifies laws of humanity to good government and is a curse to State and, nation. The policy of licensing and traffic has proved a policy of perpetuation instead of suppression, with the result that all its alarming conditions are repeated and, whereas, we believe license not only non-restrictive in fact, but immoral in principle debasing in practice, criminal in effect, and an unworthy national law; and that such prohibition, to be effective, must be based in the organic foundation of nation and state, and be secured through and be guaranteed by a positive party;

Resolved. That as all secondary matters are treated by political parties from the standpoint of expediency, between the two old parties of our former affiliation this question of the liquor traffic is and must remain secondary, and as we can no longer support either of these old parties in North Carolina and the nation, with out endangering saloon influences encouraging corruption of the saloon in politics and leading to perpetuate that power, we do hereby declare the independence of a new party with a combination of the traffic its prime consideration, urge and call upon all to unite its prompt and strong organization everywhere, and for it we invite the vote of all intelligent business and the sympathy of all others.

The Safe Ballot speaks as follows upon the fact that the career of high officials is cut short: "What is the matter? There is evidently something wrong with men in high official posts. Disease breaks them down, or death removes them. Few of them live for business half their time. Of course the very same malignant influence is at work wrecking health and shortening life amongst business men; but they do not come to the surface as in higher stations."

What is the matter? Hard, honest toil, either intellectually or physically; either in private or public station, if accomplished by the national stimulus of good health without the resort to artificial stimulation never breaks men down so early and rapidly, as is now the case, not only at Washington, but throughout the nation.

Why not tell the truth at once? Why evade the facts, as the ostrich is said to do, by sticking its head in the sand? Will that do the individual or the nation any good? Why tell the country that Mr. L. is growing too obese, dull, lethargic and apathetic? Why tell that Mr. K. is getting too tired, is not sleeping, insomniac and a whole train of nervous complications? Why say that Mr. L. has Bright's disease, or that Mr. H. is threatened with softening of the brain? What we all want to know is, the cause of this extraordinary mental and physical ruin, and alarming death record in our public men.

Could the liquor traffic enlighten the country upon this subject? Have presents of "fine, smooth, old whiskies," anything to do with it? Have baskets of wine, and champagne usurped a hand in it? Could the blighting, criminalizing and hideously deforming products of the brewer, "a tale unfold" upon the subject?

Prohibitionist:—Permit me through your columns to give a brief account of our success at the Temperance picnic on Easter Monday the 11th, 1887, at Saxon Shaw. The four Unions, viz., Saxon Shaw, Spring, Caubus and Cedar Cliff met at the place appointed. We were glad to meet so large an audience, among all of whom so much interest was manifested. Accommodations had been prepared in the grove. The congregation were called together by song. After which Samuel E. Woody was nominated and elected President, who opened the services by reading a portion of scripture followed by prayer.

Sarah J. Woody was appointed Sec. and Marshal was appointed to arrange the trees and perform the other duties common to that office.

Then the exercises for the day were entered upon. We were well entertained by an address of welcome delivered by A. Moore, followed by Speeches, Deb. Essays and songs, at an intermission of an hour we girded. When a table, 12 feet long, which had been prepared for the occasion was already provided, the refreshments were served in from the different Union halls. In kindness a signal being given, the people formed in a line around it, and after a blessing had been invoked we partook freely of the refreshments. A towards a short time was spent in friendly conversation. We were then called together, and when the exercises were finished, the bandadon was pronounced and the people began to separate. Good order was observed throughout the day. We feel that the lessons of the day were not in vain. The Temperance cause is steadily advancing through this section. We hope the time will soon come when the evil of intemperance will be forever banished from our land. Then a new heaven and a new earth will surround us with beauty and glory over with glory, for the old will have passed away."

SARAH J. WOODY, Sec.

STATE PROHIBITION PLAT-FORM.

Greensboro, Dec. 10, 1887.
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tutions, made necessary by such

crime and pauperism, for unproduc-

tive life resulting from it, for unpro-

ductive labor involved in it and the

enormous waste inevitable under it,

with political corruption its legiti-

mate child, public abuses its natural

brood, profitable production dis-

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of consumption limited, the equitable

adjustment of public burdens made

impossible, and every material and

moral interest enforced by its organi-

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dealers themselves more closely in

volve the welfare of all the people

and is of far greater concern to state

and nation, than any other or all

other issue now politically recog-

nized as that as such it deserves

and for it we may justly claim the

acceptance of every candid citizen.

Resolved. That we deem unwise

and unpatriotic the course of any

state or city, or any locality or State,

which denies the vital relationship

of Prohibition to our nation at large

and which proclaims it a local issue

only, to be settled by each locality or

state in its own way; that as the na-

tional government alone can prohibit

importation and inter-state transpor-

tation, has full jurisdiction over each

territory and the District of Colum-

bia and claims a share in the profits

of every liquor-seller in the Union,

we reiterate our demand for national

sovereignty over the liquor traffic to

suppress it, instead of to legalize, to

protect and to perpetuate it.

Resolved. That we recognize in

such demand the new national issue

needed in our politics, to overcome

sectional bitterness, to unite Northern

and Southern patriotic sentiment

and to promote those conditions of

political amity essential to national

peace and prosperity.

Resolved. That, with confidence

in the justice of our cause, with faith

in God and prayer for divine guid-

ance, we will go forward from this

day, embodying Prohibition in our

ballot-box, as everywhere, in govern-

mentality and economy in govern-

mentality of citizenship, and the no-

nonsense rebuilding of the State.

Resolved. That to be made. Our

cause and return to us, we

will send you first something of great val-

ue and importance to you, that will start

you in business, while still being not in

more money right away than a working

man in the city, and can do well

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