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Virginia Prohibitionists, do not fail to attend the State Convention at Staunton Sept. 23rd.

We urge our friends in Virginia to attend the Prohibition State Convention which will be held in Staunton on the 23rd inst. Do not let trifles keep you away.

The Prohibitionists are going to make a desperate effort to carry the earth. They have the nerve to tackle it. They are represented by two hundred and thirty-six Prohibition papers with large circulations.

Nine high-license preachers in America out of ten see high license because nine-tenths of their leading members are high-license members.

IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST, THERE WILL BE NO UNCERTAINTY SOUND IN OUR COURSE IN EXPOUNDING THE GREAT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, ADVOCATING TEMPERANCE AND OPPOSING PROHIBITION—Greensboro Patriot.

Big thing! The New York State Convention attended by 918 regularly elected delegates, besides about as many alternates, all of whom paid their own expenses.

While Mr. Jefferson Davis may be losing some admirers through his celebrated Anti-Prohibition letter, he is winning as many in unexpected quarters.

A colored man at a fork in the road, being told that one road went to hell and the other to perdition, cried out "Den dis niggah 'll take to de woods!"

'Tis the same way with the old parties. Says the Democratic party in the Kansas City Times: "It is Texas that has rushed to the rescue of Democracy."

Says the Republican party in the Chicago Tribune: "The Republicans in 1888 are going to fight prohibition with all the weapons known to civilized warfare."

As St. John said three years ago it is one run party with two heads and they might as well move into one house and so save rent.

Over the Texas defeat the Washington Sentinel (Brewers' Organ) sings the regular Democratic chorus. "The cause of personal liberty has been triumphant in the Lone Star State. Prohibition and slavery have been defeated by an immense majority. All hail to the noble men who led the fight! They will never be forgotten for what they have done is not in behalf of one class or interest, but for liberty and the whole country."

If every anti-saloon man, woman, and child were to emigrate in a body out of Tennessee, leaving the whiskeyites in charge of the State in all the departments of secular or religious enterprises, bats would tenant the churches, banks would be bankrupt, schools would be scholarless, no man with money or morals would dare enter the State, and a first-class hell on earth would soon be in full blast, and yet these are the men who now clamor to conquer and rule Tennessee. Shall they do it? Your vote must answer in September—Issue.

There is a certain uniformity of expression in the Democratic press as to the liquor issue which is so marked as to suggest that a campaign stereotype phrase had been expressed to all Democratic offices. The Patriot uses it, and then the Washington Post (Dem.), "favors temperance but opposes prohibition, a position which is logical and consistent."

To favor temperance, but oppose prohibition, reminds one of an Irishman's opinion of a certain law when he replied that he was "entirely in favor of the law, but wholly opposed to its enforcement." Pretty straddle that!

Six hundred prominent Republicans in Iowa have bolted from that party putting up separate tickets on the ground that the party was too "dry." Only a year ago many left it for the Prohibition party on the ground of its being too "wet." All this comes from trying to be "all things to all men" for the sake of the official plumes.

Prohibition Dakota is kept a Territory although it is fully entitled to be admitted into the Union. There are very plausible rumors afloat that the reason it was not admitted was the opposition of the liquor lobby at Washington.

Sam Jones's Party. Sometimes a man gets where he is afraid he will hurt his party. I used to be a Democrat. I was born one, and raised one, and I stayed one as long as a Christian gentleman could.

We really pity the strained condition of our friends who are gripping Democracy with one hand, and Prohibition with the other. They must drop one of them, or holding fast to both, be torn asunder in the midst.

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The late campaign was unequalled in vigor and fierceness in the annals of Texas. Men who had been life-long friends denounced each other. Men who defended the same cause, marched under the same banner and fought the same enemy for a quarter of a century or more, divided on the question of Prohibition and treated each other as enemies.

More and more the thin veil of words is dropping, and the "anti-saloon" plank is appearing in its true meaning, an anti-Prohibition plank.

We have all along held that the drink habit fostered by the saloon, by keeping the hand laborer at starvation point and compelling him to work on any terms, is the chief foe of all workers.

The workman who drinks is a slave—a slave to that which has no protective ownership and no interest in his welfare. He is also a slave to his employer. A few days since a story was told the writer illustrating the truth of this statement: A friend engaged in moving employed three men, two of whom were in the employ of the third and well under the influence of liquor.

True of the Old Parties.

The question of Prohibition is not in any sense a partisan one as parties are now constituted. It may become an issue so overwhelming in interest as to divide the people of the country irrespective of present party lines; but either party attempting to climb into power by dishonesty making the issue will be beaten, and deserves to be.

AN UNPARALLELED OFFER. "DUTY UNTO DEATH; or Life and Work of Rev. Geo. C. Haddock, Apostle of Prohibition in the Northwest. By his brother John A. Haddock. The murder of this great pulpit and p'atform orator, and eloquent temperance champion, sent a thrill of horror through the Northwest and entire country.

How much longer will the good people of this country remain blind to the true character of the liquor traffic? and how much longer will it take the Prohibitionists in sentiment to see that the two old political parties are the helpless servants of the liquor men?

New York's Monster State Convention—The Greatest Prohibition Gathering Ever Known—Cyclones of Applause—A Magnificent Ticket—Large Gains in New York Assured.

CONESUS LAKE, N. Y., Aug. 30th. We are putting in two days of quiet and closing summer work here, before two weeks of rest preparatory to the fall campaign.

THE WHISKY PLANK. Waco Advance. MCKINNEY, TEXAS, August 19. In answer to your recent favor I have to say that the National Demo-

cratic platforms in several past Presidential canvasses have declared against sumptuary legislation. It was intended—and it seems to me that every intelligent Democrat must know the fact—to omit the party in opposition to Prohibition. The Prohibition party arraigned the Democracy for this opposition, and our leaders never denied the charge. The questions having been brought directly home to the people of Texas, the conviction is forced upon me that there is no alternative but to insert a plank in the next State Democratic platform unequivocally against Prohibition. In making this suggestion I would not be understood as wishing to read or drive any one out of the party. We are told Prohibition has come to stay. None are so blind as not to know that there is now, and has been for years, a national Prohibition party, and that such party will have a regular presidential ticket in the field in the coming campaign—not only so in respect to the nation, but in every State in the Union.

Very Respectfully, J. W. THROCKMORTON.

THE LIQUOR CONVENTION.

The fifth annual State Convention of the New York Wine, Liquor and Beer Dealers' Association was held last week in Brooklyn. About 200 delegates were present, representing an organization of 12,000 throughout the State. The following is the substance of the "platform" adopted by the Convention: "As it has become self-evident that, to preserve the liquor business in such a manner that it may be pursued without fear or favor, the enactment of unjust and fanatical laws must be prevented, and the existence of such on the statute books abrogated; the members must pledge themselves to defeat all candidates who will not give just and equitable laws to the trade, which, as honest merchants, they have a right to demand.

One of the significant incidents came early. Chairman Fred Wheeler had called the great body to order, and was drawing near the close of an admirable speech, maybe forty minutes long. They had cheered point after point with lavish approval and finally he mentioned the North's attitude toward the South and spoke of the pretended issue to be made of rebel flags.

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The platform caused a little discussion on Suffrage and minor issues, but was adopted substantially as reported from the Committee and with splendid unanimity. Its plank on suffrage will satisfy all our most radical friends, I believe, while separate plank puts every thing but Prohibition in subordinate place by declaring that the dominant issue and the only test of party fealty. The license plank declares that "to vote for license is to accept in the name of the State a bribe from the State's worst enemy, and that he who votes for a corrupt and corrupting system for the revenue it yields, is as guilty of a crime against the State as he who sells his vote to a corrupt candidate."

I have never seen a convention assemble with so nebulous views about candidates. For the five State offices to be filled, nobody's name was pressed. Some New Yorkers did urge T. Thomas Fortune, colored editor of the New York Freeman, for any place other than the first, but Mr. Fortune, has only cast in his political fortunes with us and wiser counsels agreed that to nominate him now would be unfortunate for him if not for the cause. We will not even appear to have won over a man with profers of preferment. In spite of the uncrystallized condition of party sentiment, when our men came together, a thoroughly fine ticket was selected Friday afternoon. It will be measured, of course, by its head and a better head no ticket has ever had.

The Evans' Reform Party Conference occurred on Wednesday, as per appointment. Seven men took part in it, counting Mr. C. A. Hammond, who acted as chairman, but said he was not committed to further separate action.

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