

It is strange that a brother editor of the same town, if even our political complexion be different, should be so far lost to a duty which compels the attention of the newspaper fraternity, as to infer that our picture of the present condition of society in our town, to be "overdrawn." Instead of coming with equal force to the help of the HERALD to stem the tide of immorality, now rampant in our midst, the Items comes with an "overdrawn picture" so said of the HERALD.

The Items says "from the reading of the article in the HERALD one would think that Burns is going at two forty rate to purgatory."

The Items struck the nail square on the head when it printed this clause, for if this town is not going at two forty pace to "hades" we miss our guess and that dancing is the main factor in the cause the Items nor any individual can deny.

Don't understand us that we object to dancing when carried on with the moral respect due society, we enjoy seeing young folks happy, if that happiness is acquired with due regard for their honor and future usefulness as members of society and parental respect, but when we believe the dance hall to be the hot-bed of immorality caused by the admittance of persons whom every parent and husband knows not to be fit associates for our wives and daughters, that puts the matter in an entirely different light.

Now we honestly ask, is it not the duty of the press to bring the matter before the public? As to the remedy so earnestly desired, by the paper either too modest, or lacking courage to call black, black, we would answer that bringing the situation through the press as it is without "pie" or excuses for the transgressors, before the citizens of the town is one of the most important step towards the remedy.

We do not write as we do through malice or a desire to injure any one, and if the parties who feel themselves hurt by our plain and truthful publications, show by their actions and conduct that they truly desire to be ladies and gentlemen and conduct themselves accordingly, we will be the first to give them credit.

Every one knows to what state of degradation and immorality a community can be brought, by giving rein to wanton tendencies, that leads to murder and the annihilation of family ties and confidence, a living death, more miserable to contemplate than the narrow confines of the tomb.

DOES WOOL GAIN BY PROTECTION.

An examination of the prices of wool at Boston, the controlling market of the United States, will show that the best average prices were obtained when wool was practically free of duty. Previous to 1857 there was a tariff of thirty per cent, but the tariff act of that year admitted that the fine wools of South America, Australia, and the Cape of Good Hope free. Virtually the act of 1857 put wool on the free

list, and it there remained until after the war. In 1865 wool brought sixty cents a pound in the Boston market, and after duties were removed the price ranged as follows:

1857... 60 cents	1863... 70 cents
1858... 55 "	1864... 75 "
1859... 60 "	1865... 75 "
1860... 60 "	1866... 69 "
1861... 47 "	1867... 61 "
1862... 57 "	

These were the best years ever known in the United States, and wool was then virtually on the free list. In 1867, when wool commanded sixty one cents a pound, Congress determined to "protect" the wool growers, and imposed duty ranging on different grades of fleece from fifty to sixty per cent with the following results:

1868... 43 cents	1876... 35 cents
1869... 30 "	1877... 33 "
1870... 37 "	1878... 31 "
1871... 45 "	1879... 30 "
1872... 50 "	1880... 30 "
1873... 41 "	1881... 29 "
1874... 40 "	1882... 25 "
1875... 39 "	1883... 25 "

In 1883, when wool, after fifteen years of high protection, had reached the lowest price in forty years, congress, at that time republican in both branches, and with a republican president, determined to try a different policy, and reduced the tariff from 1 to 2 cents per pound, according to fleece. What was the result? The Boston market showed the following changes:

1883... 25 cents	1886... 32 cents
1884... 26 "	1887... 32 "
1885... 27 "	

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