

Temperance Department.

EDITED BY THE W. C. T. U.

Declaration of Principles Adopted by the State W. C. T. U. at Portland, June 26.

1st. In God is our trust; in His name and by His help we wage war against alcoholic beverages and all other forms of intemperance, including opium, morphine and tobacco.

2nd. We are opposed to the use of fermented wines at the Lord's table:

—1st, because it endangers the welfare of persons who have to contend with the appetite contracted by the use of intoxicants; 2nd, because it may engender this appetite in those who by the laws of heredity are constitutionally incurable; 3d, because we believe there is no warrant in the word of God to introduce "the cup of devils into the temple of the Holy Ghost."

3d. We are undividedly opposed to the desecration of the Lord's day which is so alarmingly prevalent, is, we fear, increasing prevalent in our towns and cities; hence we as a union, do urge upon all good people to sustain all the means of grace afforded by the Christian churches, and we do earnestly entreat them to induce their children to go with them to the house of God during public services in the forenoons as well as to Sunday school.

We do as a union also utter our condemnation of Sunday picnics, baseball games, open beer gardens, saloons and other places of traffic, for mere purposes of pleasure or gain on the Lord's day.

4d. We do as a union most respectfully and earnestly request railroad and steamboat corporations to extend to their employees the fullest possible benefit of the Lord's day, and to suspend the running of trains, making excursions or other trips on Sunday, in the honor of God, and for the good of man. 4th, we pledge ourselves to use our influence undividedly and collectively, against the prevalent custom of Sunday driving and visiting.

5th. Believing that childhood and youth have been made by divine appointment the especial charge of women as mothers and teachers we accept the sacred trust committed to us and by means of home influence, school instruction, kindergarten training, Band of Hope and all other suitable and available agencies, we will seek to awaken, cultivate and strengthen the temperance education of our children, moreover believing that the American system of public schools is the inevitable corollary of the declaration of independence that the great work of the school, is to prepare for good citizenship we feel that the public schools must teach temperance as a safe guard to our homes and to citizenship or be derelict in their duty both to the children and to the state which supports them. We rejoice also in the work of our literature department and would here reaffirm our belief that by a wise distribution of a sound temperance literature adapted to home needs, by a large circulation of our national organ, the "Union Signal," we should help to educate and uplift public sentiment to the level of that abstinence.

6th. Believing "the pen to be mightier than the sword,"—mightier in the slaughter of purity and innocence, and knowing that this great power is used by the unscrupulous, and does develop the coarsest forces of human nature. We will also make use of this instrument, and by means of the press seek to disseminate information and intelligence regarding the evils of intemperance and all crimes against society.

7th. Believing that next to the indwelling spirit of God, a body well equipped is the best defense against ardent spirits, we wish to place ourselves on record as endorsing such habits of life, in regard to dress and food, as well as drink, as shall conduce to the best development of the powers God has given us.

8th. Our platform is Prohibition, and until our feet can besidely placed upon that, it is our purpose to use every weapon at present at our command in the shape of the execution of existing laws, in the battle against our common enemy.

Resolutions passed by the State W. C. T. U. at the Convention held in East Portland June 24, 25, 26.

1st. Resolved that we most heartily thank the W. C. T. U. ladies and citizens of East Portland for their cordial welcome and generous treatment.

The pastors and trustees of the Presbyterian church for the free use of their house of worship. To the ministers and other gentlemen who have

assisted us by counsel and public words of encouragement, to the singers who furnished such beautiful songs, to the press of Portland for gratuitous notices and reports of our meetings.

2nd. Resolved that we ask the members of the Young Men's Christian Association, and other Christian workers to co-operate with us in getting such restrictive laws as we now have, enforced.

3rd. Whereas, we painfully realize that one of the greatest dangers to the young men of our state is the custom of social drinking and the frequently following evils of drunkenness, gambling &c.

Resolved, that we greatly desire a more cordial co-operation between the Y. M. C. Association and the W. C. T. Unions in the great prevental and remedial work of temperance.

4th. Whereas, the ultimate object of all our counselling and laboring is prohibition.

Resolved, that we are in accord with our National Union in the determination never to rest till God gives us, in answer to prayer and work, both state and national prohibition of the legion traffic, and whereas, from reliable testimony we believe that constitutional prohibition is working well in Maine, Iowa and Kansas, and that in a number of states both northern and southern, the people are steadily advancing towards similar constitutional prohibition, and are already reaping some advantages from various places of local option, and whereas there is a party devoted to the work of prohibition, and whereas, there is a party devoted to the work of prohibition which has adopted our expressive motto to "For God and Home and Native Land," and on whose flag is the declaration, "We neither fear nor favor the legion traffic," and that the prohibition monument is gaining recruits daily from all sections of our country, those who feel this to be the supreme issue of the hour, and that the question of prohibition is thus being forced upon public attention as never before.

Resolved that we thank God and take courage, and we hereby consecrate ourselves anew, and more unreversibly to the cause of God and suffering humanity, and be it further resolved that we do all in our power to mould public sentiment in favor of the prohibitory amendment that we confidently expect the next legislature of our state will submit to the people for satisfaction.

5th. Resolved that it is the sentiment of this convention that the sale of intoxicants at drug stores or other public places either for medicinal or mechanical purposes should be most conscientiously carried on.

6th. Resolved that this convention petition our next legislature to prohibit the manufacture or sale of adulterated articles of food and drink and to appoint commissioners to test suspected articles and report to the proper authorities.

Harry Wilson, 17 years and 4 months of age, the son of Mr. A. H. and Mrs. M. E. Wilson of Salem was drowned in the Willamette river on the opposite side of the river from the chain factory while in swimming with some other young men. He was a good swimmer and after having performed some difficult feats in the water, he rose to the top holding up his hands and exclaiming that he was dizzy. He lay on top of the water a short time going in various directions, being so dizzy that he knew not which direction to go; but unfortunately his maneuvers were misunderstood by his friends who thought he was playing. He then went down to rise no more alive. The boys did all in their power to raise him, but to no avail. When he went down the last time, he stirred the water until it was so roily that no trace of him could be found. Temporary search was abandoned and help was called from the city. It was not ten minutes until a thousand people lined the banks of the river. Grapple hooks were used for several minutes without any success. Finally Gaines Fisher, Jr., diving down, found the body and brought it to the surface, after it had been under water about one hour. Henry Price discovered the location of the body with a garden rake attached to a pole. The body was again dressed and brought to this side.

A. McCormick's twine binder which has only been used two or three weeks is in good first-class order, at Woodcock & Baldwin's, and will be sold cheap.

A PLUCKY BANK CASHIER.

A few weeks ago a bank at Mitchell, Dak., suspended, and the affairs were placed in the hands of an assignee. The bank had a branch at White Lake, and the cashier of the latter was ordered to close it up and turn over the cash to the assignee. But the cashier refused. He said the White Lake branch did not owe the Mitchell bank a cent, but that, on the contrary, the bank at Mitchell owed his bank \$11,000. He said he could not see why the money of his depositors should be taken to pay the debts of the Mitchell concern.

The assignee of the Mitchell bank went over to White Lake, and posted a notice on the bank that it was closed. Put the cashier, aided by depositors, tore down the notice. The cashier then took one window and his assistant another, and they began to pay off the depositors. The assignee jumped over the counter and ordered a hault, but, instead of haulting, the crowd took the assignee and fired him out of the building into the street. The cashier then paid off the depositors in full, and put the key of the bank in his pocket.

That is the kind of a bank cashier to have around. Perhaps the vigorous action of the depositors may have had something to do with his mode of settling up. It is an example worth following.

The mail facilities of the Lewisville and Kings Valley countries have been greatly improved by the establishment of a new route between Monmouth and Lewisville. The first mail was carried yesterday Wednesday and will be carried three times a week according to the following schedule: Leaves Monmouth at 3:30 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and will reach Lewisville at 6:30 p. m. The mail will leave Lewisville at 8 a. m. on each of these days and will arrive at Monmouth at 11 a. m.

One of our exchanges sums up the number of immigrants moving westward for June as follows:—Sixteen hundred immigrants passed through St. Paul during June for points west of Spokane Falls. Probably about 1000 arrived by the Oregon Short Line and about 500 by steamer from San Francisco, making total arrivals for the month by sea and rail, 3,100, as compared with 3,100 for May, 3,000 for April, 2,000 for May, 3,000 for April, 2,000 for March, 1,000 for February. The total number of immigrants arriving in the northwest for the first six months in 1885 was 13,500, equal to the total immigration of 1884.

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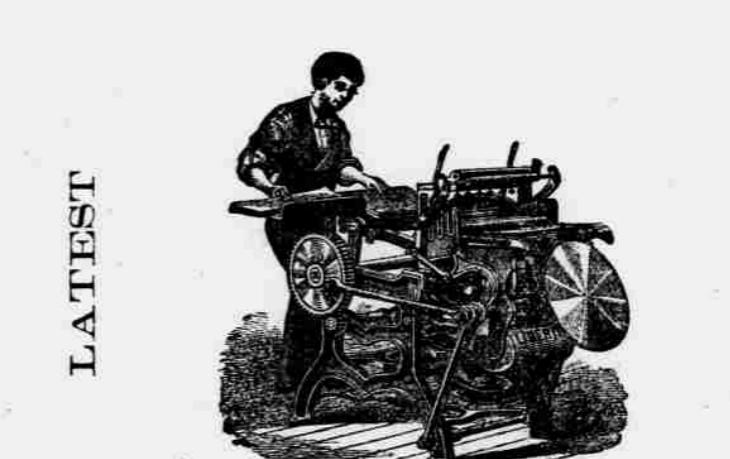
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