

TO THE VOTER.

To the Editor Ocala Banner.

Hon. W. D. Carn and Rev. L. W. Moore, head of the prohibition movement in this county, in a recent issue of your paper sent out to the voters of Marion county the items which follow.

Please permit us to reproduce the same with a few running comments and criticisms.

Very truly,
HARRY PRECHT,
for the Marion Co. Protective Ass'n.

Will you vote for Christmas chimes or Christmas crimes?

As pure, sincere and conscientious men oppose the present prohibition movement as those who favor it. They do so because they have tested both systems and believe the "open saloon" is the lesser evil; yet, for giving expression at the polls to their convictions they are paraded as believers, abettors and partners in crime. It is the old spirit of Phariseism run to stubble.

If the saloon is a good thing for our people it should not be taxed higher than other merchants; if a bad thing you can not afford to go in partnership with it. Your vote decides the matter.

Dealers in tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, ammunition, firearms, etc., pay a higher license than some of the other merchants, yet the people are not charged with being in partnership with them. Is it not just as fair to ask if Mr. Carn and Mr. Moore are in partnership with the jug trade, the daily shipments of which ought to serve as an object lesson. But there are none so blind as those who will not see.

The matron of "soiled women" believed the county would vote dry; she sold out and left because the fiery "annex," she said, was almost indispensable to her business! How can a clean gentleman vote to make these two schools as lawful as any other public school?

This woman left Ocala some weeks before the "wet" and "dry" election was called. It was publicly proclaimed that she had reformed and was intent on leading a new life. That she had educated her son (who knew nothing of his mother's history) and expected to join him in California. (See Ocala Evening Star.)

In another place Messrs. Carn and Moore say: "We shall not attempt to deceive." Comment seems unnecessary.

A colored woman said: "They tell us colored people of the country that if the county goes 'dry' the temperance folks will have the 'no-fence' law passed and compell us to pasture." Why attempt to make a colored voter believe a thing you know a white voter would not believe and which you do not believe yourself? We want the colored voter to stand with us for the salvation of white and black, but we shall not buy him nor attempt to deceive.

"They tell us" is a very familiar character among politicians and writers of fiction! Who tells us? Why do these gentleman not give names? This is the first time we have heard the "no-fence" question mentioned in connection with this movement. "We shall not attempt to deceive" looks almost like a chestnut.

The saloonist says the country will lose many thousands of dollars in revenue? Well! "Times two thousand and fifty make two thousand seven hundred and fifty. That's what they call many thousands! If you want to see "many thousands" going out of the county just look at the stream running northward, leaving no real values behind. Why license men to drain the wealth of our country?

All merchants buy goods in the northern markets; and, if they are honest and pay for them, money must go in a stream in that direction. If merchants are not permitted to do this all stores must close. The only way to prevent it is to manufacture goods at home. The profit derived from the sale of goods remains at home and is spent at home. This holds good of one trade the same as another. In the study of political economy this proposition is an entirely elementary one.

"Blind tiger! blind tiger!" Why not cry, "Thief! thief!" "Concealed weapons!" "Impure literature!" Laws do not stop these things. More thieves than blind tigers. Yet you retain these laws and then turn round and demand absolute perfection only in the one law--prohibition! Is this a credit to your intelligence?

Then this is an admission that there are "blind tigers," but in addition to the "blind tigers" there is the daily express service with its jugs, bottles,

kegs, demijohns, and packages unmarked to prevent identification. More than half of the trade of the Ocala saloons comes from "dry" counties, so-called. The "driest" counties are sometimes the "wettest," and they have their crimes, casualties, tragedies, and big court dockets. Don't be shocked, please. (Examine the Gainesville and Citrus county newspapers.) No "dry" town in Florida has yet done away with policemen and the ministers still find sinners to preach to and call to repentance.

Noah and Christ forced to vote for the saloon! What a muddling of scripture! "Noah began to be a husbandman." In this beginning he knew not the nature of the coming product. The first experience knocked him down and two of his sons covered him with a blanket, just as good people have to nurse the results of the liquor traffic. Who was cursed? Not the ones who covered the father's nakedness, but the beastly son that exposed it. (The saloon does the same. (After Noah's experiment God warned against "strong drink." "Look not upon the wine when it is red, that biteth and stingeth." Christ was consistent with His own book. He did not drink the wine that was "red," but the "good wine," called the "fruit of the vine.")

Our Bible says that Noah planted a "vineyard" and "drank the wine." It was Ham, the younger son, who wanted to make a great stir about it, and not Noah, who received the "curse" which made Ham and his descendants the "servants of others" unto to this good day and has made the "white man's burden" almost intolerable to bear.

The "wine press" is as old as the Bible. Wine drinking seems to have been co-equal with the human race. The planting of vineyards was encouraged in the olden times as it has been in modern times. Wine was not proscribed nor interdicted by Moses nor any of the prophets of Israel. It was the ordinary drink of the people--men, women and children--in ancient times as it is to-day in the wine-growing districts of Europe and it is the testimony of travelers, almost without exception, that in those districts drunkenness is largely less than it is in Great Britain or the United States.

No fact of history is plainer than that wine was a very common drink in biblical times. Christ did not condemn the custom, but, on the contrary, sanctioned it. St. Paul recommended it. None of the early fathers of the church wrote against it nor made it the matter of church creed, and for eighteen hundred years the church was silent on the subject. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, says:

"When I hear a fellow get up and twaddle about what he knows nothing of; when I hear preachers talking about the drinking of whiskey being blood money, I look back to the history of the world, I find that no man, no preacher, priest or statesman ever dreamed of attempting to prohibit the use of liquor until about 75 or 100 years ago, have not undertook until the last 80 years to say that man should not drink or that it was a sin. I do not hesitate to say I can find in the Bible a dozen or two dozen texts recognizing the use of liquor to where you can find one which discourages it or denounces it. Where does the sin come in?"

"The sin does not rest upon Bible authority, it rests upon the preacher's authority, and I object to any preacher changing the scripture to suit his fanaticism and to make me swallow his religion. (Laughter and cheers.) You cannot show me in the scriptures except in one or two isolated cases where the use of wine is denounced as a sin, and I can show you a dozen passages where it is spoken of otherwise."

The vacated storerooms, if occupied by the same class of stores that are already here, will "divide the trade with our merchants," just like they did in Gainesville! They so "divided" that new buildings went up, and the "business men" would not now consider a proposition to restore the worst "divider" that a city ever had. Is it true that \$300,000 are spent here every year for liquor? The larger portion of that money will not only go back into those "vacant stores" but into the hands of our present "business men." Gentlemen, you have given us your frightful "theories," now we suggest that you and our bankers go up to Gainesville and have a chat with r. Dutton, who will give you some glorious "facts."

Why go to Gainesville? Why this constant praise of Gainesville and belittling of Ocala? Why not hold up the hands of our home town and invite Gainesville to visit us? We have as fine a public school as Gainesville. We have as good lawyers and as fine

a bar. We have as many churches. We have as fine mercantile establishments. We have as many manufacturing industries. We have more paved streets. We have more automobiles, the result of our paved streets. We have three banks, Gainesville has only two. We have two daily newspapers, Gainesville has only one. We have immensely finer hotels. Why not invite Gainesville to Ocala, we ask in all conscience, and stop this belittling of our own beautiful city.

You say people will go to other towns to get a dram, and do their trading! Friend, you are surrounded by "dry" counties. Will they journey across an entire county to do their trading? Against all your predictions, gentlemen, we have mailed you facts in the "Voter's Guide." Study them; lay down your fears; vote for better things; and do not let a branch road city like Gainesville outstrip a main line city like Ocala.

We do not say that Ocala will go to other towns to do their trading, but we say that this question left as it is now is the trade of other towns will come to Ocala.

Remember the advice of Abe Lincoln. He said that it was a "bad time to swap horses while crossing the stream."

Be governed by what the business men of Ocala say on this subject and not by those whose prejudices blind them to sober facts.

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False Reports.

In almost every wet and dry election over the state certain false reports have been circulated on election day or a few days before that they have damaged the "dry cause."

You are hereby put on guard against such reports.

They are all circulated for the express purpose of weakening the prohibitionists.

Already reports have been circulated that the bar rooms of Jacksonville and Tampa have given money to carry the county dry. This is absolutely false.

Another report has been circulated that officers will search private houses, and a citizen will not be allowed even to keep a bottle of whiskey in his own house for medicinal or for any other purpose, all of these reports are groundless and untrue.

Other reports will likely be circulated on election day when it is too late to deny them.

They are all false and circulated for effect.

We wish to call your attention to the law which says that if a county goes wet, that any precinct that goes wet will be allowed to have an open bar room, but if the precinct goes dry, even though the county goes wet, no bar room can be put in that precinct.

Do you want a bar room in your precinct?

If not, it is for you to decide whether your precinct will be wet or dry. If you do not want an open bar in your precinct, why in the name of justice will you want it in someone else's precinct?

Remember: If the county should go "wet" and Ocala precinct "dry" which latter event many of the "wets" are now fearful of, and we think highly probable from present indications, your town may be the home of the open saloon in event the "wets" carry your precinct. Do not forget the experience of Reddick in the "good old time."

W. D. CARN,
Chairman.
L. W. MOORE,
Secretary.

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Alachua's Docket.

By a studious effort to avoid a definite statement of facts the "wets" have left the public to infer that the "dry" county of Alachua has docketed 61 cases during the present term, and that these are criminal cases. Read the following:

Gainesville, Fla., Nov. 17, 1905.--Dear Sir: I have made a hurried inspection of our records and find that there have only been twenty-four new cases docketed at this term of our circuit court. Some of these have been appealed from the justices' court.

Records from the sheriff's office show five murder cases in jail or out on bond. One of these was committed October 15, 1904. Another was committed three years ago.

CHRIS MATHESON.
November 17, 1905.--Dear Sir: The records of the sheriff's office show one half as many convicts in the two years and five months that the county has had prohibition as it did in the same period of time just prior to the election.

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In The Toils of the Law.

The following telegram will be read with interest by the readers of this paper:

Montreal, Nov. 20.--James N. Strobhar, former joint agent of the Atlantic Coast Line and Florida Southern Railway in Gainesville, Fla., was arrested here Saturday.

The charge is that of stealing \$7500, but auditors who have been through his books declare that he is short \$40,000.

He was bonded in the American Surety Company of New York, and it was this company which caused his arrest.

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