

GROUNDS GETS PRIZE

DALLAS YOUNG MAN LEADS STATE IN W. C. T. U. CONTEST

Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors In Its Relation to Government Ably Discussed in Its Various Aspects.

Following is the essay, by Ray Grounds of Dallas, which won the Oregon state prize in the high school contest, and which is full of strong arguments against the liquor traffic. There is a probability that this essay will win in the national contest, a decision in which will be rendered in the not very distant future. The essayist, who is a well-known high school boy, having graduated last spring, has written several temperance articles that have attracted wide-spread attention among cold water advocates of the country, but the essay in question is especially meritorious, and worthy of wide publicity.

Traffic in alcoholic liquors in its relation to government presents a problem of world-wide importance. Considered in its social, economic and political aspects, this criminal trade is America's most bitter enemy. The saloon is the root of the social evil. Mary K. Regan, chief matron of the Chicago police department, says: "Of all the ten or twelve thousand unfortunate girls and wrecked women arrested every year in Chicago, among those who tell their woes to me, ninety-nine out of one hundred attribute their woes to the first glass of wine or champagne." The accuracy of this statement has been corroborated time and again by such authorities as the official vice investigating committees of Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

"The saloon is the church's most aggressive foe. Dr. J. C. Jackson made a very convincing comparison between two Ohio cities. The first had long been wet. Ten years after it had gone dry the church membership had doubled in proportion to the population. The second had been dry for years. After it became wet the church membership decreased one-half during the first ten years. Mr. Jackson found that in seven wet Ohio towns, of which the aggregate population was 15,557, there were only 3945 church members, as compared with a church membership of 10,000 in seven dry towns, of which the total population was only 12,800.

"In this country rum is at present the chief promoter of criminality. By searching the jail records of Massachusetts it has been disclosed that in 1911, out of 33 cities, used as examples, in the license cities there were 73,771 crimes committed because of drink, while 34,051 offenses were laid to other causes. In the same year there were 9826 crimes committed in the no-license places of the list because of drinking, while 9191 offenses were attributed to other causes. The city jail records of Lansing, Michigan, show that in 1910, when that place was dry, there were only 205 arrests, in comparison to 1035 in 1912, when the town was wet. According to the court records there were 9959 criminal cases filed in the municipal court of Chicago in 1910; in 1913 there were 20,291. Judge Gemmill considers this remarkable increase in crime to be due principally to the saloons.

Looked at from a physiological standpoint, alcohol has wrought havoc throughout our nation. Insurance tables of the United States give 92,794 as the total number of deaths resulting from smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, croup, typhoid and cancer. Yet this is insignificant when we are aware that intoxication brought about 152,781 or 59,987 more deaths than did all six of those diseases combined. Drink destroys three times as much life every year in America as did the civil war.

"The indirect results of the liquor evil on mortality are even more far-reaching. Dr. J. H. Killogg, of Battle Creek, calls attention to the fact that in Bulgaria, where intoxicants are used but very little, one person out of every thousand attains the age of 100 years, while in Germany, a nation given to beer drinking, only one out of 700,000 reaches that age. Insurance tables indicate that the average moderate drinker at 20 years of age and after, loses 13 years of life and that the average hard drinker at the age of 20 years and after, loses 29 years. Alcohol makes the human body more susceptible to disease. Sir Andrew Clark, physician to Queen Victoria, found that seven out of ten in the English hospital wards owed their afflictions to intoxicants. Drink is largely responsible for the rapid increase in insanity. Within a period of 50 years the population of the United States has increased 330 per cent. During the same period the number of insane has become 950 per cent larger, the latter increase being due almost entirely to the excessive use of alcohol and other narcotics, in one form or another (committee report, American Medical Association, New York). In 1910 there were, on an average, 118.8 insane to each 100,000 population in the dry states. In the wet states the number of insane averaged 276.6 to each 100,000 population (U. S. census 1910).

"Liquor traffic has everywhere proved a decided hindrance to education. In Maine, where prohibition prevails, 83.7 per cent of the children are enrolled in the schools. In the wet state of Rhode Island only 66.4 per cent of the children of school age attend. In Oklahoma, a dry setee,

81.6 per cent of the youth are being educated. In Nevada, a state in most respects similar to Oklahoma, but wet, only 58 per cent are in school.

"The economic loss occasioned by the liquor trade is titanic. The last census report represents the distillers and brewers of the nation as having used materials amounting to a little more than 1 per cent of the value of the raw products made use of in all manufacturing. A few simple comparisons will suffice to illustrate how hum has worked to the detriment of the producer. When breweries were in operation in the state of Oregon they returned only two-fifths of the value of their product to labor and materials, while other industries returned four-fifths (1914 Campaign Manual, Oregon Anti-Saloon League).

In every case where states have gone dry the farming communities have been benefited by the change. Twenty years ago mortgages were held by easterners on Kansas lands. Now, in spite of repeated droughts, the people of the state own \$67,900,000 worth of such credits. In Kansas every fifth farmer owns an automobile; in wet Missouri, where conditions of climate and soil are much more favorable to the agriculturist, only one farmer in every 100 affords an automobile.

"The one thing that has given King Alcohol the grip he now holds on our government is the revenue. Yet in 1912 we received \$31,365,484.81 internal revenue from sources other than liquors. The rise in taxes which the tariff brings about heavily counterbalances the amount of revenue it brings into the treasury. Employing a basis established from the report of the Massachusetts state board of statistics of labor and the state auditor's report, it was discovered that \$2,012,419 of the cost of paupers, criminals and insane was due to license for the sale of intoxicants. One-fourth of the appropriations of the Oregon legislature in 1913 was for those institutions made necessary largely by the open saloon.

"Labor and the manufacturing industry are decidedly worsted by booze. The Oregon Anti-Saloon League's investigation in 1914 of the 18 breweries of the state shows that \$2,469,927 was invested in these plants and that 204 wage earners were employed. By careful comparison with the other industries it was shown that if the same amount of capital were invested in any other line it would employ 818 wage earners. The families of drunkards are forced to compete in the labor market. This, of course, greatly lowers wages. In Massachusetts the average yearly earnings of each man and woman living in no license cities amounts to \$42.39 more than the average yearly earnings of each man and woman living in the wet cities, an aggregate difference of \$4,085,081.91 (Third Annual Report on Statistics and Manufactures for Massachusetts).

"The preparation of liquors does not deserve mention among manufacturing industries. The value of products from lumbering alone is more than three times the value of malt and distilled liquors, while the value of products from our foundries and machine shops is nearer four times as much (Abstract of Census, p. 442).

"Liquor traffic adds very little to inland commerce and still less to ocean trade. On the other hand it injures trade the world over by decreasing producibility. Furthermore, it menaces the carriers of commerce by inducing an irresponsible condition upon the part of train and ship crews. Business conditions will be better in the United States without booze. So little raw material is used, so little labor needed, to carry on its production, that the profits are enormous. Nothing keeps more money out of circulation than does the liquor trade. By a conservative estimate, our drink bill in 1910 was \$2,430,551,073.58. Other causes not taken into consideration, this great economic waste is sufficient to bring about stringent financial conditions and it is well to notice that our financial panics have always followed a series of years when fermented liquors boomed.

"As long as the liquor traffic exists our liberties and institutions are endangered. It is therefore urgently necessary that this "enemy at home" be prohibited to continue."

TAXES DELINQUENT TOMORROW

Provided, However, First Half Has Not Been Paid. Taxpayers who have not yet paid the first installment of taxes due April 1 are reminded that if the tax is unpaid tomorrow, a 10 per cent penalty will be added and in addition the tax will commence to bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum. Persons making payments will find interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month from April 1 has been added. Where half the tax has been paid the second half may be paid any time prior to September 30, when the penalty is added and interest commences to run.

It should also be kept in mind that while the treasurer collected a large part of the first installments the law again making the sheriff tax collector has since become effective and payment must be made to that official.

Some Egg. This. W. J. Thompson, who conducts a poultry farm near Dallas, brought to this office yesterday an egg measuring 7 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches, the product of a White Leghorn, and would like to have some one show a larger one. Mr. Thompson has about 350 White Leghorn pullets, and is one of the successful raisers of Polk county.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Gray Hostess—That Mrs. Charles A. Gray has been named to serve again as hostess at the Oregon building at the exposition in San Francisco is a matter of general congratulation. Mrs. Gray has served with rare tact and grace and her universal kindness and good judgment have made her a favorite with all who have met her. She has many friends in all parts of Oregon, who are delighted with her reappointment.

Mrs. Gray is the widow of Charles A. Gray of Salem, and is a general favorite. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Richardson, pioneer residents of Buena Vista, Polk county. For several years Mrs. Gray has been hostess at one of the leading sorority houses in Eugene, where she is popular with the students and faculty of the university.

Birthday Party—Master Kenneth Dunkelberger delightfully entertained a number of his young friends at his home Friday afternoon, the event being his tenth birthday. The afternoon was enjoyably spent in games and various amusements. A dainty luncheon was served by the host mother during the afternoon. The guests were: Misses Margaret Campbell, Helen Sweeney, Dorothy Erskine, Helen Soehren, Grace Stoekwell, Ernestine Davis, Affa Beach, Masters Everett Beach, John Davis, Donald Ballantyne, Gidheart Rempel, Halden Grant, Joe Griffin, Kenneth Dunkelberger.

Entertain Quartet—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ellis delightfully entertained the members of the Ladies' quartet of the Christian church and their husbands, at their spacious home on Shelton street, Saturday evening. The quartet furnished a number of selections with Prof. Caldwell at the piano. Mr. Caldwell rendered a number of selections during the evening. Dainty refreshments were served in the basement at a late hour. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coad, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Whitney, Miss Nola Coad and Professor Caldwell.

Juniors Entertained—Mrs. W. P. Miller entertained the Junior Missionary society at the park Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in reading the "Missionary Friend" and in games. A light luncheon was served during the afternoon.

Mrs. Brown Entertains—Mrs. Lot Brown was hostess at a delightful entertainment on Friday afternoon for the pleasure of Mrs. L. Longuecker and her two daughters, Misses Ada and Anna May.

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