

Ford Talking On Prohibition Says Any Place Can Cleanse Blot of Booze

Dearborn Independent.

Every little while there is a flurry about prohibition. It would seem to be the liveliest and most important question of the day, if one were to judge by the quantity of printer's ink given to it. It would seem also to be the chief topic of conversation in church, legislature, theater and university, to read the news items of the daily papers. King Tutankhamen was almost as alive for a short time recently, and by the same means.

When one travels among the people—not the downtown class, not the club class, not the local politicians, nor any that judges the American people by a minority of degraded individuals—one gets quite a different view of the question. There are probably one hundred million people in the United States who go from day to day without the slightest consciousness of prohibition as a debatable problem; certainly it is not the all-absorbing topic of their conversation. Liquor may be sensed in the theater, the legislature, the newspaper—it is not sensed at all in the millions of homes which comprise

our country. This false atmosphere of importance is created by men who live in a limited environment who know "the crowd" but not "the people." Newspapers are especially illustrative of this fact. They are made downtown, but they are read out in the residential sections and in the suburbs; and the difference between downtown where "the crowd" is and the residence parts where "the people" are is so great that if editors should realize the liquor odor would be as carefully banished from the printed pages as from the individual breath.

The gap between the people and their leaders is great in every field, and growing greater, but nowhere is it more discernible than in this matter of liquor. Leaders are still for it and the people are now, as they ever have been, against it. When the gap becomes wide enough the people will put forth new leaders who have eyes to see the higher trends of the new time.

One has the privilege of withdrawing from the individual whose conversation, allusions, jokes, argument and interest center around liquor. We don't have to listen to him. He lacks an audience except among those of his kind. But the newspaper and theater seem to feel that they have a special mission to make the people listen in public to the kind of thing they reject in private. The people will not submit to this imposition once they understand how the wires are pulled.

In common decency the liquor generation should be allowed to die in silence. Its agonies should not be one of the daily topics of American journalism. Prohibition was not intended to save those who had willfully and gladly sold themselves to alcohol; it was intended to save the country and generations yet to come. There are a million boys growing up in the United States who have never seen a saloon and who will never know the handicap of liquor either in themselves or their relatives. And this excellent condition will go on spreading itself over the country when the "wet" press and the paid propagandists of booze are forgotten.

There are, of course, aspects of the question which will come up for discussion in the future, but

they will emerge from a "dry" country and not, as at present, from a "wet" propaganda. There will occur no concessions whatever as the result of a struggle between "wet" and "dry." When there shall have ceased to be such a thing as "wet" in the liquor verse in this country, then the things that remain to be done shall be done. There should be no mistake about that. The abolition of the commercialized liquor trade in this country is as final as the abolition of slavery. These are the two great reforms to which moral America committed itself from the beginning of its history.

One fact cannot be evaded in this question: for the first time the liquor evil is where it can be controlled. This was not true when it was legalized. The entire history of the legalized "traffic," as it was once called, is a story of attempts at and failures of control. Protected by a government license; in partnership as it were, with the government of the United States; the ally of every harmful political movement in the country, the liquor traffic was entirely out of control. It could not be made to obey even the common regulations such as forbidding children to frequent bars.

But under prohibition everyone knows just where the liquor business stands—it is an outlaw. It has no more rights than burglary, incendiarism or any other crime. There was a time when the people of any neighborhood had to put up with it. No one has to do that now. Any neighborhood, any city can be cleansed of this blot.

boy or a carrier for that day's paper. It was the 80th time the paper had been given away in over 16 years—6,933 days. Five and one-half free papers a year, striking an average. The Independent's story of its unique offer is interesting—old, but always new:

"The Independent's sunshine offer is that it will give away its entire first edition, which includes all of its home distribution, with thousands of extra copies printed to meet the demands of everybody, upon every afternoon when the sun has not shone upon St. Petersburg for the first edition (3:30 p. m. And it has been called upon to 'make good' 89 times in more than 16 1/4 years—certainly a fine record for the Sunshine City. The last free paper was March 25, 1925. Copies of The Independent are being given away free on the streets and at the office to every one who asks for one. For the regular subscribers a record is kept and each time we have had six sunshine days each subscriber's credit is advanced one week. Every subscriber on The Independent's list was given a full week's free credit December 8, 1925. This is the fifth of a new series of six—one more free day and every subscriber will receive another full week's credit free. The Independent is the only newspaper in the world that ever made such an offer. It has attracted attention all over the United States and has been a great advertising feature for St. Petersburg, having created the name 'Sunshine City.' The Independent is 'game' and the offer still stands to prove to the world that St. Petersburg has more sunshine days than any other place in the United States—excepting only the western deserts.

Charlotte Speedway is in Difficulties Owing To Lack Of Co-operation

Lack of co-operation was given by George P. Wadsworth, vice-president of the Charlotte Speedway, as the reason for the present financial condition of the enterprise.

"The whole thing, in a nutshell," he said, "has been caused by lack of attendance."

Referring to a suit brought against the Speedway for salaries of stewards aggregating \$300, Mr. Wadsworth said: "It would not be contested. 'Let them put it in the hands of a receiver,' he declared. 'I will be glad to see it go.' There is no hope for a revival of the Speedway. If we could get the crowd, and sufficient money, perhaps the money could be raised, but under existing conditions this is impossible."

Mr. Wadsworth said approximately \$50,000 had been lost by Speedway officials on the race here and that the amount would have to pay this amount.

Past Masters To Work Tuesday Week

It is announced from the Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. that the past masters of the lodge will do third degree work in an initiation ceremony of the lodge to be held Tuesday night week, Jan. 10.

This work by the past masters of the lodge has been discontinued sometime, but the date for the event was not set until the day. Further details of the initiation will be published later.

Be it ever so burable, there is no parking place like your own garage.

GIVE PAPERS AWAY ON RAINY WEATHER

Sunshine City Gives 89th Paper in 16 Years. Has Rained That Many Times in 6,933 Days

Gastonia Gazette.

By way of San Farabee's Lakeland Ledger we read of the unique record of the St. Petersburg Independent, a Florida paper which gives away its entire first edition any day the sun does not shine in St. Petersburg.

"Last Thursday the sun failed to shine up to the hour of going to press, and the Independent carried a featured notice to the world that nobody should pay a news-

WRAY-HUDSON COMPLY'S.

Big Price-Cutting Sale LASTS ONLY FIVE MORE DAYS

We are making further reductions in price on many small lots in order to clean up. If you want to save real money come to see us at once. We are actually selling goods even lower than you will expect to find.

Plain Colors and Heavy BEST GRADE OUTINGS Mottle Outings 10c yd.

BARBER'S TOWELS 5c HEAVY TURKISH TOWELS 5c

- LADIES' SILK HOSE SLIGHTLY IMPERFECT. REGULAR 50c VALUE 5c PAIR
- LADIES' LISLE HOSE 5c
- BED ROOM SLIPPERS All colors... All sizes... Felt and quilted Satin... Price Cut 49c Sale
- LADIES' SPORT HOSE Pineapple Weave. Black Only 10c
- Boy's Heavy Grey Sweaters. 88c All sizes
- MEN'S HEAVY GREY SOCKS
- MEN'S DRESS SOCKS Navy - Black - Brown 5c PAIR
- HEAVY GREY BLANKETS 49c
- SILK STRIPE SHIRTING Pretty Patterns. Best Grade 10c YARD
- CANVAS GLOVES 5c
- COTTON CREPE White and colors for under wear. Good grade, yard 10c
- BED TICKING Full width, good grade 10c Pretty patterns, yard
- 25c CANTON FLANNEL Heavy weight Pepperell. Full width, unbleached. Prices are cut everywhere—Special 10c YARD
- REMNANTS ONE-HALF PRICE

- MENS UNION SUITS Heavy ribbed Ecu All sizes 79c
- LADIES 98c QUALITY SILK HOSE All Colors. We Cut 47c Prices here Ladies Fleeced Lined Hose. Heavy weight ribbed top 10c
- SWEATERS Ladies and Misses all wool Sweaters. Red, Black and Blue. All sizes. Value formerly up to \$3.95. CUT PRICE SALE 97c
- E Z UNION SUIT FOR CHILDREN All sizes, both long sleeve ankle length and short sleeve knee length 79c
- SHIRTS SHIRTS Mens Broadcloth shirts and Fancy Madras All sizes. Pretty patterns Cut Price Sale 99c
- MENS ATTACHED COLLAR SHIRTS A wide selection of Pretty Patterns 79c
- BOY'S OVERALLS White back denim, suspenders back, heavy grade. Sizes 3 to 16 49c Sizes 26 to 32 69c
- MENS MAYO UNION SUITS All sizes, best grade, Heavy weight 95c

- BLUE WORK SHIRTS Regular \$1.00 grade if bought elsewhere. Our Cut Price 49c
- Same Shirt 43c Boys Sizes
- 38 INCH UNBLEACHED BROAD CLOTH Heavy weight, Smooth Finish, worth 25c. Price Cutting Sale 10 CENTS YARD
- 36 inch White Indian Head Linen Finish 19c
- 36 inch Lonsdale Cambrie And Nainsook Finish 19c
- L L Heavyweight Sheeting. Fine count. Good finish. Special 9c
- HAMILTON HICKORY Blue Stripe, Best Grade First Quality 17c
- RIVERSIDE CHAMBRAY The very thing for work shirts Special 14c
- LADIES' HOSE Every Price Cut. Black Silk and Wool Hose 39c
- Ladies Sport Ribbed Hose All the new shades 10c
- Ladies 25c Lisle Hose Black and Colors 10c
- LADIES 50c SILK HOSE Peach, Dawn, Nude, Atmosphere, Sunset, Black, White, Grey 24c Special Sale Price

- 36-INCH LONG CLOTH Regular 19c value. Fine count. Smooth finish... We cut prices 10c YD. Here
- CLOTHING VALUES Boys Suits Value \$8.95. Short Pants \$3.95 Boys Suits Values to \$12.50. Short Pants \$6.95 Mens Suits Values up to \$25.00 \$9.95 See these before you buy. They are special values.
- MENS OVERALLS 220 weight White Back Denim. Suspender Back. A big Value 79c
- LEATHER PALM GLOVES 19c
- PRICES CUT DEEP CAREFULLY READ 40-inch Corticelli Flat Crepe Sale Price \$1.97 40 inch Canton Crepe. All the new shades \$1.39 Belding Satin. 36 inches wide. All the new season's shades \$1.34 40 inch all silk Flat Crepe. Every new shade \$1.69
- DRESS WOOLENS We have grouped these in two lots... Prices cut deep \$1.69 \$1 00 YARD
- COLORED INDIAN HEAD All the new colors. 36 inches wide. The prices cut here 22c
- 81x90 SHEETS Good grade. Heavy Weight. SPECIAL 22c
- SHOES SHOES SHOES STAR BRAND SOLID LEATHER SHOES Every Shoe In Our House Cut In Price. MAKE YOUR SELECTION EARLY.

Our customers showed their confidence in us and our Merchandise and our LOW PRICES by simply crowding our store on opening day at our sale and on Saturday. We were simply over-run with customers, this we appreciate very highly and it only makes us strive even more to hold this confidence. You may be sure that at all times we will be putting forth every effort to secure for our customers better values at LOWER PRICES thereby creating more of this good will and confidence.

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