

HOW TO FIX IT.

Senator Tillman Points Out the Weak Points of the STATE DISPENSARY

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As it is Now Operated and Suggest a Plan of Making It an Institution Without Graft, if the Grand Juries Will Make Officials Do Their Duty.

Mr. James A. Hoyt, Jr., says in the State that Senator Tillman went to Anderson with the expectation of making a speech in which he should outline his views on the dispensary and give his remedies for the canker now eating out the life of that institution.

He had gone to the unusual trouble of writing out his speech, showing that he desired it published, and published in full, in order that his views might have the widest publicity. The conditions were such that he was prevented from delivering his speech in full, though it must be said, in justice to Senator Tillman, that had he been more energetic he could have done so.

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Any one familiar with the conditions as they now exist can readily understand why such amendments to the law as are here outlined will make it almost impossible for any one connected with the dispensary from the top to the bottom to steal any of the public money.

We will give better liquor, and if the grand juries do their duty we will have no more Sparsburg scandals. It must not be forgotten that no law was ever devised that can enforce itself.

He said a detective ought to keep after the dispensers to see that request books are used, and the law is better enforced. He was not afraid of going back to the Senate. He simply wanted to stand on his record, but if any better man can be found elect him. He was not mixing politics in this affair, but others were doing so.

What are some of the temptations which seem to have been too great for the State board of directors to resist? Purchasing whiskey as it has been done left opportunity for collusion; this man or that on the board receiving money as compensation for purchasing from a given concern.

I do not doubt that the exposure in Sparsburg, which will quit not only in Sparsburg, but in other places, would go into detail and discuss this phase of the subject more at length, but I prefer to point out the remedies which have suggested themselves to my mind and which in the future I feel sure will be adopted and be the means of reforming the dispensary system and making it well nigh impossible for any one where to steal any of the public money or be corrupted by the temptations which have been plentiful heretofore.

We will take the State dispensary first. I believe the administration of this law should be in the hands of men elected by the people, the same as the other laws are. I believe and always have thought that a board of officials, composed of the Governor, Attorney General, Chief Justice, and two laymen, be the best that can be devised.

The contract being thus made for the purchase of whiskey of a given kind and quality at a given price, the State commissioner who will have charge of the business part of the dispensary can order out from the distillery at such time and in such quantities as may be necessary the liquors needed to supply the demand of the local dispensers.

Let the name and brand of the liquor be blown into the glass so there can be no change of labels. Have no case goods kept in stock and confine the purchase of these to special orders from private individuals. Do away with beer dispensaries as now run, and let the regular dispensers keep beer on ice to be used by the bottle only, and not drunk on the premises.

Now for the local dispensers. I believe more satisfaction will result by a better administration of the law be had, if the supervision and control of the local dispensers be placed in the hands of the county supervisors elected by the people, the mayor of the town in which the dispensary is located, elected also by the people, and one person to be appointed by the State board, who shall be responsible for the time and labor.

Mr. C. P. Sims, an attorney of Sparsburg, has challenged Senator Tillman to a joint debate on the dispensary. Mr. Sims has recently been prominently before the public as attorney for certain of the Sparsburg dispensary officials during the recent investigation. It is said that he will oppose Senator Tillman for the Senatorship.

HE DENIES IT.

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And cur not agreeing on the dispensary question and the liquor question comes from the fundamental difference of opinion as to how it is best to police the liquor traffic. The Prohibitionists declare it is sinful to drink in moderation, wine or whiskey, while a large majority of us cannot see any foundation in morals or religion for any such contention.

AGAINST THE BOOK TRUST.

Courts Decide that Individual Merchants Can Reduce Prices. A decision has been handed down in the United States Circuit Court by Judge Ray, in the action of Charles Scribner & Sons and the Bobbs-Merrill Company against R. H. Macy & Co. for an injunction to restrain Macy's from selling copyright books at less than the retail prices fixed by the Publishers' Association.

The firm of R. H. Macy & Co. rendered a really great service to the public at large and to the business interests of the community in their fight against the Book Trust. The Book Trust alleged its right to forbid retailers to sell books below a certain price fixed by the trust.

The case was heard before Judge Ray in the United States Circuit Court, Isidor Straus and Nathan Straus partners, appearing under the firm of R. H. Macy & Co. in behalf of the public and the rights of the individual business man.

The thanks of the public are due to R. H. Macy & Co. for the fight they made against this particular form of trust oppression. And still greater thanks are due to Judge Ray for this excellent opinion, in which he sustains the action of Messrs. Straus appearing in behalf of the public interest.

TWELVE MEN KILLED

By a Large Mass of Stone Falling Upon Them.

A mass of limestone weighing thousands of tons slid from a side of the quarry of mill A of the Lehigh Portland Cement company at Orndorff, Pa., at noon Wednesday just five minutes before time to quit work. Twenty-seven men were at work in the quarry, which is 1,000 feet long, 150 feet across and 100 feet deep.

When the fallen mass slipped away a smooth, nearly perpendicular wall was left rising sheer 100 feet above the bottom of the quarry, while the entire quarry floor was covered with broken, jagged rock. Only nine of the men got away safely, four of whom escaped by running up on a mass of rock at the opposite side of the quarry. The remaining 18 were hurled in a space ten feet square, and 12 of them were killed and six injured.

Two men who saw the side of the quarry quiver shouted a warning to the men. The men misinterpreted the call and failed to get out of the quarry until it was too late. With a thunderous roar the mountain of rock fell, plucking the men fast.

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ON THE RIGHT LINE.

South Carolina Industrial and Commercial Association Organized.

The South Carolina Industrial and Commercial association was organized in Columbia on Thursday, the membership being composed of progressive young men representing the boards of trade and such business organizations in the cities of the State. The following officers of the meeting were elected from the Columbia State:

President: Mr. J. W. Wood of Rock Hill, secretary of the Commercial club of that city. Mr. Wood was brought to South Carolina about two years ago by the business man of Rock Hill who wanted a live, energetic and intelligent man to have charge of their commercial club and advertising bureau.

William F. Scott, of Harrison, N. J., the fireman of the fast Flying Virginian, the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad through express to St. Louis, which left Jersey City at 5:52 o'clock last evening, saved the lives of his passengers by taking charge of the locomotive after the engineer, Dan Mahoney, had been killed in the cab.

The train made Trenton on schedule time last night, but pulled out of that city with a snaking journal. Mahoney was afraid of that journal and kept a watch on it as he sped along. To do so he had to lean out of the cab while he kept on hand on the throttle.

Every moment the engine bounded faster until the telegraph poles seemed to spot like lead pencils. After his second warning cry he did not wait for an answer, but began to clamber over into the engineer's side to investigate. He found Mahoney dead. His lifeless hand was still on the throttle and his head, wet with blood, rested on the edge of the window.

BRAIN LEAKS.

Bright Sayings of Will M. Manplin in the Commoner.

It is very easy to make excuses for those we love. The older a man is the farther he could jump when a boy. It does not take much courage to be a hero in the limelight.

Today's happiness depends upon the scarcity of yesterday's regrets. Did you ever have as good a time on your vacation as you anticipated. It is better to be known as a good man than to be known as a good fellow.

Some men think they are popular merely because people impose on them. Perhaps they call them "captains of finance" because some of them are so rank. In the race for wealth the men who are distanced often reap the greatest benefits.

Death Valley.

A dispatch from Bullfrog, Nev., says Tim Ryan, who is supposed to have been from Los Angeles, has been found dead near the salt wells in Death Valley. Ryan was the thirty-fifth known victim to die in the locality this summer. Ryan died in Death Valley for five years and it is supposed that he drank from salt springs which are charged with arsenic.

Charges Against Collector.

Commissioner Greene, of the civil service commission, today said that an agent of the commission will be sent to Newport News, Va., to investigate the charges filed by Congressman Maynard and W. E. Barrett against Capt. Stewart, collector of the local port there.

DEAD AT THE THROTTLE.

Train Sped Past Signals After the Engineer Was Killed.

The locomotive gathered steam and picked up speed. It was of the big hookback type, and it is, therefore impossible for the fireman to see out of the cab. The fireman Stoot the train seemed to have attained the velocity of a cannon ball.

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WEATHER AND CROPS.

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