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Maryland News.

Garrett County Free.

The Liquor Men Hoisted on their own Petard.

It will be remembered that Garrett county, Md., had but recently voted on the License question by districts, and carried 5 out of the 12 districts for Prohibition. Hoping to recapture the county by a general vote, the liquor men induced the liquor Legislature to repeal the former law and re-submit the question to a vote of the county at large. The Temperance people were indignant, but threw their off coats and went into the three weeks' contest to win, with the result as follows:

GARRETT DECLARES FOR PROHIBITION.

Prohibition prevailed in Garrett county by a majority of 13, the vote standing: For license, 953; against license, 966. The vote by districts was as follows:

Districts.	For License.	Against License.
No. 1,	80	52
No. 2,	55	103
No. 3,	148	188
No. 4,	79	47
No. 5,	150	85
No. 6,	49	71
No. 7,	209	233
No. 8,	56	88
No. 9,	33	13
No. 10,	71	90
No. 11,	23	16
Total,	953	966

"From Frying-Pan into Fire."

GARRETT COUNTY GONE DRY.

The glorious news comes to us that Garrett county has driven out the whisky demon by a majority of 13 votes. In November, 1884, five districts of this county went dry while seven tumbled into the gutter. Yielding to the demands of the grog-sellers, the late Legislature shamefully ignored the wishes of the best people and repealed the law in the five districts and resubmitted the question to a vote of the whole county. As the former election resulted in a majority in the whole county of 103 for whisky it was thought that this meant utter defeat for Prohibition. An energetic campaign was inaugurated and the adverse majority was overcome, and by 13 majority the people overthrew King Alcohol. While in 1884, seven districts were carried against Prohibition, now only three or four voted that way and by reduced majorities. As the vote included the whole county, these are redeemed with the others. The whisky men propose to contest the election on a technicality, but no danger is anticipated.

JOHN L. THOMAS.

Maryland Sons of Temperance.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance for the State of Maryland held its semi-annual session in Westminster, at Carroll Hall, Friday, April 30, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M. All of the subordinate divisions in the State were represented. Dr. C. Billingslea, of Westminster, presided; R. C. Smith and C. S. Mosher, of Baltimore, were secretaries. R. S. Rawlings, P. W. M. of the State, was present, and took an active interest in the work. Reports of the delegates showed a decided increase in membership in all parts of the State, and a greater interest in the work.

A public meeting was held at night with stirring addresses by a number of speakers.

To Richmond's shameful vote for the saloon, Accomac Co. responds with 300 majority for Prohibition.

Local Option Elections.

Two Temperance Presidents Interviewed.

In a recent issue of the Baltimore Sun we find an account of "interviews" with Hon. William Daniel, President, Maryland Prohibition Convention, and Hon. Edwin Higgins, President of the Temperance Alliance.

In speaking of the late Local Option elections, &c. Mr. Daniel said:

"In Garrett county we gain six districts and the whole county, which is a material gain, so that it is a fair set-off against Brooklyn and Annapolis. The whisky men in Garrett were trapped this time by their own device. Having obtained in the county aggregate vote, 173 majority, they got re-submission for the whole county, believing that they would then wipe out the five districts' vote we then had, and thus carry the county. At the former election the result in each district determined for that district separately and alone."

"I feel assured from the information I have gained that the colored vote has been almost solidly against us both in this State and in Virginia. In Richmond the result was precipitated by the liquor men. It was our first trial there. There was no Temperance education there, and our people had little or no money for the legitimate purposes of the campaign. All things considered, we made a gallant fight, but in future contests in the South the colored vote is the uncertain quantity, and, in my opinion, in the great majority of cases, will be cast against us, because the liquor men seem to have appliances to reach them that the Temperance men have not. * * * I attribute the loss of Annapolis very much to the failure of the officials to execute the law."

WOMAN AND THE BALLOT.

On the question of suffrage, Mr. Daniel said:

"It seems very unfair that a large class of ignorant colored people, as well as whites, can so easily be influenced to cast their vote on the wrong side of great moral questions and determine the result against the right. That they should have this power, whilst intelligent, Christian women, whose homes are everything to them, are deprived of all power of protecting them against the ignorant and often vicious classes of the community—it seems to me that the tendency of this state of things will prove the necessity of arming the women of the home against the saloon."

MR. HIGGINS NOT DISCOURAGED.

Mr. Edwin Higgins, the President of the State Temperance Alliance, also expressed himself very well satisfied with the results of the election. "I do not feel at all discouraged by the Richmond election. It shows that one man in three stood up for the right. The seed-corn was planted, and hereafter we will reap the harvest. In six years we will carry Richmond for Prohibition."

MORE NAMES WANTED.

For the Maryland Convention Freeman's.

We have already mailed the Freeman containing proceedings of the two Maryland Conventions to more than 250 ministers, as well as to all lists of names sent us. We still have several hundred copies left. Won't our Maryland friends at once send us additional lists of Temperance workers, to whom we may send these copies. Help us put them where they'll do the most good.

I. O. G. T.

Mr. Thomas at the Front.

Along the B. & O. Lines.

ED. FREEMAN:

Some weeks have elapsed since I penned my last Good Templar letter to the FREEMAN. Occupied with other duties and cares, I have had few moments which were free from labor which I trust will show good results when the time comes to "bring in the sheaves."

My last epistle was penned on a train that carried me over, under and through numerous land slides from Morgantown to Palatine.

The municipal contest in the latter town had just resulted in a glorious victory for Prohibition, but it seemed to an observer that the people were content to let their charity begin and end at home, as they took little interest in the good work going on throughout the State. When the time comes to strike the blow, however, I doubt not that under the lead of Brother Ford, McCloy and others, Palatine will do her part.

AT GRAFTON, I found the I. O. G. T. and W. C. T. U. working in harmony and good results are attending the efforts. In straining after fanciful victories for non-partisan methods, the Grafton papers are blind to the known fact that the most earnest and successful efforts to elect the "dry" ticket there were made by Brothers Clayton, Helmick and others, zealous Good Templars and full-fledged Prohibitionists, with a big P. I prophesy that ere long Grafton journalists will be called upon to exercise their munchausen abilities over certain local events.

WEBSTER nobly responded to the call made upon her, and an efficient Lodge was instituted which can be called upon for service. Rev. Simonton and Prof. Jolliffe have zealous seconders in their efforts for the good of humanity.

IN WESTON, a small Lodge of Good Templars is battling earnestly in the good cause, finding little aid from those who should be foremost in the fight for clear brains. I am told that a certain preacher who was once resident there, must be held responsible for much of the lethargy that exists. It is time that the staunch yeomanry of Lewis county were stirring to end the shameless disregard for law which obtains in Weston, and which is winked at by many who should be first to condemn and punish.

JANE LEW is peopled with whole-souled men who will do their part to redeem Lewis county. With such men as Revs. Barnett and Lightburn and Bro. Jackson, Jane Lew Lodge I. O. G. T. will do her part in our great work.

BUCKHANNON has strong men and the Lodge organized there will be a valuable aid. Brothers Clark and Boggess are veterans and are backed by others equally zealous in the good cause.

AT CLARKSBURG our hearts were cheered by intercourse with Brother Jasper Pew and his wife, and I venture to say the FREEMAN editor and our G. W. C. T. will join me in pleasant remembrances of our visit. Clarksburg Lodge was mustered into service and it is to be devoutly hoped that a W. C. T. U. can soon be organized to aid them in their work. There is good Prohibition timber in Clarksburg, but organization is necessary to make it thoroughly effective.

A flying trip to Ellenboro to participate in Gough Memorial services ended a week of constant labor which so far as appearances indicate was pregnant with good results.

SALEM demanded a visit on Monday and Hopewell Lodge was re-instituted with prospects of rapid growth and future energy which

will make it felt at home and abroad.

An unsatisfactory call at FLEMINGTON, and the institution of a splendid Lodge at ROWLESBURG, wound up my western campaign, and I hastened home to enjoy a few days of communion with my own little family previous to obeying a call to attend the councils of the workers of "Maryland, my Maryland."

The visible results of the tour, are 46 Lodges and about 1,500 Good Templars enlisted. Unless the war is vigorously pushed to a successful end in the redemption of West Virginia, these will be "nothing but leaves."

The Freeman Reports of the Maryland Conventions.

FREEMAN friends will appreciate the following compliment, coming from so high a source as Hon. Wm. Daniel, late candidate for Vice-President on the ticket with St. John.

In a business letter to the editor, since the Maryland Conventions, Mr. Daniel says: "The FREEMAN contains such excellent accounts of both our conventions that I don't see how it can fail to interest every reader who has any Temperance sentiment whatever about him." * * * "Again heartily commending you for the excellent 'get up' of the two conventions,

I am yours truly,

WM. DANIEL.

SEND FOR THEM.

We have yet on hand several hundred copies of this Convention Edition, which we are anxious to send free to Maryland friends, or any others wishing to read the proceedings of these two State gatherings of stirring and aggressive Prohibition workers.

Send for single copy, or send lists of names of Maryland Temperance workers, and so help put these FREEMANS where they'll do good.

Judge McCarthy's Reasons for Refusing License.

"HUNTINGDON, PA, April 30.—Hon. Charles R. McCarthy, one of the associate judges of this county, has published in the local papers his reasons for being opposed to granting license. He says he is opposed to giving licenses because the very courts that grant them may be compelled to sit in judgment on crime of the most diabolical character, being the direct outgrowth of the licenses they have granted; because he believes the granting of licenses to be a sin, and that no good can result from it and much evil may."

Surely here is reason enough for any honorable court to refuse to grant license to sell whisky.

Conscious Inconsistency.

No man mocks God so supremely as the man who votes to perpetuate the rum traffic and then cries, "Oh I'm temperance, I'm a prohibitionist as much as you are." It is the answer of Cain, and is only made because of a consciousness of inconsistency.—*Wisconsin Prohibitionist.*

Send Us the News.

To make the FREEMAN of value to our Maryland friends, they must send us their news and communications, and then take the paper to get what they send. We earnestly ask them to "push things" just now, along both these lines.

Rhode Island has adopted Prohibition. Good for "Little Rhody!"—*Ritchie Gazette.*

There's a Republican paper that isn't afraid of the liquor lash. Good for the *Gazette.*

THE FREEMAN For a Dollar.

NOW'S THE TIME TO PUSH THINGS.

As stated last week, we made our public announcement to the Maryland Conventions, the occasion of our general offer of the FREEMAN for a dollar a year, to all new subscribers between now and November, next. This offer extends as well to old subscribers, who may pay up arrears and current year's subscription at former rate and renew for a dollar.

We sincerely hope all friends of the common cause, to whom the FREEMAN comes, in Maryland, West Virginia, and elsewhere, will meet this generous offer with the same spirit and faith in which it is made.

The FREEMAN has no other business or purpose than to render the best possible service in the cause of Prohibition to the largest possible constituency.

If it can materially enlarge its constituency, it can come and continue to come at one dollar. It is for our friends to say whether its subscription lists shall be doubled or trebled. If they so decide, the matter is settled.

If Prohibition sentiment is developed and crystallized into law, it must be done largely through the medium of Temperance papers.

To get these papers into families, requires the active work of friends in every neighborhood.

We earnestly ask all such friends to whom this message comes, to start at once the work of getting up

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The American Medical Association.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held in St. Louis, May 4th to 8th, and arrangements have been made by the Ohio & Mississippi Railway and its eastern connections to return at one-third fare, those who pay full fare over its line going.

Tickets for return at one-third fare may be procured on presentation of a certificate which will be furnished by the Secretary of the Association.

Liquor Traffic Arguments.

At Benton, Mo., a Temperance revival was in progress, under the leadership of Rev. B. Deering, of St. Louis. Some miscreant in the employ of the saloon-keepers, put croton oil, a virulent poison, into the water pitcher on the stand and the clergyman and several other persons who drank the water are now in a precarious condition.