

they should be taxed. They are both pernicious, poisonous luxuries, and the former costs the country more in mere money in a single week for the pauperism and crime it creates than it pays into the Treasury in a year. Whisky is the worst and most demoralizing factor in the whole social and economic sum, and it should be taxed to the last extremity.

Tobacco is only a less vicious agent than whisky, and is most appropriately taxed. The general use of it is injuring or destroying the health and vigor of the young and old, and if the tax were increased, instead of reduced or removed, the country would be all the better for it. There are plenty of other taxes which can be reduced before any necessity will arise for repealing the tax on whisky and tobacco. There are plenty of taxes, which if removed, will help the poor man, so dear to the heart of the demagogue in Congress, instead of injuring him. Let those taxes be first repealed; and, to begin with, let Congress make the poor man's breakfast table entirely free by repealing the taxes on salt and sugar. The tax on tea and coffee has been removed; now let the taxes on those other two articles be removed.

It is folly to say that the tax on whisky and tobacco is not needed; that the surplus of income over expenditure is too great, and should be reduced. It need not be reduced. It can be used to extinguish the national indebtedness. The sooner the debt shall be paid the better, for then the enormous interest charges can be got rid of. If, however, there were no other uses to which the tax on whisky could be applied let it still be levied and collected, and divided among the States for the maintenance of the paupers, thieves and ruffians it makes, and for hanging the murderers it inspires to murder.

The tax on whisky and tobacco should be large and perpetual; except for mechanical and medicinal purposes, whisky should, if it could, be taxed out of existence. Its power to destroy the health and vigor and morals of men should be destroyed if possible. But a demagogic Congress insists on increasing its power of destruction merely to please the wealthy distillers and manufacturers of the South and West. Both parties wish to stand well with them, to win their gratitude, and neither

party cares what harm is wrought by free whisky and tobacco. There never was a tax levied more wisely, and no greater wrong could be done by Congress than to repeal it.—*The Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Prohibition in Iowa.

The brilliant victory recently won by the people of the State of Iowa, in the great struggle to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks within its borders, is a cause for rejoicing to every one who desires the triumph of temperance principles. We have greater reason to be glad from the fact that this temperance movement was one which had its origin with the people, and won by the people, rather than the leaders of the political parties of the State. It shows what can be done in a good cause, by good people with persistent, well organized effort. The hard fought battle has resulted in the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, by a majority of from 25,000 to 30,000—a majority so large, that the opponents to the amendment will hardly dare make any great opposition to the laws which shall be enacted to carry out the purpose of the amendment. This victory will greatly strengthen the temperance cause throughout the whole country, and give a hope that will stimulate to greater endeavor in other States. With Maine, Kansas, and Iowa in the ranks of prohibition, may we not hope to see other States soon take their places in the same line, and march on to the conquering of the whole nation?—*The Outlook.*

Temperance Notes.

—Virginia drinks up her entire wheat crop annually, and it is stated that the liquor drunk in Louisiana costs \$47,000,000, \$2,000,000 more than its combined cotton, sugar and rice crop.

—A prohibition bill has been introduced into the Hawaiian Legislature.

—There will be presented to the Colorado Legislature, next December, a petition asking for a popular vote on the question of giving to woman the right of "voting on all questions pertaining to the sale or giving away of intoxicating liquor."

—Noting the fact that Gov. Colquitt, of Georgia, has come out boldly as a champion of prohibition, the New Orleans *Advocate*

says: "More than half the counties of Georgia already have local option, and, under the lead of her eloquent Governor, we shall expect the next Legislature to pass a prohibitory law for the entire State. When Georgia sits beside Maine, Kansas and Iowa—the commonwealths of reform—we shall look for Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and other States soon to follow.

—Gov. Foster is thoroughly awake to the situation, and in a recent speech said: "I have never known so much feeling on any public question since I have been in politics. The attitude of the brewers and liquor-dealers is such; their determination to throw vast sums of money into the campaign, in the interest of free rum against law and order; their open defiance of law; their indifference to the rapid increase of drunkenness, misery and crime—all combine to show that the people of the State will be compelled to encounter a liquor-dealers' rebellion. According to their own statement, \$30,000,000 are invested in the brewing interest in Ohio, with an annual retail sale of \$35,000,000. Add to this the sale of other kinds of liquor, and we have a total of sales at retail in a single year of \$70,000,000. Of this sum one-half is net profit. Here is the animus of this rebellion. We have in Ohio 15,000 saloons, one for every 225 of our population, and one for every forty-eight of our voters. The fact about the whole business is that this is a liquor-dealers' rebellion against law."

—Canon Wilberforce, an English Church teetotal leader, has created quite a ripple in ecclesiastical circles, by calling the attention of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the large number of public houses built in London and elsewhere upon "Church" land. This is an adroit blow at the drink traffic. It is asserted that the "Church" is the largest owner of drinking-house property in the country. The Canon himself has refused to sign any lease on the Church land over which he has control which does not contain a clause forbidding the sale of intoxicants of any description.

—Iowa has adopted by 30,000 majority, an amendment to the State constitution providing that "No person shall manufacture for sale, sell, or keep for sale as a beverage, any intoxicating liquors whatever, including ale, wine and beer."

Miss Brown, who is no longer young, was chiding Miss Moire for her foolishness in carrying a parasol, which, Miss Brown said, was useless, and a piece of affectation. "I never carry a parasol," she said. "No," replied Miss Moire; "people on the shady side life have no use for them."

Speaking of Governors suggests the mention of an item we received from Mr. Henry A. Knight, Foreman at Chas. Waters & Co.'s Governor and Valve Works, Boston, Mass.: I have used St. Jacobs Oil among our employees and find that it never fails to cure. The men are delighted with the wonderful effects of the Oil, as it has cured them of bruises, burns, etc.—*New Albany Ledger-Standard.*

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