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The Village of Phoenix.

Four saloonkeepers in the neighborhood of Harvey have undertaken to evade the prohibition law of that Chicago suburb by incorporating a new village on its eastern border. The square mile of territory in this projected Village of Phoenix is practically open prairie and is said to contain only 210 inhabitants. The sole object of the enterprise is to secure licenses for the saloons which the incorporators wish to maintain on the border of Harvey. There is no post office, railway station, schoolhouse or church in the proposed village. The place has no stores except some so-called "blind pigs." Its promoters admit that the village will not be able to maintain police or fire departments with the small amount of taxes collected from the residents.

This is a new and modern form of the "rotten borough," and it is no more desirable than the other kind. At the special election held yesterday to decide whether or not the district should be incorporated as a village, there were many arrests for illegal voting. The promoters of the scheme are charged with having colonized the place with non-residents for the purpose of using their votes. The whole project is disreputable and it is not strange that the residents of Harvey made a determined fight against it. If the village of Phoenix is incorporated, it will be the same as establishing a nuisance on the border of Harvey. The movement is similar to an attempt to establish saloons on the boulevards in Chicago. Any attempt to preserve a street or a locality free from contaminating influences seems to rouse a special desire on the part of the saloon men to invade such places.

Since the residents of Harvey prefer to have a prohibition district in their village, they should be protected in that desire. The courts have thus far prevented the licensing of saloons on their borders, and the Phoenix project to defeat the laws under the proposed scheme the saloon men in question, would have no police control and would be able to make themselves an unmitigated nuisance to the residents of Harvey without the latter having any redress. The whole affair is a violation of the intent if not of the letter of the law.

We cannot resist the temptation to reproduce the above article from the Chicago Tribune of August 30th. It is especially interesting coming from a paper that, ever in advocating the licensing of the liquor traffic. In several remarks, it shows a very encouraging tendency to a change of heart; for instance, "The whole project is disreputable, and it is not strange that the residents of Harvey made a determined fight against it." Did the Tribune ever know anything connected with the whole saloon business that was not disreputable. And yet it was only a few years ago, if we remember correctly, that the Tribune was among the papers which insisted that "prohibition must be prohibited by the Republican party."

Will not the Tribune now take one step farther and join hands in prohibiting the disreputable institution called saloon. But the Tribune is frankly outspoken again as follows: "If the village of Phoenix is incorporated it will be the same as establishing a nuisance on the borders of Harvey." Just so saloons established in Glencoe would prove a nuisance to Highland Park. Still further. "Since the residents of Harvey prefer to have a prohibition district in their village, they should

be protected in their desire." Why does not this apply to every village, town and hamlet that desires to have prohibition? Why should it not be protected just as much as Harvey?

The truth of the matter is the saloon is everywhere, under all circumstances a nuisance, and has been again and again by the higher courts so declared, but a license law comes in and legalizes it, and every day in the week every saloon in the land violates "the intent if not the letter of the law."

Wipe out every law legalizing the traffic and the enemy of the saloons can fight it in open field.

Miscalled for Criticism.

"Certain members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Indiana are engaged in promoting an endless chain of letters asking the prayers of women for the defeat of William McKinley at the polls. This is a piece of impertinence that should be promptly condemned by the national and state organizations." —Inter Ocean.

The Inter Ocean of August 31st has assumed the authority to characterize the above action of certain members of the W. C. T. U. in Indiana as "impertinence." We fail utterly to see where the impertinence comes in. The general idea of impertinence, if we know our mother tongue is that of insolence, impudence, or sauciness. It may also have the milder meaning of irrelevancy, intrusion, or rudeness. Does the Inter Ocean claim that members of the W. C. T. U. have no right to express an opinion or advise personal action without consulting the editor of the Inter Ocean.

The political views of the W. C. T. U., if we understand them, are radically in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, not of necessity in favor of prohibition as a separate political party action; but surely if their position means anything it means the prohibition of liquor traffic.

Has the Inter Ocean ever done or said anything in behalf of prohibition that it should now assume the right to dictate to the members of the W. C. T. U., what they may think or say or do politically or morally?

The action of these members of the W. C. T. U. may not have been wise, it may not have been the part of good policy, or possibly not even of propriety. Personally, we certainly should not have advocated such action, but we are very emphatically in sympathy with the W. C. T. U. in their opposition to the liquor traffic, and yet would not for a moment claim the right to dictate to that organization, powerful for good, what its members may think or what individually or collectively they may do or advise to be done. If we did so we would certainly think ourselves impertinent as regards the W. C. T. U., and it strikes us that if anybody is impertinent in the matter it is the Inter Ocean in assuming to dictate.

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Lowest teacher's wages.....	55 00
Average.....	72 50

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Males.....	30
Females.....	41
Average daily attendance.....	55
Number of teachers.....	3
Total cost of school.....	\$3,900
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