The Prohibitionists Issue an Address.

Prepared by the Committee Elected at January Conference.

The prohibition conference held in Columbia on the 12th of Jan. 1900, adopted the following:

Resolved, That Joel E Brunsón, J S Moffatt, E D Smith, J A Hoyt, F H Hyatt, W C Thomson and Jeremiah Smith be and hereby are appointed to prepare an address to the people of South Carolina, setting forth the work and issues before us, and to plan for and perfect an organization of the prohibitionists for the coming campaign.

In accordance with the above, we submit the following address:

To the People of South Carolina:

The prohibitionits of the State are encouraged to make another appeal to the voters for a supreme effort along the line for the abolition of the manufacture and sale of liquor in South Carolina. For many years the men and women of our State have toiled earnestly to effect legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and gratifying progress was being made not only in banishing the licensed saloon from all territory without incorporated towns and cities, but there was much being accomplished in the way of reducing the number of saloons here and there, and also in securing control of the smaller municipalities through the ballot box or restrictive legislation This progress in temperance reform induced an application to the regularly constituted authorities of the Democrat party in control of the election machinery of the State for a separate box in which to vote for or against prohibition, and this privilege was granted in the primary election of 1892, resulting in an overwhelming majority for the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and along with this result there was obtained a clear majority of members in the lower house, who passed a strict prohibitory measure in accordance with the verdict of the people. This measure was defeated, however, and in its stead was substituted the dispensary law for the regulation and control of the traffic, an importation that was recognized as contrary to the wishes of the people and in direct conflict with their ascertained verdict. Thus the dispensary began its career as a supplanter, and it has made seven years of uncanny record, marked by bloody and disgraceful steps from the beginning

The present condition of the liquor business can hardly be said to be satisfactory to a single intelligent person in the State. When the dispensary law was first adopted, thousands of our honest people hoped for, and expected much from it.

They were told that the restrictive features of the law would be enforced by sober State officials, who, not having any financial interest at stake, would labor to reduce the consumption of liquor and make the dispensary system a stepping stone to prohibitition. The Dispensary had been in operation but a short time before the greed of gold begun to manifest itself among high officials, and pressure was brought to bear upon dispensers to increase sales. The annual salary paid a common county dispenser would buy thirty bales of cotton, and he was given to understand that his dispensary must be profitable to the State or it would be closed and himself dismissed from the service. The sales increased at once and have increased month by month ever since; so that today the State is selling nearly as much liquor as ever did the old barrooms in their palmiest days.

And how could it be otherwise? The appetite for drink is the same and every hindrance to the sale of liquor has been swept away. The door of the dispensary stands wide open to serve every one that will buy No knowledge of the purchaser necessary, no inquiry as to the purpose for which the liquor is wanted, and no signature to any request; simply pay your money and take your liquor, as much as you can carry, if you like So indifferent and demoralized have become our State and county officials, that although these violations of law are known to all of them, they have neither manliness nor moral courage to try to bring the offenders to justice.

Tourists hotel privileges and beer shops have been, and are still, conducted under the very nose of the governor of the State without a shadow of law, and no effort made to prevent it. Dispenser after dispenser has stolen or lost the money of the State and not one has ever been punished or even prosecuted, except in one or two intances. Commissions and rebates and bribes and thefts and murders have been the natural products of this system of State liquor selling, and after years of such work, its managers still plead with us to "give it a fair trial"

Those who manage it say the dispensary paid last year $130,000 to the education of the children of the State, but they did not tell the startling fact that the dispensary had drawn from the people of the State at least twenty times as much and spent it in fat salaries and other expenses, purchases, &c, of the liquor system. It may be said that in addition to the $130,000, the counties and towns received a small sum each, and to this we reply: The expenses incurred by the counties and towns in the trial, punishment and support of criminals, who have been made such by the liquor sold them by the State, will far more than balance the money received from the dispensary We state it modestly when we say the present system of liquor selling is robbing the people of the State of twenty dollars for every dollar paid to the State treasurer for educational purposes The State board of control is sending out of our State each year at least one million dollars and in exchange for it bringing into the State and distributing to our people five times the amount in poverty, wretchedness, disease and death.

We appeal to every newspaper in the State that has a sense of honesty and fairness to lose sight of the few dollars that may come to it through those who love liquor; to forego the imaginary pleasure of holding up the hands of those who cry, "personal liberty," when that personal liberty is violative of the rights of others, and to join with us in the effort to remove the accrused liquor traffic from our State.

We appeal to the good women of the State, and when have the women of South Carolina ever failed in a good cause? You cannot vote, it is true, but you can give expression to your opposition to the traffic by wearing the badge and by a thousand acts of your life, and it may be your hand that shall drive the "tent nail" through the head of the monster that is now actually eating your offspring.

We appeal to the Christian ministers of the State. Shall those who preach the gospel enter the field and speak against liquor selling? See the Master with a scourge driving out the money changers from the temple, overthrowing the tables and pouring out their money; and hear him cry, "Woe unto scribes and Pharisees, hopocrites; ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" and you will see that He did not seem to have a sort of namby pamby citizenship, nor to have been afraid of offending against the proprieties of life Remember that this liquor selling and liquor drinking is the one great battery of hell, manned chiefly by the Devil himself, and is shelling the church of Christ, slaying your brothers all around you, and you stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion and must cry out with warning to those around you. Arise as soldiers of the cross and silence for ever this destructive agency of the Devil.

Light the fires of prohibition on every hilltop in the State; let the rays go gliding down the valleys and floating on the bosom of every stream until the healing beams shall penetrate every nook and corner, every crack and crevice in the homes and hearts of our people "Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us"

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W. C Thomson,
Jeremiah Smith.

FROM THE WIRES.

Frankfort, Feb 20.—The house has adopted the resolution passed by the senate yesterday, ratifying the former proceedings by which Goebel and Beckham were declared in office. The republicans refused to vote on the original call, hoping to break the quorum, but, seeing that it had been carried, they went on record.

Jackson, Miss. Feb 19.—A concurrent resolution has passed both houses of the Legislature inviting home and foreign capital to invest in manufacturing enterprises, especially cotton factories, and setting forth the advantages of Mississippi as a manufacturing State

Bills to exempt new established factories from taxation for the period of ten years are pending and will be passed puring the present week.

Washington, Feb 22—The next national democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, Mo, July 4 This was the decision of the democratic national committee which met at the Hotel Raleigh today to fix the time and place of holding the convention. Milwaukee was the only other city which competed for the honor of entertaining the convention, and the poor showing she made when the vote was taken (the result being Kansas City, 40; Milwaukee, 9) caused general surprise. The claims of the rival cities as to hotel accommodations, railroad and telegraphic facilities were presented in open session by representative of each city and subsequently in executive session. Ex Gov Stone, on behalf of Kansas City, and National Committeeman E. C. Wall, on behalf of Milwaukee, explained the financial inducements which the cities they represented were willing to make Each offered the committee $50,000, but in addition Kansas City was willing to furnish hotel accommodations for the members of the committee and the hall with decorations and music free of expense to the committee

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of Wes Jefferson, O, after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best Salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by J. F. W DeLorme, Druggist 4

PRICES DECLINE.

DUNN'S WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Feb 23.—R G. Dunn & Co's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Prices of materials are yielding. If not the best news possible for some speculators, it is the best that could come for the country, since industries could not long prosper without reaction from the extreme prices caused by actual or supposed scarcity of materials last year. Some help comes from new iron furnaces that have opened or approach completion. Some from the famine in India, which sends hither shiploads of hides, some from the much increased flocks of sheep which have weathered the winter, and some from the opening of new iron, zinc or copper mines The causes are many, but the revision of quotation gives promise of greater activity in all the chief industries

The great iron industry has been embarrassed by prices for pig and billets, which were no longer sustained by the gradually yielding prices of products. Considerable transactions are now reported at Philadelphia $1 to $1 50 per ton below recent quotations. At Pittsburg 200,000 tons Bessemer have been sold and 75,000 tons billets, both iron and steel being reported $1 per ton lower. The new furnaces supplying foundry iron have been competing sharply at the east, and small sales of Bessemer have been made for Pittsburg delivery at 50 to 65 cents below previous quotations. Sheets are strengthed there by the new combinations, though it does not embrace some large works, but with this addition of 500,000 tons yearly and its sales to the hoop and tin plate companies, the National Steel has secured large and rich mines in Minnesota.

Plates are still weak, as most consumers are provided far ahead, but a Pacific order covers 2 000 tons and the Chicago and Northwestern has placed orders at the east for 5,600 tons bridge work, and better business enables tin plate works which have been idle to resume.

Cheaper hides and leather enable boot and shoe makers to take contracts for split goods at 2½c less than prices recently asked, and some large sales have resulted, giving part of the shops work for some time. Others are getting very few orders and some are stopping or expected to stop in two weeks. The yielding in split leather began early this month, and in hemlock sole a week earlier and has reached 1 cent per pound, while this week union backs and kid and glove grain upper leather are cheaper. Hides at Chicago have again yielded, making 3 per cent fall in a month and 7.3 per cent since Dec 13 Supplies accumulate and on wharves at Jersey City 250,000 hides were landed from India Shipments of boots and shoes from the east have been in three weeks 28,193 cases against 243,379 in 1898, the largest previous year

At last it is admitted that wool quotations so long held are fully 3 cents per scoured pound higher than prices in large actual sales last week and since, the decline covering grades between one quarter blood and lower, which is in demand and scarce, and fine fleece graded XX or above. The explanations are many; the fact is that when mills made enormous sale of heavyweight goods and then bought no wool, the fable that their stocks were exhausted ceased to have force In fine medium territory, selling at 58 cents scoured and other wool down to the low grades, the fall is general, and English markets are also weaker Goods of fine grades have been opened with much less advance in price than was made in cheaper grades, but cancellations continue numerous

Prices of cottons are still advancing, the Fall River committee having raised all its goods an eighth, and in spite of heavy port receipts, spot cotton advanced to 9 06 cents.

Failures in three weeks have been $7,241,230 against $7,129,780 last year and $7,293 439 in 1898, but in the previous years they exceeded $10,600,000 Manufacturing were $2 856 536 against $3 643 864 last year, and trading were $3,822 930 against $3,237,472 last year.

Failures for the week have been in the United States 201 against 191 last year, and 33 in Canada against 40 last year.

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Florence, Feb 20—At Effingham Sunday night Charlotte Kirby was accidentally shot by Davis King. Both parties are negroes Constable Dennis arrested Davis yesterday afternoon while he was watching by the bedside of the woman he had shot, and the negro is now in jail.

Raleigh, N. C, Feb 19—Southern Pines, a winter resort forty miles from here, had a $20 000 fire early this morning, the Alfa Hotel, with all its contents, being destroyed The thirty guests escaped, but saved little of their property. A bank, the post office and public hall were located in the building The mail was saved, as was also the bank's books

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Darlington, Feb 22—James Gardner committed suicide at Mechanicsville last night by taking strychnine Disappointment in love was the cause. Mr Gardner was from North Carolina and was 55 years old He willed all his property to the girl who rejected him

The secretary of state Thursday issued a commission to J R. Barron, of Rock Hill, S W Heath, R L. Blackman and E D Blakeney, of Kershaw, Lancaster County, as corporators of the Kershaw Cotton Mill, which is to be located at or near Kershaw. The capital stock is to be $125 000, divided into shares at $100 each.

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A special from Orlanda, Fla, says: The thermometer registered 25 degrees here Saturday night Practically all tender vegetables are destroyed The strawberry crop has suffered somewhat. The orange, peach and pineapple output will be shortened, but the extent of the damage will not be known until warmer weather.

New York Feb 22—A special from Hong Kong, Britsn China, to The Evening World, says: "United States Consul Wildman has information that three members of the Filipino junta, Lubao, Ponce and Agoncillo, brother of the envoy, left recently for Japan to meet Aguinaido. This gives credence to the story that Aguinaldo escaped from the island of Luzon to Formosa when hunted by Gen Lawton's expeditition through the northern part of island.

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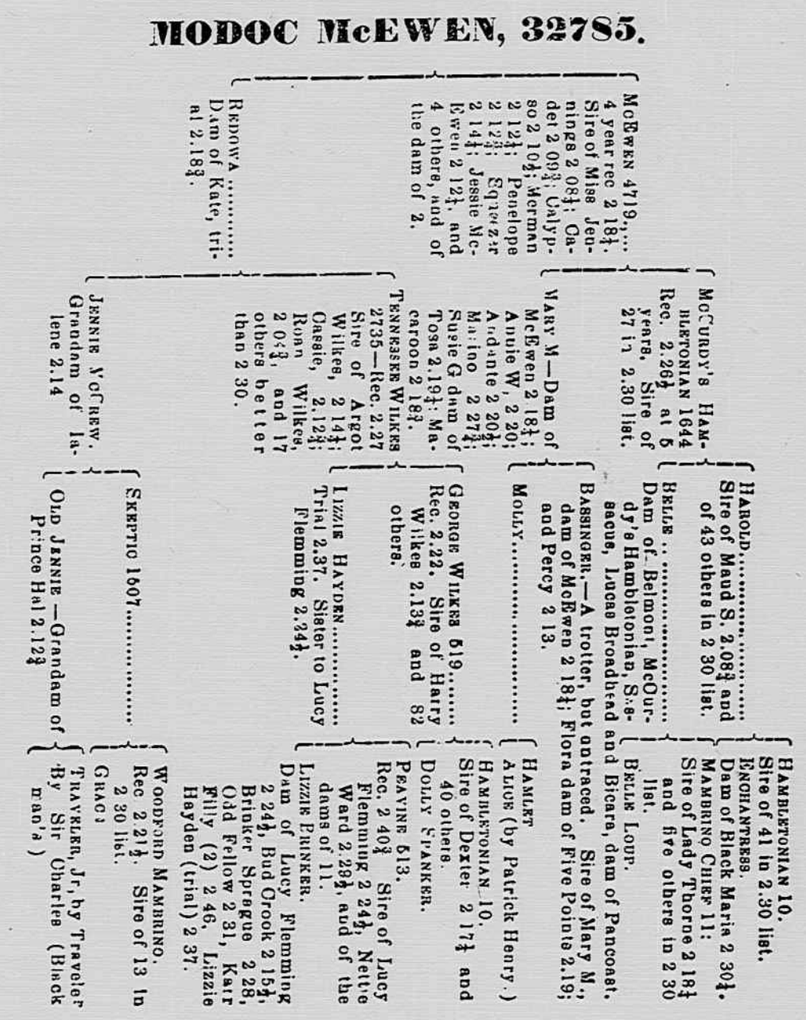

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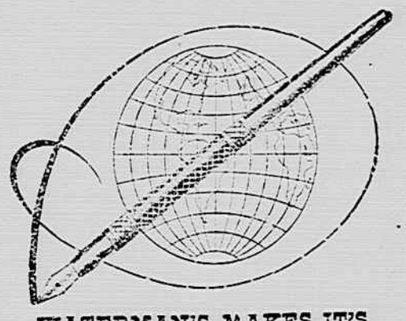

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GEORGE G. COOPER,
Feb 14—4t Administrator C. T. A.