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# Does Prohibition Reduce Crime?

## The Promise

Advocates of State PROHIBITION predict there will be fewer criminals in the penitentiary and fewer boys and girls in industrial schools and reformatories, in case the people of Nebraska wipe out their Local Option, High License Law and adopt State PROHIBITION.

Let us see what are the results in Kansas under 35 years of State PROHIBITION, and what the results are under 35 years of Local Option in Nebraska.

## The Actual Result

SENTENCED INMATES OCTOBER 1, 1915

	KANSAS	NEBRASKA
Penitentiary .....	830	326
Reformatory .....	330	None
Boys' Industrial School.....	264	199
Girls' Industrial School.....	154	99
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>624</b>

(The foregoing is a complete list of State Penal and Correctional Institutions in the two states. The figures are official. Nebraska has no Reformatory. Inmates in the Federal Prison are not included in the Kansas total.)

## The Cost to the Taxpayers

Figures for Kansas are found on pages 26, 54, 84 and 100, First Biennial Report State Board of Corrections.

Figures for Nebraska are found on page 77, Biennial Report Board of Commissioners of State Institutions

**KANSAS**, expenses of above institutions for fiscal year 1914 ..... \$457,899.78  
**NEBRASKA**, expenses of above institutions for fiscal year 1914..... \$279,418.80

## The Alley Joint in Kansas

Warden J. K. Coddling of the Kansas penitentiary says that the "LITTLE ALLEY JOINT" in the cities of Kansas makes criminals.

"After being in the penitentiary for three years and nine months (the average sentence served) the KANSAS BOY who has gone wrong walks out of the institution under parole \* \* \* Cleaned, disciplined, reformed, he leaves the penitentiary walls behind him to return to his native city—the city that permitted him to become schooled in crime \* \* \* He finds that \* \* \* his native city, the city that spoiled him, hasn't reformed any. IT HAS THE SAME LITTLE ALLEY JOINT, the same rendezvous where some of the men and boys slip down after night to play poker and shoot craps \* \* \* He resists it for a while, but the pull of the destructive fight of his native city is too much for him. He slips a little and keeps slipping, and some morning he wakes up after a debauch to find he has broken his parole \* \* \*"

(See Official Report of the Kansas Conference of Charities and Corrections held November, 1915, page 43.)

These are the conditions surrounding the men and boys of Kansas. Is it any wonder that the penal and correctional institutions in Kansas contain two and a half times as many inmates as do similar institutions in Nebraska?

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