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### CUT TEACHERS' PAY

**Mobile Starts to Retrench Because No Revenues Come From Sale of Liquor.**

Mobile, Ala., March 19.—The Mobile city and county school board met this afternoon and made sweeping reductions in the salaries of the teachers of the schools effective with the next term. The kindergartens, music and manual training departments are eliminated from the school work. The assistant superintendent is abolished. A tuition fee of \$16 annually is made to the high school, the first tuition charged in the local city or county public schools.

A committee of business men and citizens attended the meeting and urged that the board contest the validity of the prohibition law, under which the schools have been deprived of much revenue. The board held that it had no option in the matter and the citizens will appeal to the courts.—Minneapolis Tribune.

### WET OR DRY?

This seems to be the question with many voters at the coming election and their thoughts perhaps do not include other propositions of considerable interest to our citizens and the surrounding country people who come to Valentine to trade or to send their children to our school.

Our school is far famed as the best in the northwest, and in fact there are few better in the state, considering its size and the size of our town.

There is a reason for this; Valentine people are, perhaps, not more intelligent than many other people, nor are they blessed with a more populous surrounding country. Our people in the main have given considerable thought to our school and the requirements of a good school, one of which is a generous supply of funds and a good school building. Good teachers can be employed elsewhere as well as Valentine and many towns have the advantage of a greater selection of competent educators well within their own territory. Teachers prefer, generally, to teach near their homes and must be offered better wages to go west or far from home to teach. Valentine in the past has offered these inducements and procured the best instructors to be had in this western country. The real friends of education in our city consider this question and our disadvantage has been met with sufficient funds to procure a superior class of instructors, not forgetting that the salary of our teachers depended upon the supply of cash at our command, and, likewise, the quality of instructors that comes in competition for the best places in the profession. Why not put the proposition on a broader basis and say, good schools, good teachers and good salaries, or neither?

Valentine has five saloons and they are charged \$800 per year each for license, making a total of \$4,000, of which \$2,500 is paid into our school fund and \$1,500 to our city as occupation tax.

Perhaps, already, some critic has condemned this argument as taking "blood money" as they are wont to do. Suppose we didn't have saloons; we'd have no "blood money," but we'd have "blind tigers," "hole-in-the-wall," "drug store saloons," "clubs and club rooms," "biters," "hop tea joints," "restaurants," "cigar stores," "pool halls" and "bootleggers," selling and dispensing "40-rod" whiskey without a license. We'd also have a class of people that would do these things. If they are not here now they'd soon drop in. There would be prosecutions, of course, but that would mean expense and "blood money" going out instead of coming in. Do you want that class of people in preference to a good class of saloon-keepers who are honorable business men in their profession?—who pay their taxes and their obligations promptly?

There's no use dodging the proposition. Look it squarely in the face. Do you want it? Other people have tried it and know. There's more to this: Your boy would meet a crowd of other boys who are good boys but some of them like to take a nip, just for fun, you know, and they'd send for a jug and keep it all to themselves, just their friends, you know, would be taken in on it. A keg of the stuff "that made Omaha famous," would be shipped in and taken out to a picnic or a fishing party where none would suspicion, until your boy finding it flowing as free as water would imbibe, perhaps, more freely than you think. The uninitiated would run onto it in the "residence districts" sure enough and many a boy who would from precept never depart from his father's footsteps, though saloons lined the streets, might fall an easy victim when it came to him from an unsuspecting source.

A large quantity of liquor consumed in a town does not so much reflect immorality of its citizens as the intemperate use of a small quantity. One jug, one keg or one bottle might bring the blush of shame more to your home than a saloon in your town.

Do you want a change from the peaceful quietude of the past year to chaotic conditions that means neither money for our school nor abatement of the liquor question? Are you in favor of reducing the salaries of our teachers and lop off one grade for lack of funds?

There's a class of people who would have you believe that they are against vice of all kinds, but you'll find them as mean as the devil and lacking the honor found in the ordinary saloon-keeper in business principles. They send out of town for their printing and everything else they can buy away from home on which they think they can save a few cents. Why, some of them would send out of town for their chewing gum if they were running a hardware store, and others make a pretense of giving big amounts to charity and take a farm in on the sly as compensation for amounts ostensibly contributed. We heard several ugly tales last summer about a man who pretends to be a good soul, that he raised the price on several sales to different individuals after the deals were made. Now, everybody knows just who this is for it's commonly known that he's tricky like this and it has been frequently commented upon on the street. Poses as a reformer. Great Scot! It's popular you know to shout temperance and christianity from the house tops and some people are always striving to be popular.

"Turn that wrapping paper the other side out," said a lady in a drygoods store this morning as the clerk was putting up her purchase in a printed wrapping paper. "I don't want to be a walking advertisement to your store. I read the papers as all intelligent people ought to do and I think in them is the place to advertise your business. Instead of asking your customers to carry your sign around with each purchase of goods, go and tell the people through the papers what you have to sell and how you sell it."

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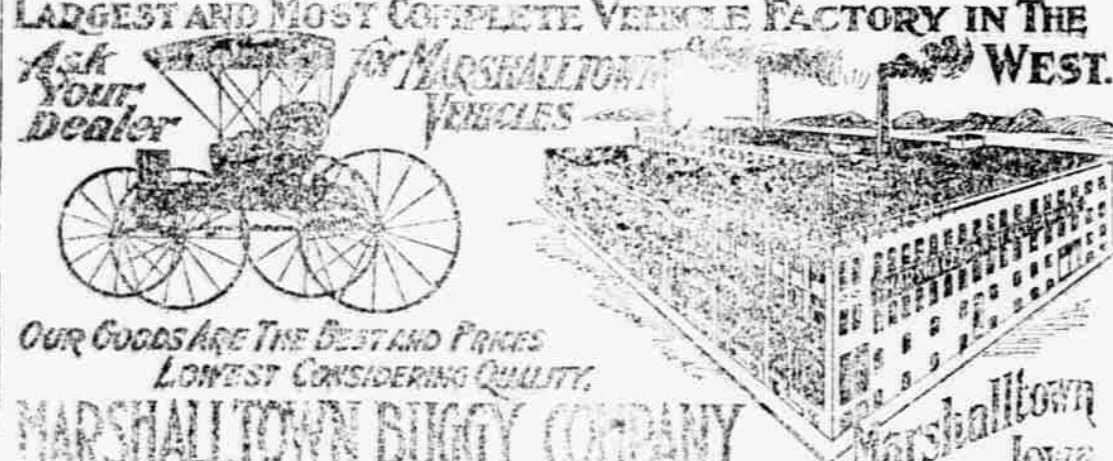
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