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The Spirit Of Prohibition.

The prohibitionists of Lake County have started the Presidential Campaign. It is a matter of great satisfaction to us that at the meeting at Libertyville on the 4th inst. and also at the ratification meeting at Lake Bluff on the 8th, there was no disposition manifested to malign or in any way bitterly attack either the republicans or democrats.

As a matter of fact it is perfectly clear that the mass of the people are very much split up and at sea concerning the positions of all parties. And as regards the issues outside of prohibition, the prohibitionists themselves are not agreed. Many of them believe the attitude of the republican party in the Philippines is correct; many of them believe it is radically wrong. Many of the republicans will not this fall sustain the party because of imperialism. Many of the republicans believe the president and his party are right. The time has clearly come when all good honest citizens who sincerely desire the welfare of the country, who are able to rise above partyism, should meet these issues without prejudice, without blind party spirit and discuss them as becomes intelligible it and honest citizens.

Judge V. V. Barnes, the candidate for governor as well as the Prohibition candidate for Congress and others on that in their speeches have frankly admitted that the republican party has accomplished in its past history a great deal of good for the welfare of and prosperity of the land. They were equally frank and magnanimous in recognizing that the democrat party in the past has not been without its value in political affairs. Nevertheless they have candidly and squarely drawn the line of issue. They and the other parties are mainly based upon the legalizing of the liquor traffic. The republicans accuse the democrats of being in favor of "free whisky." If this be a fact, not a few of the prohibitionists would prefer free whisky to licensed whiskey; that is to say, they sincerely believe that legalizing the traffic by license laws is actually a protection, and therefore are opposed to it. In this they may or may not be right, but surely no good citizen wishing the welfare of the country, and the whole country would object to a free, open, candid discussion.

The NEWS-LETTER will do all in its power to foster such a spirit. It is high time that narrow, prejudiced, bitter partisanship from the intelligent classes of this land should be laid aside.

We shall be just as glad to wel-

come in the NEWS-LETTER, articles written from the republican standpoint as from the prohibition standpoint, and the columns will be open to the democrats as freely as to the republicans.

We have our personal opinions. We may be wrong; if right, we want others to know the grounds of our belief; if wrong, we want to be righted.

Under no circumstances will the NEWS-LETTER consent to be the organ of only one party so long as we have a voice in its management.

What Churches Say About the Evil.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIANS.
Resolved, That we believe that it is the duty of Christian men to separate themselves from every organization that sympathizes or compromises with the rum traffic, and unite in some way with some organization every member of which shall at all times, including election day, and at all places, including the polls, and with all their power, including the ballot, stand together against this giant evil; that we believe that when 5,000,000 Christian voters get together on this question the saloons will close.

CONGREGATIONALISTS.

Resolved, That we condemn and repudiate the recent decision of Attorney-General Griggs, whereby, in the interests of a corrupt and corrupting liquor power, he has reversed the plainly expressed will of the people, as set forth in the act of congress abolishing the army canteen. Such plain perversions of the will of the people are calculated to foster contempt of law, to encourage lawlessness and to increase the discontent of the masses of the people with the national government.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN.

We note with profound gratitude the enforcement of the order of Secretary Long prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to the sailors and marines of the navy.

While we rejoice that the demand of the temperance sentiment of the country crystallized in the law which absolutely prohibited the sale of liquors in the army canteen, we do most emphatically condemn the course followed by the secretary of war, acting in accordance with the opinion of the attorney-general in setting aside the law, and thereby continuing in the army this deplorable evil; and we express our disappointment and regret that the president fails to exercise the authority vested in him, whereby he could and ought to order the enforcement of the law.

THE METHODISTS OF ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Whereas, We believe that the commander-in-chief of the army of the United States has the authority to prohibit the sale of intoxicating beverages in the military commands; be it

Resolved, That we call upon the president at once to exercise his authority under the law of congress to banish the army canteen.

Resolved, That we deplore and cannot too severely condemn the act of the president in signing the bill that has flooded Alaska with rum, and that we call upon all ministers of the gospel and Christian people not to excuse any one responsible for the said victory of the liquor power; that we request the president to banish the use of wine and liquor from the White House.

Constitutional Amendments.

[The Living Church.]
The new Constitution adopted in North Carolina by the popular vote, provides for the restriction of suffrage to male citizens who are able to read and write the English language as tested by the Constitution of the State; and also give evidence that they have paid their taxes during the past year; except that by a special proviso all the male citizens and their lineal descendants in the male line, who were legal voters in any state of the Union in 1867, though unable to meet the educational qualifications stated, are perpetual voters, if their taxes are paid, and provided they register as such within the State prior to the year 1908. This amendment is substantially the same as that already adopted in South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana, and its effect is to disfranchise the great bulk of the negro vote within the state. There was a time when such action would result almost in civil war, so indignant would be the whole of the North; but that time has gone by. Whether the so-called "grandfather" clause will stand the test of the Supreme court decision is a matter of doubt. When the same provision was adopted in Louisiana, the two United States Senators from that State both gave their opinion that it was unconstitutional. It has not, however, as yet been passed upon by the Supreme Court. Whether or not this practical setting aside of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution is justifiable a question by no means so easy to answer as many in the North believe, and on which there is very much to be said for the affirmative—the immediate result of such action will

be beneficial. The people of the state will no longer see before them visions of negro domination, and will be able to divide between the great political parties of the country on the merits of the questions presented respectively by the parties. Hence, from a partisan standpoint, it must be said that republicans have everything to gain and nothing to lose by this measure. Indeed, if the negro question could be settled on a basis that would be generally recognized as honorable and fair, and in such wise that the fear of negro domination would forever be removed from the southern states, the Solid South would be forever broken up, and the republican party would be largely the gainer. The national republican platform does not deal with the negro question in a statesmanlike manner; while on the other hand it is impossible to believe in the good faith of those who talk about the necessity for the "consent of the governed" abroad, and yet trample upon that consent at home.

The NEWS-LETTER is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-rational. It is interested in all that goes to make up the religious, political, moral, social and financial welfare of the public. It is thoroughly independent.

We shall be glad to hear opinions from any correspondent, especially republican or democratic, on the above mentioned amendments. They are certainly destined to be far-reaching, if not set aside by the Supreme Court of the land.

Don't write long articles.

Under a Flag of Truce Before the Battle.

The Press Club of Chicago has conceived the idea of bringing together in a social way the representatives of the political parties of Illinois, and in a manner indicated by the above caption.

The newspaper men may be styled the red cross workers of the political battle field. They know no political foes and are welcome visitors in all political camps.

In view of the peculiarly friendly relations which exist between the newspaper writers and the leaders of the political world, the Press Club of Chicago, has decided to tender a novel and what it is believed will be a most pleasant reception to the prominent members, including candidates, committeemen, public officials and other leading representatives of political parties in the state.

As Chicago is the center of the pending great national campaign

is eminently fitting that such a meeting should be arranged by the Press Club, which will be in, at not of the fight. During the month of August a moonlight night on the cool expanse of Lake Michigan, it is believed, will be the best time and place for such a gathering.

A program of social events, patriotic music and other novel and interesting features will afford entertainment. The meeting will be absolutely non-partisan.

The reception, as planned, will take place on the palatial steamship, Virginia, Friday evening, August 17th.

Plain Talk.

[From the Brethren Evangelist.]
Congress in deference to the petitions of the people who feared the evils of drinking in the army, passed a law forbidding the selling of liquor in army camps. The attorney-general, however, by hypocritical twisting of the law, interpreted it as indefinite and therefore non-effective. The president has power to enforce the law and abolish the canteen system, but chooses to stand with the attorney-general. He was petitioned by W. C. T. U. to consider his decision, but remained firm.

The only argument in defense of the position is that without the army canteens there would spring up low dives and drinking places outside the camp which would increase drunkenness.

Experience, however, has shown that these places exist anyhow, and the men who drink to drunkenness in the respectable (?) canteen and then are forbidden to purchase more, can go to the outside places and complete their debauchery at will. The real reason the law is not enforced is that the administration fears to lose the liquor vote while it does not fear losing the temperance vote. The remedy naturally lies with voters with temperance principles.

"St. Jo" over in Michigan takes the prize, it has seventy-nine weddings in one day, and one minister performed thirty of them and his revenue amounted from cents to \$3 per couple.

One of our esteemed Waukegan contemporaries keeps a natural born poet on it's staff. He was given a day's outing in the country last week and the next day the following appeared in the "poet's corner":

"The rooster crows upon the fence:
The gobbler struts as tho' he'd bust;
While in the road the setting hen
Is killing lice with nature's dust.
The lambs are skipping merrily,
The birds are singing in the trees;
While from the orchard on the hill
Are borne sweet odors on the breeze."

The management will not turn him loose for another twelve month.

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