

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.
A-BIT OF A BIBLE READING
FOR LOCAL UNIONS.

E. B. CARTER in Union Signal.
It is written in I Cor. 4: 7: "For we have this treasure in earthen vessels," therefore, never expect that your president shall be faultless. Never require that your president shall stand alone and bear all the worry and care, hold up her hands, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6: 2.

"Let all evil speaking be put away from you." Sisters if you have not enough grace to abstain from evil speaking for the Master's sake, then do so because it is the badge of an empty mind which has no small range of thought that it may be personal and mean. If a member be overtasked in a serious fault, pray for her and then deal with her as Christ "bade" concerning the offending brother in Matt. 18: 15: "Go tell him his fault between thee and him alone." If he will not, take up in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted," Gal. 6: 1.

"As much as lieth in you, live peaceably." Rom. 12: 18. Do not go to a business meeting in a selfish, quarrelsome mood. Take with you their sons of the charity that does not "behave itself unseemly, and that beareth all things."

"Provide things honest in the sight of all men," you little think with what a keen intent calculating when the world is watching this, the greatest woman's movement of all time. "Let not your good be evil spoken of." "Be not quick to take offense." There are women in every association who are never happy unless they have a grievance. Because some small thing does not please you, do not be ready to flog the out of meeting, and to emphasize your displeasure by declaring that "you will never come again." Such conduct is unworthy of you. Do the womanly thing; we believe all hell laughs when a white ribbon woman drops from the ranks from some selfish, personal reason.

"Be not envious (Eph. 3) of the gifts which are given to her, but be proud of her joy in her, and thank God for her, but do not hurt nor hinder her with your envy; neither despise the unmarried sister, one of the best leaders of our gospel temperance meeting, who cannot write her name. "Not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble are called." I Cor. 1: 26. Do not be envious for place or office, whosoever fill the ranks; you let him be your servant." Matt. 20: 27. Never think any service menial that you do for the cause, or for one another. There is little choice of work. We once saw two refined women scrub a hall to get it in readiness for a temperance meeting. We thought it beautiful, for it was "by God's law." "If I then, your Lord and master, have washed your feet, ye ought to wash one another's feet." Jno. 13: 14, continue to love one another for love coveteth a multitude of peccadillo and putteth away bitterness. By this all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Jno. 13: 35. Pray for Spirit. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace, long suffering and gentleness. All our prayers are not answered, we ask for such poor gifts sometimes; but for this best gift of the Spirit there is a sure promise, see Luke 11: 10.

Sisters beloved we have quoted these old, old texts which are forever new to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance for we greatly desire that the "God of peace will make you perfect in every good work to do." His will?

What does drink cost the glory of England in the execution of her name over whole continents, and the rum at her efforts among whole populations? If Mahomedans see one of their number drunk they have been known to say, "He had left Mahomed and gone to Jesus." The Hindoos have said by the life of their eloquent representative Kesab Chunder Sen, that all the benefits of our English rule in India have been nullified and counterbalanced by our teaching them the use of beer and brandy, that the wailing of widows rends the air of India with curses against the British government for having introduced this thing.—Canton Herald.

It is unpardonable cowardice in public men to hide their heads in the sand, when their people are pained unto ruin by a great public wrong.

STATE PROHIBITION PLATFORM.

Greensboro, Dec. 10, 1885.
Whereas: The traffic in alcoholic liquors has own and is growing out of all ratio to the increase of population in this country; and,

Whereas: said traffic unjustly burdens every legitimate industry, imposes a heavy taxation upon honest labor, and social life, begets crime, breeds pauperism, antagonizes the church, corrupts politics, nullifies law, is a menace to good government and a peril to State and;

Whereas: The policy of licensing and traffic has proved a policy of perpetuity of all its alarming conditions and results; and,

Whereas: We believe license not only a more restrictive law, but more a principle of deterring in practice, criminal in effect, and an unwarranted 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 guaranteed by a political party;

Resolved: That as all secondary matters are treated by political parties from the standpoint of expediency; as with the two old parties of our former government the question of the liquor traffic is and must remain a secondary point to us; and as no former support either of these old parties, in North Carolina and the nation, with out endorsing saloon influences, encourages the power of the saloon; the imperative necessity for a new party, with prohibition of the traffic its prime object, we urge and will labor to secure the prompt and thorough organization everywhere, and for it we invite the votes of all who cast ballots, and the sympathy of all others.

Resolved: That with the liquor traffic costing over two thousand million dollars annually for liquors bought and drunk, for crime and pauperism growing out of their consumption, for judiciary and constabulary and penal and charitable institutions, made necessary by such crime and pauperism, for unproductive life resulting from it, for unproductive labor involved in it, and the enormous waste inevitable under it, with political corruption its legitimate child, public abuses its natural brood, profitable production discounted because of it, helpful consumption limited, the equitable distribution of wealth, and the equitable adjustment of public burdens made impossible, and every material and moral interest injured by its organized selfishness, the issue of its prohibition, already fixed in politics by the repeated action of the liquor dealers themselves, more closely involve the welfare of all the people and is of far greater concern to state and nation, than any other issue.

Resolved: That we deem unwise and unpatriotic the course of any man or party, 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 national government alone can prohibit importation and inter-state transportation, has full jurisdiction over each territory and the District of Columbia 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 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 amenity essential to national peace and perpetuity.

Resolved: That with confidence in the justice of our cause, with faith in God and prayer for divine guidance we will go forward from this day, embodying Prohibition in our ballot-box, as every where, in favor of sobriety and economy in government, of equal citizenship, and the noble upbuilding of the State.

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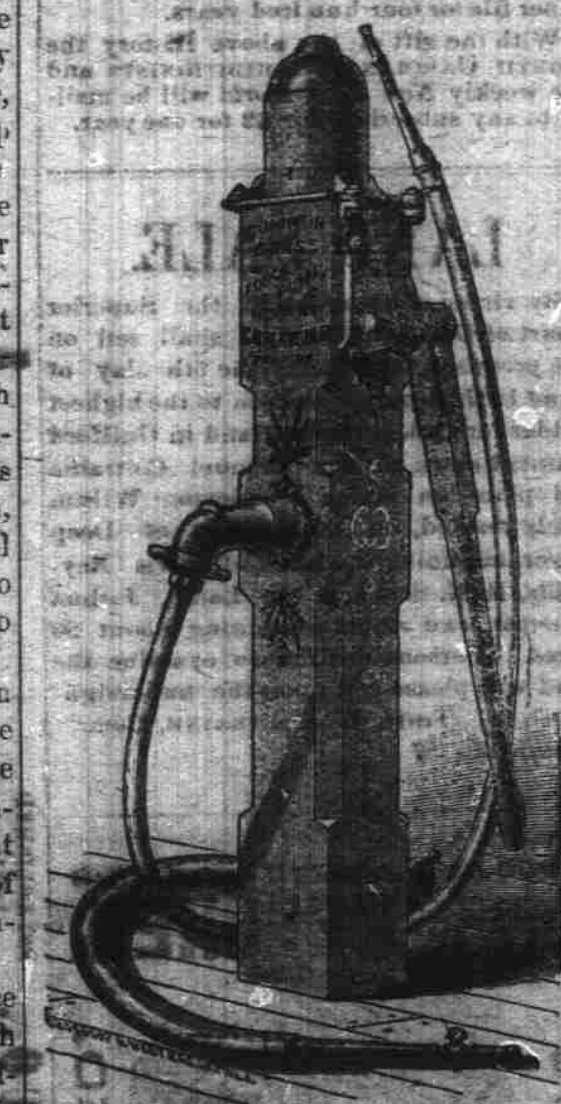
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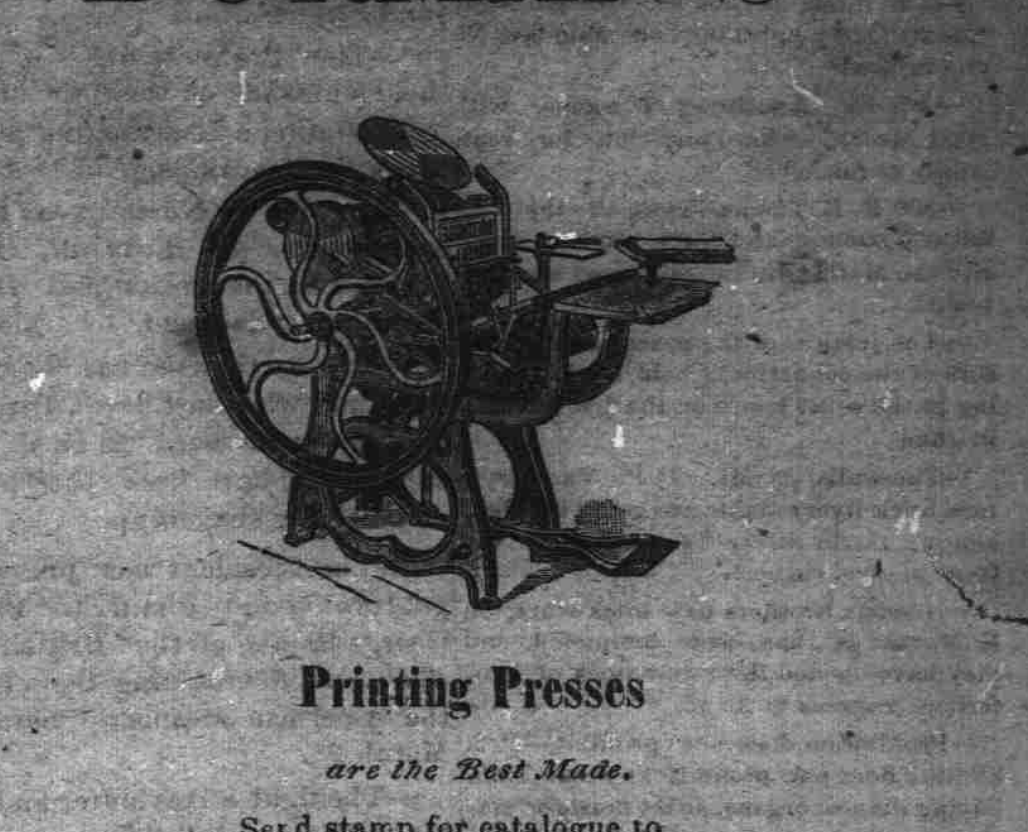


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