

Attorney Gen. Griggs has handed to the president his resignation. It is stated that he will resume the practice of law, and will be associated with the firm of Dill, Borneaster & Baldwin, of New York City, but will retain his residence in New Jersey.

The wave of prosperity is being enjoyed by the southern states as well as the northwest. R. R. Poole testified before the industrial commission last week that during the past five years a large portion of the mortgages had been lifted, and that farm lands had advanced to prices realized before the rebellion, and that colored men who had formerly been tenants are becoming owners.

The steamer Korea was launched Saturday at the Newport News ship building company's works. It is said to be the largest steam vessel ever built on this side of the Atlantic. It is 572 feet 4 inches long, and a beam 63 feet. It will displace 18,600 tons on a draft of fifteen feet. It is to be fitted with an 18,000 horse power engine will accommodate 1,400 passengers. It will ply between San Francisco and Hong Kong.

City election is next Tuesday. The REPUBLICAN reaches its gain the question of license is decided, as will also be the to who will be officers during term. The REPUBLICAN has requested, and that other to do his duty as the candidates on both sides to all. If the your judgment will government and positions more welfare of the If the candi man ticket are worthy and in us a good, ministration,

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There is an inclination with some who have always been loyal to the principles of the republican party to forsake the party in the local campaign because its nominees are personally against saloon license. Such a conclusion is inconsistent and unjustifiable. It was to meet this issue that the republican caucus passed a resolution pledging its nominees to the popular vote on the question of license. The nominees are not only personally pledged to carry out the will of the majority on the issue, but they are men of reputable character and will be true to their promises. More than that; they will, in case saloon license carries, use their best endeavors to see that the saloons are run strictly in accordance with law. They not being frequenters of saloons themselves will not be under any obligations to the saloons for favors before or after election, and nothing will hinder them from enforcing the law strictly. This would, we believe, meet the hearty approval of a very large per cent of those who favor saloon license from a business point of view.

On the issue of license both tickets are the same and both are equally pledged, and on that ground there can be no excuse for republicans who favor license to desert their ticket. It is not a question of whether it was good policy to put a partisan ticket in the field. The ticket has been nominated. The move was sanctioned by a large number of republicans participating in the caucus and nominating the ticket. It is only now a question whether republicans will remain true to their party and to principle, or whether they will lend their assistance to defeat it by affiliating with their enemies. No true republican can afford to do it.

The question of license or no license is again fairly before the voters of Broken Bow. For two years the city has been without saloons and all have been able to judge for themselves whether it effects business. There is, however, a difference of opinion among those who view the issue only from a business point of view. Some claim their trade has largely increased in the past two years, while others say their business has decreased. Both are possibly correct. It does not follow that because a certain person has had less business than he formerly had that the absence of saloons has done it. There are certain lines of trade that one or two persons had the exclusive trade. Now those same lines are carried largely by a number. For instance, hardware men and implement dealers are carrying a large stock of harness. Harness shops have put in a line of hardware and implements. Furniture dealers carry hardware and hardware men have put in furniture. Dry goods houses have added groceries and grocery men have added dry goods. By this means the trade in all lines has been divided. Some have profited in the new deal while others have lost. In our opinion trade has been promoted more by the method than by the lack or absence of saloons. As a whole the town has good trade, and the only vital that has been cut off is, where railroad advantages given them in the past rule people will haul grain to the most market, everything else has been very slight, but saloons in the town.

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the argument that the absence of licensed saloons is wholly the cause of the floating debt of the city and school district is not established by the facts. Both the city and school district ran behind when we had saloons. From purely a business standpoint the question of saloons should not be determined. The moral standing of a community and the influence an open saloon may have upon the youth of our town and county are of vast more importance than the dollars and cents that might be realized from licensing the rum traffic. The argument that the traffic in liquor and drunkenness is not prohibited where there are no saloons is true. Neither is thieving and murder prohibited, although there are laws against both. We believe because of the existing laws they are lessened; so we believe that drunkenness is less where there are no open saloons.

But whether that is true or not, the question resolves itself in the one principle. If the traffic of intoxicants is an evil to the human race have we the moral right to give it our sanction, even should we make money by so doing. This is the question for every voter to answer for himself. Believing as we do that the traffic is evil, we cannot consistently do but one thing and that is to vote against it. Others who think differently we accord the same rights we claim for ourselves. We are not one who believes another dishonest or a hypocrite because he does not see matters as we do. We differ honestly in politics and in religion, and on what is right and wrong; hence in all matters in which the public has control we submit to the rule of the majority. At the closing of the polls our fight ends, except that if saloons should prevail we desire to see them run as near as possible in compliance with law, as we believe it so doing it will be better for the community as well as for those who engage in the saloon business. There is another reason why the republican nominees should be elected. They are not tied up with the whiskey element and will not be under obligations to cater to or wink at the open violation of the statutes.

It is said that the powers of either man or woman are developed five fold by working with a life-companion who is in entire harmony. The ideal wife as a rule has it in her power to make the ideal husband. What constitutes the ideal wife is discussed in an extremely able article by Lavinia Hart in the April COSMOPOLITAN.

Among the papers of the late Grant Allen was found an article on "The British Aristocracy." It is probable that he did not care to place himself before the English reading public in the position of entire frankness which he had assumed while writing this article, and that consequently it was held until after his death for publication. It was secured through his son for The Cosmopolitan and appears in the April number. Certainly no Englishman has ever so handled the subject without gloves as Grant Allen, and no one was better equipped to do the subject justice.

A Terrible Charge.

Contributed. "Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded court room, and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for an answer to the judge's question.

Will the prisoner answer? Is there nothing that will make him show some sign of emotion?

Will he maintain the cold, indifferent attitude that he has shown through the long trial, even to the place of execution?

Such were the questions that passed through the minds of those who had followed the case from day to day. The judge still waited in dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive; when the prisoner was seen to move, his head was raised, his hands were clinched, and the blood rushed into his pale, careworn face, his teeth were firmly set, and into his hag-

gard eyes came a flash of light. Suddenly he arose to his feet, and in a low, firm, but distinct voice, said: "I have! Your Honor, you have asked me a question; and I now ask as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through."

"I stand here before this bar, convicted of the willful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, and a wretch; that I returned from one of my long debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful, cowardly, and inhuman deed, I have no right to complain or condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jurors in the case, for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But, may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife!"

This startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner; the jurors looked at each other in amazement, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement. The prisoner paused a few seconds, and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice:

"I repeat, your Honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within this bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to appear with me before His judgment throne, where we all shall be righteously judged.

"If twenty men conspire together for the murder of one person, the law power of this land will arrest the twenty, and each will be tried, convicted and executed for a whole murder, and not one-twentieth of the crime.

"I have been made a drunkard by law. If it had not been for the legalized saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I would not be here now ready to be hurled into eternity. Had it not been for the human traps set out with the consent of government, I would have been a sober man, an industrious workman, a tender father, and a loving husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them!—cast on the mercy of the cold and cruel world, while I am to be murdered by the strong arm of the state.

"God knows, I tried to reform; but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased will-power was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor. At last I sought the protection, care, and sympathy of the Church of Jesus Christ, but at the communion table I received from the hand of the pastor who sits there, and who has testified against me in this case, the cup that contained the very same alcoholic serpent that is found in every bar-room in the land. It proved too much for my weak humanity, and out of that holy place I rushed to the last debauch that ended with the murder of my wife.

"For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year I was a sober man; for one year my wife and children were supremely happy, and our little home a perfect paradise.

"I was one of those who signed a remonstrance against reopening the saloons in our town. The names of one-half of this jury can be found today on the petition certifying to the good moral character (?) of the rum-sellers, and falsely saying that the sale of liquor was 'necessary' in our town. The prosecuting attorney in this case was the one that so eloquently pleaded with this court for the licenses, and the judge who sits on this bench, and who asked me if I had anything to say before sentence of death was passed on me, granted the license!"

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears. The judge made a motion as if to stop any further speech on the part of the prisoner, when the speaker hastily said:

"No! no! your Honor, do not close my lips; I am nearly through, and they are the last words I shall ever utter on earth.

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar—legalized and protected by the voters of this commonwealth, which has received annually a part of the blood-money from the poor, deluded victims. After the state had made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am

taken before another bar—the bar of justice (?) by the same power of law that legalized the first bar, and now the law-power will conduct me to the place of execution, and hasten my soul into eternity. I shall appear before another bar—the judgment bar of God—and there you, who have legalized the traffic, will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me—the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic—alone responsible for the murder of my wife? Nay, I, in my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition, have murdered one, but you have deliberately and wittingly murdered thousands, and the murder-mills are in full operation today with your consent.

"All of you know, in your hearts, that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth! The liquor traffic of this nation is responsible for nearly all the murders, bloodshed, riots, poverty, misery, wretchedness, and woe. It breaks up thousands of happy homes every year; sends the husband and father to prison or to the gallows, and drives countless mothers and little children into the world to suffer and die. It furnishes nearly all the criminal business of this and every other court, and blasts every community it touches.

"You legalized the saloons that made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God and man for the murder of my wife!"

"Your Honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence, and be led forth to the place of execution, and murdered according to the laws of this state. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to the truth, to your individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this hell-born traffic."—Tallie Morgan, in Domestic Journal.

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