

ence to current events. Some abuses arise from the improper or excessive use of alcohol. But the abuses rapidly arising from the sweeping and ill-considered efforts to mend matters are far more radical and dangerous. Undermining our institutions to prevent degenerates from abuse of alcohol is the greatest absurdity of the time.

George McGinnis, Waukegan, Ill.—Glad to see your stand on issuance of "federal licenses in dry states." It's a long stretch to Lincoln, Neb., but here is my hand. If you had made that stand one year ago you would be president today. Push it along. It will be a popular thing. Yours for the right.

Isaac S. Mock, Roaring Springs, Pa.—I beg to congratulate you on your very sensible and timely article in your splendid paper of April 20, on the temperance question. It voices the sentiment of, I dare say, millions of your friends, who, knowing your ability, honesty and fearlessness, rejoice that your exposure of the alliance of the republican party with the corrupt whisky and saloon league encourages us to hope you may lead in the great fight that, led of God, will overthrow and destroy the monster. I believe that God has raised you up for this.

Herman Dehnke, Harrisville, Mich.—I must write to tell you that I was very much pleased with the last issue of The Commoner, especially your remarks on the government liquor license, (Law or Lawlessness) and your repudiation of the statement attributed to you by the liquor men in Springfield, Ohio. I would like to see The Commoner take a stand in favor of a federal law forbidding breweries and distilleries from sending their products into dry territory. As it is now, people in "dry" counties of the state can not get liquor from a brewery or distillery in Michigan, owing to the state law, but they can send over any state line and get it.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE OF COLLEGE CLUBS

The Ohio Democratic League of College Clubs was most auspiciously organized at Columbus, Friday, May 28, when delegates from a number of the Ohio colleges met in convention at the Hartman hotel. The convention assembled at the call of Mr. B. S. Bartlow, the Ohio vice president of the national League of College Clubs and who presided at the business session.

Among the institutions of learning whose democratic clubs were represented by one or more delegates were Ohio State University, Western Reserve University, Miami University, Dennison University, Ohio Northern University, Capitol University and Ohio Wesleyan University. The clubs not represented by delegates, but which are included in the membership of the state league are, Oberlin College, Wittenberg College, Wooster University, University of Cincinnati, Heidelberg University, Ohio University, Marietta College, and Otterbein College. These clubs were organized during the presidential campaign of last year by Mr. Bartlow and his advisory committee on organization, and they were a very helpful factor in the campaign work, operating as they did among a constituency of nearly 10,000 college men. They co-operated with the state and local committees and very materially strengthened the able organization work of National Committeeman Hon. Harvey C. Garber and State Executive Chairman Hon. William L. Finley, and which, despite the great odds, resulted in the partial redemption of republican Ohio by the election of a democratic governor, a democratic state treasurer

and eight democratic members (a gain of four) in the United States congress.

The convention adopted a constitution for the state league modeled after that of the national league, elected officers and adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, the last national campaign was the first in which the democratic college clubs were organized, and

"Whereas, their work has been eminently effective,

"Therefore, we, as a convention, heartily endorse their work and recommend that these organizations be made permanent in the respective colleges of Ohio.

We also endorse Chairman Mack's idea of a national democratic monthly magazine and would recommend that each college club of Ohio have the current issues of this magazine, also current issues of William Jennings Bryan's Commoner placed in the college library or reading room for the use of all students. Individual democrats should also give this magazine their hearty support.

"We, the members of this convention further pledge ourselves to promote and further the democratic ideas and principles."

The officers elected were:

President—Thomas G. Kidwell, Ohio State University.

First Vice President—F. D. Carroll, Dennison University.

Secretary—Jesse Beer, Ohio Northern University.

Treasurer—M. C. Portman, Western Reserve University.

Sergeant-at-Arms—J. R. Gregg, Ohio Wesleyan University.

Press Agent—Charles N. McCune, Ohio State University.

The vice presidents elected, one from each club in the league, reported at this writing, are:

Kenneth Jones, Dennison College.

W. C. Hodges, Miami University.

P. A. Hockman, Ohio Northern University.

S. C. Long, Capitol University.

H. S. Hageman, Ohio Wesleyan University.

O. N. Ozias, Ohio State University.

Harry M. Reddington, Western Reserve University.

Immediately after the business session the delegates were joined by Governor Judson Harmon, Ex-Congressman Hon. John J. Lentz, State Railroad Commissioner General Oliver H. Hughes, State Agricultural Secretary Hon. A. P. Sandles, Assistant Secretary State Codifying Commission Hon. Hugo Schlessinger, Hon. W. H. Newman and Dr. Deleplane, who together with the visiting delegates and officers of the convention were the guests of the Ohio State University Democratic club at luncheon. The club members, delegates and guests, with the governor then posed for photographs, after which the assemblage repaired to the dining room. The luncheon was a delightful affair, the spirit of enthusiasm among the guests being unusually marked. Mr. Charles N. McCune, president of the Ohio State University Democratic club, presided as toastmaster and introduced the speakers. Short but enthusiastic addresses were made by Governor Harmon, Hon. John J. Lentz, Hon. A. P. Sandles, Hon. W. H. Newman, B. S. Bartlow, President Thomas G. Kidwell and delegates of the league. All speakers were strenuously applauded and greeted with the characteristic college cheer by the united delegates.

Letters of encouragement endorsing the formation of the league were received from Ex-Governor James E. Campbell, Colonel James Kilbourne, Hon. W. L. Finley, Hon. Harvey C. Garber, Hon. Atlee Pomerine and others.

The officers of the new organization are live wires and will not let

the enthusiasm that marked the beginning of the league wane.

Mr. Kidwell, the state league president, is a student in the engineering department of the Ohio state university and is a young democrat of promise, whose ambition is to make the Ohio state league a great and influential factor in the democratic organization of Ohio. Steps will at once be taken to organize clubs in all the thirty-five colleges of the state with the hope of having all represented in the next state convention of college clubs, which will be held in October, 1910. This will be during the next Ohio state campaign and it will be made a great rally for the college democratic forces of the state.

The following is the constitution of the National Democratic League of College Clubs:

Name: The name of this organization shall be the National Democratic League of College Clubs.

Purpose: The inculcating of democratic principles in college men, and the upbuilding of an organization of undergraduates, students in the colleges and universities of the United States, to aid in the election of democratic candidates in the United States.

Membership: Any college or university club, having for its object the advancement of democratic principles, may become a member of the league by application to the president who shall have the power to grant or reject such application.

Officers: A president, first, second, third and four vice presidents; a secretary; a treasurer; forty-six vice presidents, one from each state in the union; and a graduate advisory committee of ten, said committee in addition to constitute the executive committee. The officers shall be elected for the term of four years. Their successors shall be chosen at tuition shall be filled by the executive convention.

Student Conventions: A convention of the league shall be held at least every four years, but may be called by the president, at the direction of the executive committee, at any time within said above mentioned period as the executive committee may direct.

Vacancies: All vacancies arising in any office mentioned in the constitution shall be filled by the executive committee.

Committees: The president shall appoint all committees that he may deem necessary to further the ends of the league.

Dues: No dues shall be exacted from clubs. Voluntary contributions shall be called for by the president, on the approval of the executive committee, so that the legitimate expenses of the league may be met with. In the judgment of the executive committee, the league shall contribute a sum commensurate with the surplus in the league treasury to the democratic national committee as a contribution for campaign purposes from the league.

Representation in Convention: Clubs having membership in the league shall each be entitled to two representatives in the national convention of the league.

Amendments: This constitution shall be amended by a majority vote of the executive committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the colleges attending a national convention of clubs present and voting.

CO-EDUCATION

"But," asked the first co-ed, "why did you elect to take up the study of German instead of French?"

"Oh," replied the other, "the German professor was so awfully handsome, you know."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Would You Like to Grow Irrigated Farm Products on the Banks of the Rio Grande River? A Perfect Winter Climate

Mr. L. E. Bennett, of Mission, Texas, bought 500 acres of land with pump site and water rights on the Rio Grande in January, 1908.

During last winter he planted 50 acres with winter crops which netted him about \$3,000 profit. He is now growing a summer crop on the same land. A supply store on the premises sold commissaries to Mexican laborers which netted \$1,000 more.

This land will be worth \$250 an acre within 3 years

Would you like to realize these profits, live where cheap Mexican farm labor abounds at 62 cents per day and lead an ideal, independent outdoor life where there is no snow in winter?

300 acres of this land now for sale at \$80 an acre. It will sell for \$125 next winter. Or can be cut up and sold in tracts.

This land is connected with two distinct canal systems.

Purchaser gets perpetual water rights with land and becomes stockholder in canal proportionate to his acreage.

Only two miles from railway shipping point.

Messrs. B. F. Yoakum, John Sebastian, B. L. Winchell, President Rock Island Railway, and other prominent railway officials own farms connected with same canal only about a mile distant.

Write to Owner,

L. E. BENNETT
MISSION, TEXAS