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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
Total .....	1,578	624

(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.

KANSAS, expenses of above institutions for fiscal year 1914 ..... \$457,899.78

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

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?

## The Nebraska Prosperity League

OPPOSED TO STATE PROHIBITION. IN FAVOR OF LOCAL OPTION, HIGH LICENSE  
 President, L. F. CROFOOT Treasurer, W. J. COAD Secretary, J. B. HAYNES  
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They came from the north and they came from the south,  
 And they came from the east to the west  
 They braved all the dangers of deluge or drouth  
 Endorsed by the bravest and best.  
 Those dear brave old women, and brave grand old men,  
 Were of all nations and creed,  
 As children of strife, truest friends ever when—  
 A friend was in danger or need.

They came from the banks of the Thames and the Lee,  
 The banks of the Danube and Clyde,  
 From where the St. Lawrence flows into the sea,  
 And the Hudson goes out with the tide.  
 They built their log cabins by river and stream.  
 And their "Dugout" or "Sod" on the plain,  
 And toiled in the glow of their young early dream,  
 Of freedom this side of the main.

The hero who struggled far over the sea  
 In the Highlands, the home of the gale  
 And the patriot who wanders a lone refugee  
 O'er the mountains of old Innisfail  
 They heard their own eagle from old Tara's hall  
 Once again was raised high in the air.  
 With the stars and the stripes, and had issued a call  
 And those heroes they longed to be there.

So they sailed in disguise from the old Shannon's mouth  
 Out westward far over the sea,  
 And the blood from their wounds stained the fields of the south  
 That even the black might be free.  
 Then for freedom and peace they sought the far west  
 With that undaunted spirit and will,  
 And friends like those exiles have alid them to rest,  
 In the Cemeteries, up on the hill.

From the land of the Shannon, the land of the Clyde  
 The land of the Thames and the Rhine,  
 From where the St. Lawrence flows on to the tide,  
 From the Danube of every clime—  
 For some loved the goddess with harp on the green,  
 Some the thistle, the rose and the bars,  
 And each from the Danube his national sheen  
 But All loved the stripes and stars.

Some sleep on the mounds and the hills of the west,  
 Some died by the foe in the vale  
 And only the coyote knows now where they rest,  
 In the grave, by the side of the trail.  
 And the grave yards are scattered o'er valley and hill,  
 Where the noon sheds its glimmering light  
 Where friends laid those heroes and heroines still,  
 And bade them forever "goodnight."

And many grew weary and laid down their load  
 Of grief for the "Old mother sod."  
 As the refugee exiles all fell by the road  
 Which a thousand long years they had trod.  
 And they sleep in the grave yards, there, up on the crest,  
 Each laid in which yard he may love,  
 Tho' creeds force their bodies apart thus to rest,  
 Their souls will unite up above.

Nor are they all dead, those vanguards of hope  
 Some feeble still walk the plain  
 While slowly they move down the last mortal slope  
 Toward the friends they can't meet here again.  
 Their gray hairs still busy with battles of life  
 As earnest as when they were young  
 But the clang on the shield, and blow in the strife  
 Is mute ere the echo is rung.  
 Still they thank the same God for the mercy received,  
 And to the same maker they pray,  
 And ask for the blessings they always believed,  
 Only, each, in a different way;  
 And they're social and kind on the last homeward trail,  
 While they tremble on crutch or on staff  
 And it goes the heart good to hear on the gale  
 Those old fellows join in the laugh.

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As we pass down by "Toncrey," just over the way  
 We see a crowd wrinkled and bent  
 And we know they're the fellows, who, once in their day,  
 Made traitors relent and repent,  
 And we pass by the "Scale House," and see them again  
 Those heroes of all kinds of wars  
 I feel there's a bow due from all sorts of men  
 To those wrinkles, those crutches and scars.

And I hope I will never belong to a creed  
 Revealed by tradition or pen  
 I will ere hold more sacred, by act or by deed,  
 Than those gray headed women and men,  
 For I know if an enemy's flag came too high  
 Those wrinkles, those crutches and scars,  
 Would feebly reach for a weapon, and die  
 For the eagle, the stripes and the stars.

Yours truly,  
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 O'Neill, Nebraska

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NEBRASKA STATE BANK OF O'NEILL, CHARTER NO. 895

In the State of Nebraska at the close of business August 10, 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts .....	\$172,185.38
Overdrafts .....	1,985.49
Banking house, furniture and fixtures .....	7,520.97
Current expenses, taxes and interest paid .....	1,716.67
Due from National and State banks .....	\$53,940.22
Checks and items of exchange .....	355.98
Currency .....	3,567.00
Gold coin .....	2,630.00
Silver, nickels and cents .....	839.96
Total .....	\$244,741.67
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in .....	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund .....	5,000.00
Undivided profits .....	2,547.54
Individual deposits subject to check .....	\$71,070.75
Demand certificates of deposit .....	5,957.32
Time certificates of deposit .....	125,981.41
Due to national and state banks .....	7,923.85
Depositor's guaranty fund .....	1,260.80
Total .....	\$244,741.67

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss:  
 I, Jas. F. O'Donnell, Cashier, of the above named bank do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.

JAS. F. O'DONNELL, Cashier.  
 Attest: J. A. Donohoe, S. S. Welpton, Directors.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of August, 1916.  
 ELIZABETH DONOHOE, Notary Public.  
 My commission expires April 4, 1920.

of all kinds were provided for the sport eringever held in this county. Sports lovin gpeople and everyone enjoyed themselves.

### IN THE DAYS OF THE LONG AGO.

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Taken from the files of The Frontier of August 12, 1886:

A large delegation was present from the various parts of the county last Saturday, in attendance at the prohibition convention. It was one of the most enthusiastic conventions held in this county for years.

A dispatch in the Bee last night says that Frank Campbell was appointed postmaster at O'Neill, vice W. D. Mathews resigned.

Mr. J. Pfund has opened up an exclusive grocery store in the building on north Fourth street, lately erected by Mr. O'Neill, who resides in the country. Mr. Pfund is a gentleman who lately came here from Colorado and is in every way worthy of patronage.

The teachers for the schools of O'Neill have been elected as follows: Principal, John Bland; grammar department, Miss Kate Mann; intermediate, Miss Ella Graham; primary, Miss Emma McNichols. The wages of the teachers have been raised and are now \$75, \$50, \$40 and \$35, respectively, from superintendent down.

A meeting of the northwest Nebraska Press Association was held in McCafferty's hall, which was largely attended by members of the profession in this section of the state. Arrangements were made for an excursion trip to Deadwood the forepart of October.

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Taken from the files of The Frontier of August 13, 1896:

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carlson, Friday morning, a daughter. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Hon. G. M. Lambertson of Lincoln addressed a monster republican meeting at the court room last Saturday night. Delegations were present from all parts of the county.

Clyde King, who has been one of the editors of The Frontier for the past four and a half years, retired from the newspaper profession, having disposed of his interest in the publication to his partner, D. H. Cronin.

#### TEN YEARS AGO.

Taken from the files of The Frontier of August 9, 1906:

Attorney E. H. Whelan returned last Saturday from a three months' trip to the British Isles. Mr. Whelan spent the greater part of his vacation among relatives in Ireland, and he reports that country as being very prosperous and more up-to-date than is generally supposed. Mrs. Whelan, who went to New York, a couple of weeks ago to meet him upon his return from the old country, remained at Providence, Rhode Island, to spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

State Senator Dimery of Beaver Crossing was in the city the first of the week. The Senator had business in this section of the state and while up this way came on to O'Neill for a short visit with his old friend, J. A. Cowperthwaite.

P. J. McManus went up to Hot Springs, S. D., last Sunday for a few days vacation.

Dr. Caldwell reports the sale of 1760 acres of his ranch, seven miles northwest of this city, to C. M. Hunt of South Omaha. The price paid was \$25 per acre for 800 acres and \$20 per acre for the balance.

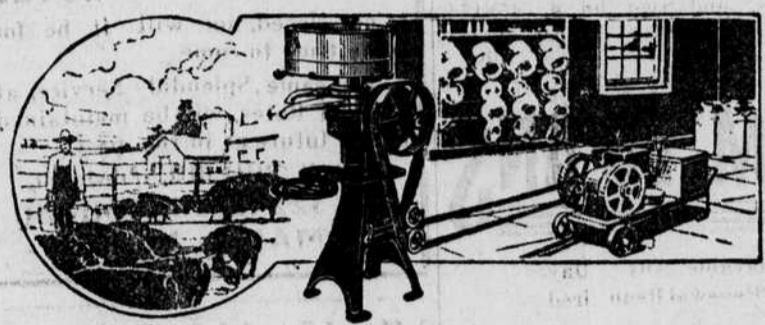
#### Organize Rifle Club.

Sixteen of the marksmen of O'Neill met at the Burlington depot Tuesday evening and organized a National Rifle club, under government sanction. The purpose of the club is to become efficient in rifle shooting with the regular army rifle and is a part of the preparedness movement. Rifles and ammunition will be furnished by the war department. The club was organized by Deputy Postmaster F. G. Schmidt. Officers elected are: President, Dr. E. T. Wilson; Vice-President, Dr. R. M. Campbell; Secretary, F. G. Schmidt; Treasurer, H. G. Frey; Executive Officer, Sam A. Arnold.

HUGH O'NEILL ON OLD TIMES.  
 (Continued from page one.)

For life those times had grown dark,  
 No pleasure could it give,  
 We asked for nothing, but to live.

In Memoir of the Old Settlers and Graves of the West.



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Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips, of a visit with relatives. Meadow Grove, arrived in the city Theold Settlers Picnic is being held Saturday, and left this afternoon after today and is the moost successful gah-