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## MODEL LICENSE LEAGUE

**MAKES PUBLIC VIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY ON PROHIBITION—OTHER LEADERS ARE REPORTED.**

Louisville, Ky., July 20.—The National Model License league has issued a brief statement showing the relationship of prohibition to politics and labor, as illustrated by the recent utterances of men who are most prominent today in the public eye. The league publishes a communication from William Jennings Bryan to the effect that the liquor question is not a national issue, but that the only time that Mr. Bryan ever had occasion to vote on the question of state-wide prohibition, he voted against it and expressed himself as follows:

"I believe in the right of each community to attend to its own business. I believe that the people of the community know better what they want done than any outside persons can know."

The league also quotes the recent utterance of Henry Waterson, editor of the Courier-Journal, who has laid down the rule: "No Democrat can be a prohibitionist."

### Taft's View of Prohibition.

The league then calls attention to the fact that the prohibitionist can find solace in the utterance of the Republican nominee for the presidency of the United States, William Howard Taft, who, in a lecture delivered at Yale on "Four Aspects of Civic Duty," said:

"Nothing is more foolish, nothing more utterly at variance with sound policy than to enact a law which, by reason of conditions surrounding the community in which it is declared to be law, is incapable of enforcement. Such an instance is sometimes presented by sumptuary laws by which the sale of intoxicating liquors is prohibited under penalty in localities where the public sentiment of the immediate community does not and will not sustain the enforcement of the law."

\* \* \* In cases where the sale of liquor cannot be prohibited in fact, it is far better to regulate and diminish the evil than to attempt to stamp it out."

### What Mitchell Says.

In regard to the position of labor as to sumptuary law, the league quotes from a letter received by President Gilmore from John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America and 2nd vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, in which Mr. Mitchell says that he regard model license as much superior to the present system and that it would remove many existing evils. Backing this up is the following quotation from an official statement of the American Federation of Labor:

"The continued growth of prohibition and the destruction of the brewing and distilling interests will result in the farmer and the allied trades in all the lines of manufacture being made to suffer great losses by destroying the market for their products."

The prohibitionist's views as to the Democratic party, as given in the American Prohibition Year Book for 1908, are quoted as follows:

"This (the Democratic) party does not employ deep thought on its attitude on the liquor question. It has a few sounding phrases on 'sumptuary law' and on 'the liberties of the citizen' which it airs on every occasion. They will not bear analysis in this connection, but analysis and discriminating thought are often found lacking in the Democratic method of sustaining the liquor traffic. They do not stop to question whether the liquor men's arguments and figures are sound and true but they swallow them whole, and act accordingly."

### Republican Attitude.

As the Republican party's attitude toward prohibition, the Year Book is quoted as follows:

"The Republican leaders have endeavored to postpone and finally to defeat prohibition oftener than they have consented to it. The party cannot by any means be said to have been a militant force in behalf of the prohibition of the liquor traffic and the protection of the homes of the people from the drink curse."

The league's quotation of the Year Book's attack on President Roosevelt is as follows:

"He (Mr. Roosevelt) reads the press and often flares out in answer to newspapers or persons who do not please him. But he does not know that the liquor traffic exists."

He once did know. What has caused him to 'quit'? His best friends are at a loss for an answer. Surely his memory is in good working order. What has caused this change? What he said in 1895 has been quoted on another page. What he does not say in 1907-8 is the wonder of the century."

### Short List of Opponents.

In another section quoted from the Year Book the prohibitionists say: "Quotations are at hand taking an attitude unfavorable to the spread of prohibition from President Harrison, James G. Blaine, Jno. Sherman, New York Tribune, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Brooklyn Times, Indianapolis Journal, and New York Mail and Express, which may be deemed entitled to represent the Republican party's real attitude on any question, especially when they all agree."

In conclusion, the league points out the fact that the prohibitions is turned away from the Democratic party; from the Republican party; that he cannot get the laboring man's sympathy; and in default of these, he must once more make himself ridiculous by throwing away his vote for a foolish candidate and a futile cause.

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