

Iowa Amendment "To be Defeated."

Two liquor-men riding in the cars on the Pennsylvania railroad were recently overheard to say that Kansas had passed a Constitutional amendment, and now Iowa was trying to get one, and one of the men said it must be stopped; if Iowa adopted the amendment, ten or twelve other States would also pass it; and he added that he would give five hundred dollars towards the campaign fund to defeat it. This and many other things indicate that the entire liquor-interest of America will contribute to defeat the amendment in Iowa and break down the law in Kansas. Let every friend of the Amendment in both States remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and do everything possible for the overthrow of the infamous traffic.—*The National Advocate.*

He Drinks.

Tell me a young man drinks, and I know the rest. Let him become captive to the wine-cup, and he is the captive to all other vices. No man ever runs drunkenness alone. That is one of the carrion crows that goes in a flock. If that break is ahead you may know the other breaks that follow. In other words, strong drink unbalances and de-thrones, and makes him the prey of all the appetites that choose to alight upon his soul. There is not a place of sin upon this continent but finds its chief abetter in the places of inebriety. There is a drinking place before it, or behind it, or a bar over it, or a bar under it. The officer said to me that night, "You see how they escape legal penalty; they are licensed to sell liquor." Then I thought within myself, the court that licenses the sale of intoxicating liquors, licenses gambling houses, licenses libertinism, licenses diseases, licenses death, licenses all crimes, all sufferings, all disasters, all woes. It is the legislature and courts who swing wide open the grinding, rearing, stupendous gate of the lost.—*Talmage.*

The Rev. Dr. Cyrus H. Hamlin, the well-known missionary in Turkey, in a letter to the *Southern Presbyterian Review*, speaking of the workings of the prohibitory law of Maine, says: "We have passed through the whole length of the State from New Hampshire to New Brunswick, and have con-

versed with people of every class, and we can bear the most decided testimony that the Maine law is not only a great success, but it is most firmly established in the hearts of an immense majority of the people. This is further proved by the fact that almost every year increases its efficiency. Its weak points are from time to time strengthened, objectionable points are modified, but no one attempts to relax it, no one dares assail it. The excellence of the Maine law, however, is in its execution. The people sustain it. They have considered well the evils of intemperance, and have decided to do away with them."

Whisky is a bad citizen. It exerts a distinctive influence in politics. It nominates its own candidate and elects the man who spends the money in its purchase. It is unscrupulous as to "ways and means." It knows nothing of the fundamental principles of the honor, honesty of virtue. It aims to rule or ruin. It ruins, if possible, where it is not allowed to rule, and always ruins where it is allowed to rule. Death and destruction follow in its track. Friends of temperance shun it as they would the devil himself, and remember that in shunning it they do shun the devil.—*Star of Hope.*

The Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society have adopted the following paper: "To the United States Senate and House of Representatives: The Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society respectfully ask that the pending bills to enable the people of the Territories of Dakota and New Mexico to form constitutions and State governments be so amended as to require in their respective constitutions the proviso that the distilling, brewing, and sale of all alcoholic liquors for drinking purposes, shall be forever unlawful in the proposed new States."—*Ex.*

In a letter advocating the exclusion of the Chinese from this country, says the *National Temperance Advocate*, General Butler, who has rarely been heard from of late in connection with public affairs, mentions that two years since he went to the Pacific Coast, that one of his errands was to examine for himself the condition of the Chinese, and whether it was desirable that they should or should not come here.

"After a careful investigation," he says, "I found that Chinamen were among the very best laboring men on the coast in all branches of industry; . . . that, to a remarkable degree, as a whole, they were honest, and in their vocations exceedingly intelligent; THAT THEY WERE TEMPERATE, and as a rule peaceful," etc. He also found "that they were thrifty, economical, in their habits, and cleanly in their persons as a rule, and because of these traits were rapidly absorbing the employment in all the laboring the mechanical work." His chief objection to them is that, saving a surplus beyond their earnings (unlike many emigrants who come to America from other countries,) they are in the habit of sending that surplus away to help needy friends at home. These "temperate," "thrifty," "honest," "peaceful," "economical," "exceedingly intelligent" laborers are a poor constituency for the grog-shops. Can it be that, on the part of a certain school of politicians, this fact has anything to do with their intense opposition to the Chinese, while they welcome to our shores with open arms the whisky and beer drinking emigrants by the hundreds of thousands from other foreign countries?

The *National Temperance Advocate* says that in a recent debate in the Senate of the United States upon a resolution to investigate the crooked ways of the whisky lobby at Washington, Senator Beck, of Kentucky, came forward promptly as the earnest advocate of the Bonded Whisky Extension Bill and as the special defender of the whisky business, declaring it to be "as honest and legitimate business as any other." He made also the striking statement that in the single city of Peoria there were forty thousand bushels of corn, or "the product of a thousand acres of the best land of Illinois," used "every day" in the distilling business. At the time of Senator Beck's election to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Kentucky it was said that whisky flowed freely in his behalf at his hotel quarters. He represents a large distilling constituency, and he may fairly be considered the champion whisky senator. Perhaps Kentucky may some day be prepared to dispense with such Senatorial service.

The Bloomington, Ill., *Prohibitionist* says: "We confidently believe

that Iowa will place itself side by side with Kansas on the 27th of June. The friends of prohibition in Illinois will watch the struggle in our sister State with deep interest, for in one sense Iowa will fight the battle for Illinois and the entire northwest. If Iowa succeeds in outlawing the liquor traffic the influence of that victory will be powerful upon all the surrounding States. The liquor interest fully understands this fact, hence the entire power of the whisky ring of the nation will be concentrated in that State to prevent the success of the amendment. The enemy will go into the field fully equipped and supplied with all that money can command. On the other hand the temperance people will be armed with the power of right, backed up by the prayers of good men and women everywhere. For the next two months Iowa will be the battlefield of one of the grandest moral conflicts that the century has witnessed. God grant that the victory may perch on the side of the right."

Governor St. John, of Kansas, held an immense mass-meeting May 7th, in Leavenworth, Kansas. He spoke upon prohibition, and declared, while it had been but partially enforced in Kansas, the time was near at hand when not one place of public sale would be tolerated in the State. He said to the liquor dealers, many of whom were present: "I tell you men who are violating the law here, that there is no spot on Kansas soil where nullification can exist after the next session of the legislature." In reference to prohibition in national politics, and the cry that Prohibitionists were going too fast, he said: "We are ticketed clear through, and we don't propose to stop this side the grand union depot of absolute prohibition for the entire nation." He declared prohibition to be the only live issue before the people of Kansas in the campaign about to open, and predicted that the Republican party of the nation would throttle and choke the life out of the liquor traffic, as it had out of human slavery.—*Ex.*

True temperance men are not discouraged—they have sown temperance seed and in due time will reap as they have sown. One with God is a majority. They are the men that would "rather be right than the president."—*Prohibitionist.*