

Prohibition
It's Logic-As a
Party Plea.

In his address to voters Mr. Bruce Wolverton, of Portland, candidate for presidential elector, said in part:

- 1. No man has an "Inherent Right" to sell liquor by retail in any part of the United States,— U. S. Supreme Court.
- 2. Therefore, Prohibition is the "Inherent Right" accorded to the people of the nation, under this judgment.
- 3. That which is not right must be wrong. There is no middle ground.
- 4. Before any liquor can be sold by retail, this government must intervene contrary to the "Inherent Right" of the people, and in behalf of the liquor dealer.
- 5. If it does intervene, it does so under an enactment, properly designated as a "special privilege."
- 6. The license system is a declaration that, not prohibition, but permission (special) is the established fundamental basis of operation. In other words, Right has been overthrown in the interests of "Special Privilege."

Hence, one of two and only two positions possible regarding the retail liquor traffic..

First, Prohibition. This position declares:—It is not to be permitted. It is not to be "licensed." It is not to be regulated. It is not to be recognized as a permissible entity. There is no "Inherent Right" attachable, possible or thinkable, whereby any man in this nation may engage in the retail liquor business. More, no legislation being possible whereby a "wrong" can be conjured into a "right," this present day "Class Legislation," granting "Special Privilege" to do wrong under "legal" sanction, is a species of political legerdemain.

Furthermore, it is contrary to not only the spirit, but also to the letter of the constitution, which declares we, under it, are expected "to establish justice, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The person espousing Prohibition can have nothing to do with the "License System," nothing to do with its results, nothing to do with its enforcement, or with legislation respecting its regulation, promulgation or dissimulation. His only logical position is absolute separation from all subterfuges whereby political acrobats and compromising moralists seek to twist, turn or wring a wrong into a "right," by this selling of indulgence. If he attempts it, he utterly fails, and in the failure, he compromises not only the position he espouses, but his own personal integrity.

Second, this position declares that:—License is recognizable as a means of dealing with the liquor traffic. It accords to the liquor interests standing in court,—a standing in legislation,—a recognition in and before the executive departments,—a situation unrecognizable by the person espousing prohibition. It admits the saloon as a thinkable entity. In admitting the saloon, it admits not only the contents, but the necessary concomitants, the manufacture, transportation, distribution, wholesale, as well as retail.

Under this system, low license, high license, higher license, all these figure as a means of "reg-

ulation. Following in the maze of shifts, it draws forth for discussion hours of opening, of closing, sales to minors, to Indians, to women, to drunkards, to dullards; legislation about treating, stairways, blinds, doors, stools, and a thousand other minutia of detail whereby the "thing" can be "regulated." It never ends its necessity for "regulation." Like death and the grave, it is continually demanding "more" (regulation.)

It enmeshes legislatures in all manner of shifts, it commits councils to undertake all kinds of subterfuges, and the police to engage in every variety of detective extravagance by which the lives and property and any remaining interests of the people are safeguarded (supposedly) from its dreadful ravages.

Upon our statute books, today, are the enactments which recognize the license system as a part and parcel of our governmental policy. Whoever refuses his protest, by that silence gives his consent to the system. He may do this in four ways.

- 1. By open advocacy of the system.
- 2. By advocacy of any method of dealing with the liquor question whereby the system must be utilized.
- 3. By coalition with persons known to be in sympathy with the system.
- 4. By coalition with any party or association which by silence or action refuses to protest against the system.

To the last class belong all persons who are voting with political parties that by their silence in their platforms shall agree that the license system is right.

Responsibility.—All champions of regulation are responsible for the failures under the system. They are responsible for the failures of regulation, of prosecution, of official corruption and general anarchy.

Champions of prohibition can not be held responsible for failures to elect men to office who promise to carry out the will of the people under the system. It is not their business, nay, it is not possible for them to make it their business, to bring success to the system. They recognize it as impossible of success.

They are the sworn enemies of license. Water and oil cannot unite. He that is for prohibition cannot be against it. Any form of license is against it. Any attempt to regulate under license is against its very spirit. You cannot serve license and prohibition. If you cling to one you will despise the other.

Lincoln said: "We want those who think slavery is wrong, to quit voting with those who think it is right." So, the prohibitionist says: "We want those who think license is wrong to quit voting with those who think it is right."

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.
MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Harold H Rich to Bertha E Foster.
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