

Which Shall be Closed?

Following is a report by Mark R. Shaw, Eastern District Secretary, Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, 31 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass.:

Boston breweries use considerably more coal than Boston public schools, and use more than enough foodstuffs to feed all the 114,000 school children.

In view of the present discussion regarding the wisdom of a conservation policy which closes the public schools — the most constructive agency in our society, along with the churches—while leaving non-essentials, and even destructive agencies like the saloons, open 13 hours a day, some figures are pertinent.

The annual report of the business agent of the Boston school committee gives the total number of tons of coal used by the schools and also the cost of heat, power and light for the entire school system. Corresponding figures for the saloons do not seem to be available, but the last United States census report (1910) does give the total cost of heat, light and power for the manufacturers of malt liquor in Boston for the year ending June 30, 1909. Taking the school figures for the same year, we have the following comparison for 1909:

Fuel cost for heat, light and power for Boston public schools, 1909, \$149,987.

Fuel cost for heat, light and power for Boston breweries, 1909, \$161,565.

According to the last printed report of the school committee (1917) the Boston schools used in 1916 27,520 tons of coal costing \$145,364.00

and the total cost of heat, light and power for 1916 was \$204,919.26. Since 1909 there has been an increase of 13 per cent in the amount of coal used, and an increase of about 15 per cent in the price of coal, as shown by this report.

The reports of the internal revenue department show that there has been an increase of 19.9 per cent in the beer production in Massachusetts in 1916 over the year 1909. Assuming that this increase would hold for Boston (which makes 57 per cent of the beer in Massachusetts) and that there was a corresponding increase in the amount of coal used (20%), and that the increase in price of coal to the brewers would be the same as to the schools (15%), we have the following:

Fuel cost for heat, light and power for Boston schools, 1916, \$204,919.26.

Fuel cost for heat, light and power for Boston brewers, 1916 (estimated) \$222,000.00.

According to figures submitted by Professor T. N. Carver (Economics) and Professor Walter B. Cannon (Physiology) of Harvard, the brewers of the United States used in 1916 enough foodstuffs to supply the energy requirement of about 4,500,000 working men for a year. The reports of the internal revenue department show that Boston brewers make 2.5 per cent of the beer made in the United States. In other words they used food enough for about 112,000 working men, or 186,500 children, since the average child's ration is about three-fifths that of a working man. As the administration has required the brewers to reduce by 30% the amount of foodstuffs used in beer from now on, it is fair to estimate that the Boston

brewers are using foodstuffs sufficient to supply the energy requirement of 130,000 children. There are now only 114,534 school children in all of Boston's public schools!

It should be remembered that the coal used in carrying the raw material to the breweries, and the product to the dealer, and the coal used to heat the 980 licensed places in the city is not included in the above figures.

Which shall "The Athens of America" close, her schools or her breweries?

MR. BRYAN IN ALABAMA

Again the charge that the wing of the party with which Mr. Bryan is identified "is striving to upset the time honored customs and principles and do away with states' rights" is equally absurd. What do Mr. Bryan and those who think as he does wish to do away with states' rights for? Are states' rights and liquor licenses identical, or in any way related to each other?

But the Times' unsophisticated "cub" caps the climax when he declares that the people of Alabama will resent the coming of Mr. Bryan or any other person not a citizen of this state as an infringement of their "state's rights." A case that calls for federal intervention, eh? Well, if the Times man really believes the foolish twaddle he is setting before his intelligent readers let him accompany Mr. Bryan on his tour of the state, and he will likely get a clearer conception of what the people of Alabama think of Mr. Bryan and the great, unselfish fight he is making to save their boys from the deadly, seductive wiles of that traffic which regards no states'

rights, no geographical boundaries, no laws that can be safely evaded, no firesides, however carefully guarded, no father's admonitions and no mother's prayers.

We can understand how people who have gotten their consent to make and dispense intoxicating liquors for the money there is in it would dislike to have men of the character and ability of Mr. Bryan enter any state to speak against their nefarious business, but we must confess that we can not understand how any writer on any responsible newspaper should have the nerve to express such sentiments and to assist in a propoganda that is hatched out in the breweries and distilleries of the country, largely owned by German-American plutocrats.—Roanoke (Ala.) Leader.

MR. BRYAN IN NORTH CAROLINA

[From the New Bernian, New Bern, N. C.]

Honorable William Jennings Bryan, one of the foremost citizens of the nation, and, without doubt, the world's greatest orator, had a heart to heart talk, at the Stewart warehouse last night, with between one thousand and fifteen hundred New Bernians and citizens from surrounding territory, who assembled there in the face of a continuous downpour of rain. His manner of delivery was somewhat different from what many had expected, but no one was disappointed. He spoke as though he was merely conversing with a party of friends, but his language was none the less eloquent, and the points which he made were so forcibly impressed that it will require years to erase them from the memory of any one in the audience.

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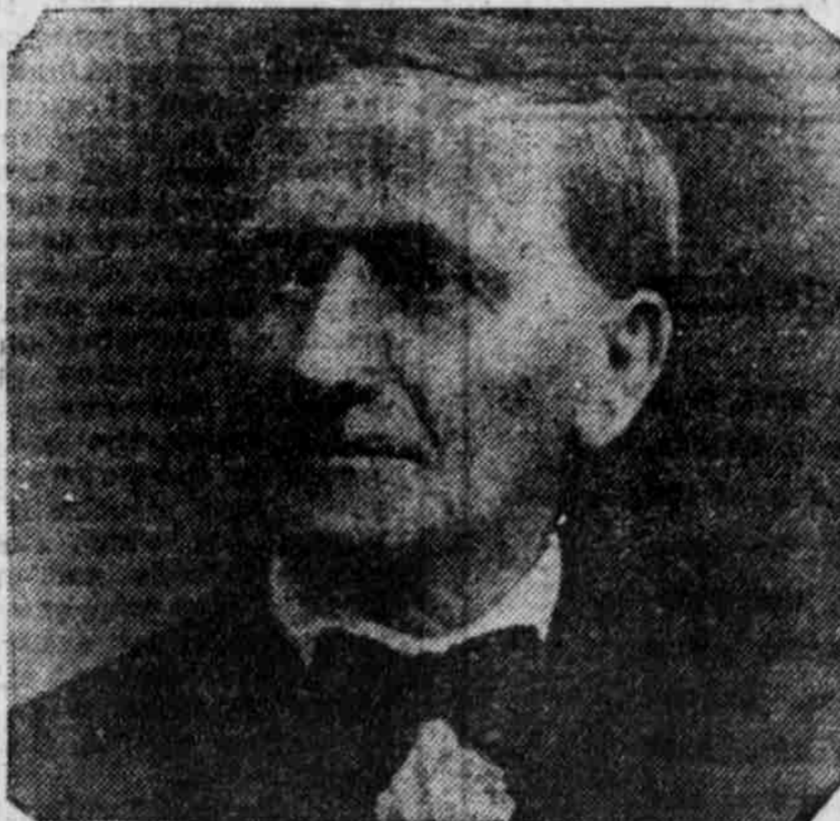
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