

Is his recent addresses here General Campbell's "boss" argument, the one that has been quoted to us most, was that the ten commandments were prohibitory. "Thou shalt not steal," "thou shalt not" do other things, and yet though prohibited by God and put in man's law, people will steal and lie. "Why don't you license larceny?" says General Campbell, with a chuckle, and the audience "see the point," and laugh, and say "that's good." But it's no argument: stand off and take a good square look at it in sober reason, and see how thin, how gauzy, it is; how it disappears like a mist before the sun of reason.

Here is Gen. Campbell's argument, fairly stated: "It is as reasonable to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquors by law as to prohibit larceny. If a prohibitory law cannot be enforced absolutely, neither can any other law, for there are no crimes against the laws committed every day?"

Now here are a few lines of argument against this "sharp" assertion of the former chaplain of the Kansas state penitentiary.

In order to prevent the "crime" of taking a glass of cider or wine or beer, a prohibitory law does not allow any of these to be made, so that there will be none of them to drink. Now follow up Col. Campbell's argument to a fair and logical conclusion, an invited parallel, and you must prohibit the manufacture or accumulation of all forms of property, so there will be nothing to steal! Put the temptation out of sight of the thief, prohibit all articles likely to be stolen, and then you will have a model community—there will be no robbery or theft, because there will be nothing to rob or steal! If you follow out this line of argument of the enthusiastic prohibitionists, you will not be able to have any property except red hot stoves and real estate.

Let us all go in and reduce property to a minimum of red hot stoves and real estate.

In the meantime what becomes of Gen. Campbell's "argument." WHEN all is said and done, one fact plain to all remains—the fault of a man's drunkenness lies at his own door. If he by nature or otherwise can't help it, it is a sorry and pitiful fact, but is that any reason why the whole community should be placed under a ban? The Chinaman, who, according to Tom Hood, burned his house and the whole village to get a bit of roast pork burned in the conflagration, was a paragon of wisdom alongside the man who thinks that because a thing is abused it must be entirely prohibited. Men eat too much, dig their graves with their teeth, die of overfeeding; would you abolish eating? Men sleep too much? Would you make it a crime to sleep? "Oh," but you say, "this is nonsense." It is just as sensible every bit as your "arguments" for the necessity of prohibition.

There is a congressional vacancy in the Second district of Rhode Island which derives peculiar importance from the fact that unless it is carried by the Republicans they will lack one of a majority of the states, and, in that event, would not be able to elect their candidate for president, should the election be thrown into the house of representatives. The states as they now stand politically, have seventeen Democratic and nineteen Republican delegations in congress, the New Hampshire delegation being a tie. Should Rhode Island elect a Democrat that state will also be a tie and neither party will have a majority in the house. The house failing to elect, the vice president becomes president on the 4th of March following, and this office, being chosen by the senate, would, as that body now stands, be a Republican. The senate consists of thirty-nine Republicans, counting Mr. Riddleberger as a Republican, and thirty-seven Democrats. Should Mr. Riddleberger not vote or vote with the Democrats there would be a tie in the senate, and no vice president could be chosen under the constitution.

Is its issue of the 3rd inst., the Toronto Globe, the leading liberal organ of Canada, has a sensational article. It says: "Let the British journals rub their eyes again and wake up to the necessities of the situation. Chamberlain must be recalled. The imperative is required and the Canadians are entitled to employ it. He must be recalled. Let the British understand their own interests are largely staked on the result of the impending negotiations: Should the commissioners fail to reach a settlement, or should the senate make an agreement, nothing can be

more certain than a war between Great Britain and the United States, which can be avoided by Great Britain's abandoning Canada in a way that will forever disgrace the British name."

PROHIBITION assumes that man is a brute, uncontrollable except by spies, police and "government" restrictions. A nice compliment to the manhood of American citizens! Any one who acknowledges he has no manhood and is not fit to be trusted away from his guardian will vote for the shackles, the inquisition and the step back to savagery that prohibition, that jailor of the human heart, implies.

This American government of ours is founded on the idea that it shall meddle with the individual as little as possible consistent with public security. Prohibition by judicial or legislative process means the establishment of personal espionage, and an invasion of domestic life. If you want to be spied or want a job as a spy, vote for the prohibition amendment.

It was Thos. Jefferson, that grand old Democrat, the author of the Declaration of Independence, who said "This world is governed too much." The remark continues to be quoted because it cannot be improved. Foreign born citizens who fled from European despotism, think twice before you help by your votes to make despotism triumphant in this country.

To the credit of the church be it said that some of the ablest ministers and church papers in the United States are squarely opposed to prohibition. They see clearly that prohibition is directly opposed to temperance, and feel that certain restriction is to be preferred to impossible effort at suppression.

PROHIBITION, boiled down, is a quarrel with the Almighty for giving free will to man. It is an attempt to take away from man one of his attributes. The moment a man ceases to have a choice, he is at once in prison, it matters not which side of the stone walls he is on.

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