

We call especial attention to the small supplement in this week's issue of the INDEPENDENT containing reply of Senator Slater to the demand of the wool grower's association of Wasco county. As this letter has received much comment from the Republican press of the State and has been ignorantly or willfully misrepresented by these political papers, we ask of our readers a careful perusal, which is the strongest vindication of the Senator that can be asked for.

The Liquor Traffic.

The habit of social drinking is gradually stealing upon the rising generation and ruining more young men than any other cause. When a young man, muddled aged or old man becomes so addicted to the habit that he will spend his days and evenings in the saloon, waiting for the extra drink, or becomes so fascinated with the twin evil of gambling that he will waste the quiet hours of the night, which nature designed for quietude and rest, fumbling the dirty, greasy pasteboards, he loses his manhood and becomes unfit for the high duties of citizenship. At the request of the temperance people we have given space in this paper for the discussion of the liquor traffic, with a view of agitating the question and finding a solution to the problem of how to alleviate the evils caused by the saloons. We will not, as does our worthy contemporary, give space to these publications and then, in order to curry favor with some saloon men, say that we are not responsible for these items. In giving space to these articles we reserve to ourselves the right to criticize or censure. While we allow space for a fair discussion of this question, we have no apologies to offer to any one for allowing these articles in our columns, as seems to be the case with our worthy contemporary.

In this week's issue we have a very interesting communication of Hon. W. F. Benjamin, on the license question. Whilst the writer is very earnest in the temperance cause and argues eloquently from his standpoint, the errors into which he, in common with most temperance organizations fall, and the numerous false premises which he is forced to assume in order to maintain the right of absolute prohibition, demonstrates that this is not the practical method of dealing with this question. The writer asks "why prohibit the drink seller from selling by the glass when the druggist can sell the same article and in less or greater quantities than the saloonist, without license?" Now this is a statement of difference which does not exist, for when a gentleman who vends drugs at Glendale attempted to dispose of intoxicating liquors as a beverage under the cloak of a druggist, he was called to account before the Circuit court, only last October term, and had to pay the penalty of a broken law. The writer goes on to state that the license cannot be for revenue purposes and quotes our constitution as saying "all property shall be taxed equally." In this the writer shows that he has not given due consideration to the methods of raising revenue. Our nation, State and municipal resort to other methods of raising revenue than by direct taxation. Even here in the little city of Roseburg, which is a part of the State of Oregon, the authorities resort to the expediency of requiring a license from young ladies for the privilege of trimming hats and bonnets and selling them within the city limits. The writer concludes that because the statute of Oregon requires of a saloon keeper that he get the signatures of a majority of voters in the precinct and pay his license fee and give a bond to keep an orderly house, etc., is because the traffic is not right and for that reason ought to be prohibited. We can neither agree with the premises or conclusions which the writer draws. Laying aside the question of right it is inexpedient to prohibit the traffic in an article of commerce as of long standing and as universally used in all countries as alcoholic drinks. The State has the undisputed right to license, regulate and control the traffic the same as all other obnoxious trades; and it is the fault of society itself that this growing evil of intoxication is not lessened. The laws are adequate in a great measure to give relief, if society and temperance reformers had the moral courage to enforce the statute, or see them enforced, and would elect no one to office who would not enforce the laws in these particulars. But when temperance reformers and officers whose duty it is to enforce the law will, night after night, exhibit themselves at the gaming table in the public saloons, by the side of Chinamen, courtisans and deadbeats, and children see permitted to glare and gaze upon these spectacles,

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However widely people may differ with regard to the right or wrong of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors, one thing is certain, all civilized governments have excise laws levying a sort of special tax on the sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. For instance, the law of Oregon prohibits the sale of ardent spirits as a beverage unless the vendor shall first pay a fixed sum for the privilege of selling. The question presents itself to every intelligent person, why prohibit the drink-seller from selling by the glass when the druggist can sell the same article and in less or greater quantities than the saloonist, without license! It cannot be for revenue purposes, for the constitution says all property shall be taxed equally, and the saloon keeper pays taxes on his goods the same as the dry goods merchant. Why should he be compelled to pay ten times as much more in proportion to the dollar valuation of his goods? Why discriminate between the vendors who sell under the sign "saloon," and the vendors who sell under the sign "druggist?" If it is right to sell liquor as a beverage at all, it is unjust to make the vendor pay more taxes than the person who sells tea, coffee, sugar, clothing or hardware; and if, on the other hand, it is not right to sell it, perse, it ought to be prohibited entirely, just as the sale of obscene literature, the passing of counterfeit money, the prohibiting a man or woman from wearing the apparel of the other, the prohibition of importing from another State diseased animals, etc., and for the same reason—the public welfare requires it. It is not the character of the article sold, nor the amount, but the manner in which, and the purposes for which liquor is sold that has led our legislators to semi-prohibit on a condition, not of right, not of justice or morality, but that of dollars and cents, when it is known that the privilege is for the very purpose of debasing society.

If it is a legitimate business, why hedge it about with conditions that the vendor shall pay so much, give a bond to keep an orderly house, not allow gambling, not sell his stuff to minors or drunkards, close his place of business on the Sabbath, etc., none of which (save the payment of the license) he faithfully observes. No such restrictions are imposed on the merchant, grocer or druggist. If the sale of ardent spirits as a beverage works an injury in society, that sort of traffic ought to be prohibited. But, says the advocate of license, you can't prohibit it, therefore restrict it; burden it with license; make the vendor pay into the common treasury a sum that shall reimburse society for the cost and expense it causes. Well, Mr. Advocate, you have tried restriction, tied low license and high license, and all have failed to prevent crime, for nine-tenths of all the criminal cases originate in the saloons or among their habitués. The amount the traffic pays into the common treasury will not cover more than ten per cent. of the cost it causes, to say nothing of the untold misery, sorrow and suffering consequent upon the traffic. Laws prohibiting theft, arson and murder, do not prevent entirely the commission of these crimes, but no sane person will pretend that such laws are unjust and ineffective in preventing crime. So too, a prohibitory liquor law would not perhaps, put an entire stop to the sale of it, but it would, no doubt, very much lessen the sale and consequently lessen crime. W. F. BENJAMIN.

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