

INDISPUTABLE FACTS

Concerning Rum Traffic and its Effect upon Communities.

MR. EDITOR:—I must call upon your patrons again this week with brush and eye salve and anoint for clearer vision. Much discussion is being held by those who are determined to blight and curse our town, county and community with "fire water," whiskey, brandy and beer, and their infernal argument is that no town can be financially and commercially successful without saloons and dram shops. First, this is a libel upon the people of Griggs county. I have conversed with a large part of Griggs county, and I state fact that the larger part of our citizens are sober, temperate and industrious people, who desire the good and prosperity of their fellow citizens, and are against rum and the dark and horrible line of ruin that follows this business. Leaving out that element which is following the line of construction of rail roads the popular voice of our county is against places where men are ruined and their money squandered and stolen. Here are hard working, honest, frugal and economical people possessing the very elements which go to make one of the most prosperous counties in Dakota, and to take and maintain a social and moral position which shall be felt throughout the entire territory. These people will back up and maintain all that will make them happy, virtuous and prosperous. They will not maintain that which will rob their homes of joy, comfort and blessing. The money which in so many counties goes for nothing and brings poverty, penury and crime, will go into houses, barns, stock and those substantial which shall make them rich, prosperous and blessed. Second, if we had an element in our county who would exalt saloons and hold them up as the essential to prosperity, and plant them all over the county they would only bring failure, poverty, sin, crime and financial defeat. It costs a community from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to sustain a saloon. It would not take long to plant twenty saloons in this county of Griggs at its present rapid influx of population if the people were disposed to have them. These saloons would take out of the county \$400,000 to \$800,000 each year, which would otherwise go into better houses, barns, farming implements and improvements of land. This is not an over-estimate when you take into consideration the money which goes for the deadly poison, the time sacrificed in the hell holes, the loss to the farm and other business, the loss by debt from those who care more for rum than for their credit. A conservative man in our town says that it takes \$50,000 a year taking all things into consideration to sustain a saloon. All the money that goes into saloons is a total loss. The rum-maker and rum-seller cares no more for the public interest or good than a cannibal—a man eater. He hugs his money in the ruin of men. He hugs his money and it carries him to ruin.

The cry that farmers will not come to our town if we have no saloons is false. Look about our county of Griggs within a radius of ten to fifteen miles and see how many men you know that will go elsewhere if we have no saloons. I am more or less personally acquainted with the most of the people in this limit, and there are not twenty men who would stay away, nor ten.

The town and community which has no saloon, has as a rule, no bad debts. That town can sell goods cheaper than the town that has saloons and bad debts. The town that sells goods the most reasonable will have the largest trade. The town that has the largest trade can give the best prices for wheat and the staple products. An eye to the eternal fitness of things would make our town the center of trade of our county and hold that trade year after year; and the one thing to guard against more than another is the ruin of the whiskey trade.

If there are no saloons in our county we shall never need a "poor house." If there are no saloons in our county we shall have no use for jails—a chain and block of wood will answer us. If there are no saloons in our county there will be no pauperism. There is none now. The first pauper in this northern country that I heard of was at Sanborn and caused by whiskey, and the curse of that traffic, there I know personally, is dreadful and ruinous. If there are no saloons in our county there will be but little crime. To avoid high taxes we must avoid crime and pauperism. To avoid crime and pauperism, we must avoid the cause; the saloon and its crime and deadly business. The men who are to be the heavy taxpayers in this county will do well to study political economy a little and beat the whiskey ring or they will be making wry faces soon.

The whiskey ring and defenders are out with the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, As we live on the ruin, poverty, degradation, and misery of men, women and little children, we will have saloons. Our business causes 90 per cent. of all crime, but we must have saloons. It costs \$750,000,000 annually to support the paupers and prosecute the crimes which it causes in the United States, but we must have saloons. Our business causes most of the pauperism of the land, but we must have saloons. We maintain an army of 700,000 common drunkards in America, but we must have saloons. We transform 60,000 good sober industrious men into burdens and curses to society each year, but we must have saloons. We kill 60,000 men each year in our country and send them to a drunkards' hell, but we must have saloons. We make 200,000 children orphans each year, but we must have saloons. We are too lazy to work and earn our bread by the sweat of the brow, therefore we run saloons. We are curses to society and no good man tolerates us, but we must have saloons. The wrath of Almighty God is declared against us, but we must have saloons. We are on the swift downward road to an eternal hell, but we will have saloons. We bargain, sell and transfer all interest to heaven and the society of all the beautiful, holy, pure, and good in the eternal life for the

money we can rob people of in the saloon business. We live a Christless life; we die a Christless death; we lie in a Christless coffin; we are buried in a Christless grave; we go into the lowest pit of woe in the future perdition, willfully and determinedly because we will pursue that which we know ruins and damns our fellow men. Yours for the People, QUILL.

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