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## The Executive Department of Prohibition.

[From the Broad Axc.]

There has been a wonderful development of Temperance sentiment, or of Temperance convictions, in our State within the past eight years. South Carolina has suddenly emerged from the darkness, and from the position of one of the most backward and least progressive of all the States in the matter of Temperance reform, it has at once—almost at a single stride stepped into the very front rank. I will not stop to inquire into the causes of this rapid growth of temperance reform, more than to suggest that there were two causes conspiring.

1. The maturing of seed long sown in tears and toils and prayers. 2. The origination of a distinctly county political movement, and the uprising of what, in the language of another, may be called the sleeping giant of the woods. Many, many years ago there was earnest temperance work done in our State by such men as J. Belton O'Neil, Tupper, of Charleston, Cuttiper, Witherspoon of Society Hill, and William Lewis of Sumter. Since their day we have had Oliver Hewitt, the indefatigable Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance, Cuttino, Dibble, Lucius Cuttiper, J. G. Williams, and last but not least that true heroine, Mrs. Sallie Chapin, who have earnestly labored in this department of benevolent work. For a long time there seemed comparatively but little fruit. The time for harvest had not come.

There was we know now, a steady growth but it had no way of manifesting itself. The Episcopal denomination largely dominated politics in this State. They as a denomination were extremely conservative on the liquor question. The long established usage of Society had a more masterful hold upon them. With the uprising of the sturdy yeomanry—the agricultural class of the country—with whatever of evil it may have been associated—there came into places of influence a class of men, who were not trammelled by precedents, and the line of temperance fruitage—we find in all the ordinary course of nature—is also a day of propitious surroundings. The day, I say, of temperance fruitage is, if I mistake not, now. It is here. It becomes us upon whom has come these latter days harvest to make suitable provision for reaping and storing away the precious fruits—social, political and spiritual—for these are organically connected—seemingly not intimately united, which have come to us from the evils of our forefathers. In this day the saying has, if I mistake not the prognostications, come to pass, "One sower and another reaper;" other men labored and ye have entered into their labor. Our department—and a very important one—of this work of providing a storage for the temperance harvest, will be the framing of a wise, far-reaching, comprehensive law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating spirits as a beverage. This is a very important part of our preparation for harvest, and one which will need intellects of above fertile in legal resources and of sober judgment and common sense. But when this difficult task has been achieved, thoroughly and well, there is still a very difficult facing us, but one, the responsibility of which we dare not shirk, our duty to our generation, to posterity forbids it. This belongs to what I will call the executive department of prohibition. To what means must we look for the proper enforcement of the law, or in other words, how shall we wake prohibition? Let me make a few suggestions.

1. See that we have the right sort of men in the executive departments of the government. See that we have the right sort of a governor. It is useless to say that the governor will have no influence upon the enforcement of the law. The prohibitionists were too late in the field for this campaign, to have any choice in nominating a governor. Speaking for myself I will say, I am not satisfied with either candidate, but I have my private opinion as to which of the two candidates is more favorable to the enforcement of a prohibition law, but I will not speak out, lest I be charged with feeding my audience on political chaff instead of prohibition wheat. This much, however, I will say, we prohibitionists must be wide awake and see that the Democratic primaries have an opportunity of voting for a man of decided temperance conviction.

2. See that we have the right sort of judges. Much responsibility for the enforcement of the prohibitory, as of all other laws, rests with the judiciary. A whiskey soaked judge is not apt to be very clear in the exposition of a law punishing liquor sellers. Let us remember that it has only been about two, or two and a half years since complaint was made through a county paper, Watchman and Southern, that a judge at a recent term of court had been drunk to discharge the duties of his office. (Question—How much liquor can a judge drink and yet properly discharge his duties?)

3. We must see to it that we have the right sort of a solicitor. A gentleman who holds a high office in the I. O. G. T. told me that a man, who is a candidate for re-election, was publicly gazed upon in a condition of beastly drunkenness in a bar-room in Sumter only about three years ago. Do you wonder when I tell you that I daily prayed while the election for solicitor was progressing that God would not suffer such a man to be again inflicted upon us. Upon the solicitor—upon his temperance convictions—depends very much his efficiency as a prosecuting attorney in cases for the violation of prohibitory laws.

4. Considerable responsibility rests upon our trial justices. It is their duty to take cognizance of violation of law with which they may become acquainted. But besides, they have the preliminary hearing in all cases of criminality, I believe, except such as are first reported to the grand jury. How much a competent, fearless trial justice of strong temperance convictions can do towards ensuring the enforcement of prohibitory law, it is difficult to tell.

5. The office of county commissioner is a very important one. If there has ever been a county commissioner in this county who has his salt, I have never known him. There have been instances of violation of law in this town too numerous to mention, violations of the State revenue law by country stores which have been the public talk, and public scandal, but if any of these drunk custodians of the public weal and order have ever seen much as growled, I have listened in vain to hear them. An efficient, faithful body of county commissioners thoroughly imbued with temperance sentiment, can do much, the toil-earned fruits of the temperance workers.

6. We must have the right sort of town council. It is in our towns and villages that a large part of the violation of temperance laws takes place. A town council that has the fear of God before their eyes, and the good of humanity in their hearts has a splendid opportunity to serve their day and generation by passing stringent town ordinances and seeing that they are enforced.

7. A vigilance committee composed of fearless, God fearing men will be indispensable in every town for a long time to come. What is every man's duty is apt to be no man's. Few men are so impressed with a sense of obligation as a citizen to undertake the necessary steps for enforcement alone. Let the better part of the citizens unite quietly and keep their own council proceed cautiously to secure evidence, indict and prosecute.

8. A live I. O. G. T. lodge in each community is perhaps worth as much as all the rest put together. A really live lodge imbued with the only true inspiration of a lodge; a deathless desire to seek and to save the lost, to protect home and native land; can do exploits, can arouse and mold public sentiment and create an atmosphere in which the kindred spirits of intemperance and lawlessness will hide their hideous faces. S. M. R. Timmonsville, July 5, 1892.

## Prohibition Points.

The rum power is doomed in South Carolina.

There is a great cry of "Hard Times." Prohibition will do more for the relief of hard times than reduce cotton acreage and increase tobacco acreage more than free silver or any other device of our wise (?) statesmen. So long as the present license system is the jolier pursued by our government, all plans for the relief of hard times—no matter how wise—must fall short of accomplishing the best results for which they are devised. The prescription for the cure of "Hard Times" is Prohibition.

Prohibition is the greatest issue now before the voters of this country. It is the greatest moral issue before us, and, as such, should command the attention and active work of every Christian. It is the greatest economical issue, and should therefore command the attention of every man interested in the temporal prosperity of his country.

Every person must be in favor of the sale of liquor or against it. There is no neutral ground. When I see men "on the fence" in regard to the prohibition question, I sometimes wish the fence was sharp enough to cut them in two, that we might have our half." (Fench.)

Many have been "on the fence" relative to this issue in South Carolina, but we are doing away with the old style fence and putting up barbed wire between prohibition and the anti-prohibitionist, smart as he is, can't sit long on such a fence. He will be obliged to fall on one side or the other.

From present indications the prohibition issue is to be a live factor in the election of the next Legislature. Let candidates declare themselves on the issue at once. Where a candidate is too weak-kneed to declare himself, count him opposed to prohibition, and leave him at home. This is a matter that affects us all. Every man who has the temporal prosperity of his State at heart must feel his obligation to vote for prohibition; every man who realizes the necessity of taking moral principle into his line of action in things political will feel compelled to support for Legis-

lature only those who favor the prohibition of liquor traffic. The crisis is upon us. It is fearful that every man do his duty. Vote for prohibition and prohibitionists.

In the work now before us in South Carolina, Prohibition is the battle cry! We have no use for the word "Temperance" in this connection. For years we have been praying for temperance, and our preachers have been preaching temperance after the "moral sausion" style. Still the traffic continues and grows. "You can't toll hogs out of a cornfield. You can't toll the dogs out of a pen. You can't toll the whiskey dealer from his money-making business. You have to set the dogs on. And the only power that can drive the liquor dealer out of his traffic is the ballot. Praying and preaching are all right as far as they go, and we need more of both, but "votes bite."

In this movement we need the prayers of every Christian in the land; we need the sermons of every preacher in the State, but the need is that these prayers and sermons shall be backed by work, and shall crystallize into votes at the proper time.

To the individual voters in his relations to the whiskey traffic the question resolves itself into this: Are you going to be a partner in the whiskey business? To this question, your vote, for or against prohibition, will be the answer. If you vote against prohibition, and license of the whiskey traffic continues in South Carolina, you become a partner in the business to the extent that your vote contributed to its result. And to that extent you are responsible to your fellow citizens, and to your God, for the effects of the traffic, be those effects good or ill. You thus become a partner in three-fourths of the crime committed in the State; a partner in blighting the prospects of thousands of our most promising youths; a partner in transforming the joyous light of hope in the home which symbolizes the light of heaven, into the darkness of despair, filthy symbolized only by the murky gloom of hell; in short a partner in all the misery, corruption and death of which the whiskey traffic is the most potent ally of hell is the fruitful cause.

Such a partnership the Devil and Tom Walker entered into. In the traffic under license, the partners are the devil, the saloonist and the man who didn't vote for prohibition. The hard part of it all is the devil and the saloonist get all the profits.

How a man can belong to the Church and call himself a Christian while in such a partnership is inexplicable; and for such a partner in the traffic to stand in the pulpit and be called a minister of the Gospel of the Son of God is a parody on religion and a burlesque upon the high calling of the ministry.

In the work for prohibition the ministry occupy an important and responsible position. Upon their action the success or failure of the movement largely depends. On general principles the preacher does other and more important work than that of stirring himself on questions of a political character. This is not because he loses his right to be interested in the issues touching the political welfare of his country; for a preacher is none the less a citizen because of his Divine call to a holy work, but because the political issues before the country are usually unimportant in comparison with the work he has to do, and will be looked after by others. In the matter of prohibition, however, that involves not only the temporal prosperity of the country but virtually affects morality and involves the salvation of millions of souls, the minister's duty is active work. If he does not lay hold in such a work, who will? If he is timidly behind the fortress—no matter if he is praying—who can we expect to go out into the battle? The preacher who fails in his duty here is derelict in his duty to his fellow man, and criminal before his God. Stuff about carrying politics into the pulpit is no better excuse than having "married a wife" or "bought a yoke of oxen." Such prudishness will not pass muster here. Him who demands of every man the fearless discharge of the duty of the hour.

For the preacher to lay hold of this issue will require something more than a cotton string for a backbone. It may be that it will mean a few dollars out of a small salary, and much persecution in many ways. Thank God the preachers of the South Carolina Conference have the verbal development, and are not afraid to lay hold. If there is one who is not brave enough for the battle, then, brother, get out of the ministry. You must have answered somebody else's call.—S. C. advocate.

**Biographical Notices**  
[From the Broad Axc.]  
Of Gen. John Bidwell, nominated for President, and Dr. J. B. Cranfill, nominated for Vice President, at the Prohibition Convention held at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 29th:

J. B. Cranfill was born in Parker County, Tex., 35 years ago. His father was a country physician and farmer, and he was raised upon the farm and was trained as a farmer boy and as a cowboy as well. At the age of 17 his father allowed him to

strike out in life for himself, which he did and taught school for two years at Crawford, Tex. Very soon thereafter, a few days before he was 20, he was married to Miss Ollie Allen. Within the next few years he perfected himself as a doctor of medicine and practiced in Coryell County at Turnerville. His strong journalistic inclinations led him to begin the publication of a small monthly paper at this point, which soon grew into a weekly, and he published the Gatesville Advance at Gatesville, Tex., until December, 1886. At this time the paper had attained a very large circulation and was recognized as the leading temperance and Prohibition paper in the State. In August, 1886, he called the first Prohibition Party Convention of Texas, which met Sept. 7, and nominated a State ticket which the following November polled 19,000 votes.

In December, 1886, Dr. Cranfill moved to Waco. Soon thereafter the great campaign for Constitutional Prohibition began in Texas, and Dr. Cranfill took a position at once as the leading journalist on that side of the issue, and his paper was regarded as the principal exponent of the Amendment in Texas. The Amendment having failed Dr. Cranfill sold his financial secretary of Baylor University at Waco. In October, 1889, he was elected to the Superintendent of Baptist Mission work in Texas and this placed him at the head and front of this great denomination in his native State. Under his administration the mission work of the State was doubled, and he has the distinction of having been the leader of the largest State mission work ever done in the history of the United States. In January, 1890, Dr. Cranfill was ordained as a Baptist preacher by the First Baptist Church at Waco. In March of the present year he resigned his position as Superintendent of Missions to take charge with Rev. M. V. Smith, D. D., of the Texas Baptist Standard, which is the leading Baptist newspaper in Texas. This position he at present fills.

Dr. Cranfill has held numerous positions of trust besides the one mentioned. He was for a long time chairman of the States Prohibition Committee of Texas, and is at present vice-president of the Baptist Young People's Union of America and is a member from Texas of the National Prohibition Committee. He has achieved more distinction as an aggressive fighter against the liquor traffic than in any one line. As a writer Dr. Cranfill is positive, strong and at times caustic. As a speaker he is strong and forceful, and his style is such as to bring conviction to bear. He has done much in shaping the great denomination of which he is a member, and which numbers now 10 per cent. of the population of his native State. He is held in high esteem by all political factions in Texas, and is universally regarded as a man of fidelity to his convictions and of unswerving integrity.

General Bidwell had always been a man of strong temperance convictions, and in 1876 he cast his vote for Green Clay Smith, the Prohibition candidate for the Presidency. He also voted for R. H. McDonald for Governor in 1882, and for St. John for President in 1884. In 1886 he was a member of the Anti-Chinese Convention held in Sacramento, and while opposed to the immigration of this people, he distinguished himself by standing uncompromisingly in opposition to the boycott, and in favor of maintaining the laws and treaties of the United States. In 1888 he was made Chairman of the Prohibition State Convention, and was also an elector on the Presidential ticket. His open and prominent alliance with the Prohibition Party was a great surprise to many of his old political friends and associates, who could not appreciate the principle which prompted his action, and many were the predictions that in 1890 he would not be found in the new party. They failed of fulfillment, however, for he was not only present at the convention of that year, but was made temporary chairman, and against his wishes was honored by the nomination for Governor. Owing to previous business arrangements, General Bidwell was unable to give but a single month to the canvass. During this month he spoke consecutively for 25 nights, speaking at one point in each county visited, to the largest and most enthusiastic meetings held by any party during the campaign. In this campaign he received the endorsement of the American Party, but aside from the vote received from that source, he received a vote of nearly 2,000 greater than that received by any Prohibition candidate in the history of the party in his State. So pleased were the Prohibitionists of California with his campaign that ever since they have been united and constant in support of his claims for a position on the Presidential ticket of 1892.

One incident in General Bidwell's life, of surpassing interest to Prohibitionists, will illustrate his devotion to principle and his determination to do right without regard to cost. His first vineyard was of wine grapes, he having been persuaded that the use of pure wines would prove conducive to true temperance. Determined to produce only the best, he planted the choicest of vines, secured the most costly experts in wine making, and erected buildings suitable for the

purpose of producing only the best of wines. A short experience only was sufficient to convince him that instead of forming temperance habits in others he was in reality manufacturing drunkards. So he immediately dug up his grape vines, burned them to ashes, gave his best vines to a San Francisco hospital for medicinal use, made vinegar of the poorest, and went out of the wine-making business forever.

**Who Is Responsible?**  
The question now in our minds is, if there is to be a continuance of the sale of liquors that intoxicated in the State of South Carolina, then who is responsible for that sale? If the men of our land are still to be debauched and made drunkards; if the boys are to be snared in bar-rooms—"trap-doors of hell;" if the wives, mothers and daughters of our land are to be slain by heart anguish; if the children are to be raised in homes where comforts give way to surges, and drunkenness takes the place of happiness, then who is to answer at the bar of God for this "continuance"? I answer, every man and woman and child that can talk, and plead and pray! The question is to be settled at our State primary election as to whether we will have prohibition or not. The man who can and does not cast a ballot for prohibition, or who helps elect a legislator who favors the license of whiskey selling, is to that extent guilty of aiding and abetting in this drunkard making. The woman who can and does not influence some man to vote for prohibition, is thereby making herself responsible.

This is a fight in which no one can afford to be either idle or silent. The grandest opportunity we have ever had in South Carolina to drive this traffic from the State is before us. It is possible—an easy possibility—for us to have prohibition in our fair State by next January if we will do our duty. But we must not sleep over our opportunities, we must all do our duty.—Lancaster Enterprise.

Electors in France are always held on Sunday, in order to suit the convenience of workmen and peasants.

**HUMOROUS.**  
—No, said Mrs. Hicks, "it isn't bringing up my boys that bothers me; it's taking them down that raises all the trouble."—N. Y. Sun.  
—"You were out again last night," said the wife reproachfully at breakfast. "I was," he said, "but I was only out for a few minutes." "I was in 'til four o'clock."—Washington Star.  
—A Forcible Argument.—Sutor (persistently): "Why do you keep me waiting so long for an answer? Remember that you are growing older every minute."—Detroit Free Press.  
—"Your office is as hot as an oven," grumbled the patient. "Hot as an oven!" exclaimed the doctor. "Well, it ought to be. It is the place where my mind breathes."—Pharmaceutical Era.  
—His Reward.—He bought two sixty-dollar suits. Expensive, was it not? But a twenty thousand-dollar girl is worth the fellow going.—Clothes and Furnishings.  
—A Confusion of Terms.—Aunt Jennie: "What's them air stuns in yer winder?" "Jeweler." "Quartz." Aunt Jennie: "Come, now; yer tryin' ter fool me." "They ain't half a pint on 'em."—Jeweler's Weekly.  
—A Regular Samson.—Samway: "Staggers is a very strong man, isn't he?" "Snooper." "He is. You know what kind of whiskey he drinks?" "Yes." "Well, I've seen him hold his breath."—Detroit Free Press.  
—Silmidiet.—"How much board did Higgins pay you last night?" Mrs. Silmidiet: "How did you know he paid anything?" Silmidiet: "He kicked at every dish set before him at breakfast."—Smith, Gray & Co's Monthly.  
—Mrs. Ward.—"You accuse young Blank of being sentimental, yet I imagine he's fully abreast of the times." Miss Ward: "That he is, mamma. He was talking to me last evening about love in a flat."—Kate Field's Washington Journal.  
—Mr. Wickwirth.—"Oh, by the way, I noticed you setting the clock ahead again this morning." Mr. Wickwirth: "Yes." "Is that for me to come home by to-night or for yourself to get up in the morning?"—Indianapolis Journal.  
—Father.—"So may referred you to me, eh? Well, sir, you drink?" "Sutor: "Er—sometimes." Father: "This is some time. Come out with me. It's no harm breaking a New Year's pledge to toast your daughter's happiness."—N. Y. Herald.  
—On Top Once More.—"You never told me yer husband was a sailor, Mrs. Donahue." "Yes; he's just bin around the world." "Clears round to China on the opposite side, was he?" "To be sure." "Worra, but it must be aisy ho feels to get up here on top wast more."—Washington Star.  
—Well, sissy, you've got your molasses at last. Nice, thick molasses—took a long time to draw it. Where's the money to pay for it?" "If you please, sir, it was in the jug when I gave it to you. I put it there for fear of losing it."  
—One of the most beautiful of Patti's possessions is her watch. Its size is not larger than a ten-cent piece. It is completely studded with diamonds, so that the case is one mass of brilliant, sparkling gems. Experts value it at not less than \$1,000. It is a foreign, open-faced, stem-winding watch.

## A LAND-GRABBER'S PLAN.

How a shrewd Montanan Obtained His Broad Acres.

One of the most lofty and ambitious grabbers in the state was not long ago observed to be engaged in a most mysterious business. He was taking women out into the wilderness, a stage-load or two at a time. They were very reputable women—school teachers, type-writers, married women and their friends. They were taken to a large and pleasantly-situated house, upon the pretext that they were to attend a ball and a dinner, and get a hundred dollars as a present. It all proved true. Excursion party after excursion party went on in this way, and when the ladies returned to the town that had thus been pillaged of its beauty, they reported that they had fared upon venison and wild-fowl, with the very best of "fixings," and that at the ball a number of stalwart and dashing cowboys had become their partners, tripping their light fantastic measures with an enthusiasm which made up for any lack of grace that may have been noticed. 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