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A MOVABLE NORTH POLE.

Captain Amundsen located the magnetic pole in some out of the way place, and now an English theorist is convinced that the north pole has shifted from its supposed moorings.

It is doubtful whether this ingenious Englishman's theory will cause a lessening of exploration parties. Men will be just as crazy to prove that the pole is not there as they have been to prove that it is there.

A BRIGHT SIDE.

All the money and blood of the Goulds and Vanderbilts are not tainted by the follies of the few representatives of those families.

The example of Helen Gould and the wise counsel of Consuelo Vanderbilt are much needed by many women of wealth today.

CITIZENS OF COOS AND CURRY.

A considerable number of the citizens of Coos county having expressed a desire that I should place my name before you as a candidate for the position of joint senator and as I have consented so to do, therefore make the following declaration.

R. D. HUME.

MAY I ASK?

By Charles Scanlon, Field Secretary of the Assembly's Temperance Committee.

If more liquor is sold where there are no saloons than where there are, would brewers, distillers and wholesale dealers, who own about seventy-five per cent. of saloons, pay license, rent, taxes, insurance, attorney's fees, and contribute large sums of money to influence the press, to publish and distribute literature, and in other ways to obtain license, all to lessen the amount of their sales?

Are beer wagons and "speak easies" and "blind pigs" and liquor agents alone, worse than all these evils plus the open saloon? Do not the records of hundreds of towns show that saloons do not lessen these nuisances, but affords additional temptation to drink, and is the spawning place of the most degrading vices?

How do saloons help a town? Do they make better fathers, husbands, sons or brothers? Do they make mothers, wives and children comfortable and happy? Do they help to build up churches and make it easy for parents to keep children in school?

Do not saloons mean drunkenness and does not drunkenness mean less steady and less skillful labor? Do not sober men work more and retain their earning capacity longer than drinking men? Do not life insurance companies say that an abstainer is from 30 per cent. to 40 per cent. better risk than a drinker? Will not the business of a town be determined by the amount of goods which its citizens can buy and pay for? Is not the purchasing capacity of a man limited to his earning capacity? Do not sober men as a rule earn more than drinking men, and do not their families consume more and therefore help business? Is the credit of a drinking man as good as that of an abstainer, if not why? Do not all political economists agree that the morals of a bread-winner are fully as important a factor in his value to the community as his physical and intellectual qualities? Can a man buy beer and beef with the same money? Who pays the license and all other expenses of the saloon keeper? What would go with that money if it did not go for liquor?

If it is such a disgraceful thing to sell liquor that you do not want to associate with the man who does it, is it a good thing for you to vote for him to do a bad thing? If it is a bad thing to be a drunkard is it a good thing to license men to make drunkards? If a saloon is a good thing why do those who patronize it desire to be shielded from view by screens while they do so, and why must it be kept away from churches and schools and out of residence districts?

Is there anything in logic, morals, reason, religion or common sense which says that the church should throw down her arms and strike her colors when sin forms a political alliance? If Christ said he came not to regulate the works of the devil but to destroy them, is it not enough for church members that they be as their Lord?

Is it right to vote for a thing which no decent man ought to defend? Is it right to vote against a man who advocates licensing a saloon in your home town and vote for a man who advocates licensing saloons throughout the State and the Nation? Is it right to vote against license when that is the only issue and vote for license when it is combined with other issues?

Is not the license system the strong tower to which the traffic doth resort in its every time of need? Is it not "the revenue which it pays" which is always mentioned by the "trade" when this evil is on trial for its life? Is not license the most dangerous and deceptive expedient yet tried to defer or defeat the overthrow of the traffic? If a thing is so demoralizing that it must be prohibited on Sundays and election days, and so dangerous that it must be forbidden in case of riots, fires or other occasions of great excitement, ought it to be permitted at any time? If Mayor Jones in Minneapolis, and Governor Folke in Missouri can close the saloons on Sunday, is it not proof that other executive officers can enforce the law if they will to do so?

Is the government more jealous of revenue than of justice? Shall we prohibit the slaughter of buffaloes

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and license the butchery of babies? Shall not the cry of the child and the mother be poured into the ear of the State, which is the ballot box, and the power of moral suasion be supplemented by the strong arm of the law? Are the devil and his minions weighing our arguments or counting our votes? "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by law?"—(Ps. 94:20).

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