

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S BAR.

He Doesn't Mix Drinks Himself but Sells Them by Proxy.

In the W. C. T. U. national convention at Chicago, Saturday, Gov. St. John told the facts about Vice president Morton's saloon as follows:

"I am told there has been some controversy as to wheth'r Miss Willard has been making misstatements about the vice president," said he, "and it seems that one man has said that a license was taken out for the vice president's hotel, and another has said that the vice president was not in the liquor business. Both men are right. Miss Willard needs no defense before a temperance audience. It has been charged that he has taken out a retail liquor license. That is not true. It has been stated that a saloon license has been issued for a hotel owned by the vice-president. That is true. I come from the seat of war, and I know the facts. Morton finished a fashionable hotel and leased it to a man, Kernan. Kernan applied for a license. He had to get the consent of the owners of property on each side, and they were Vice President Morton and John R. McLean. Vice President Morton was the first one to consent that liquors should be sold in the new hotel. Those are the facts, and if he had loved the country, God and humanity, as the man occupying such an exalted position should, he would never signed that application; he would have forbidden the sale of liquors in his hotel."

Indianapolis News, Republican: The News does not, as the Journal assumes oppose the decision of the majority of the Superior Court simply because it gives the people the right to elect all officers, but because the decision is in palpable and irreconcilable conflict with the Constitution. It is in direct conflict with the provision of section 1 of article 15 of the constitution, which reads thus: "All officers whose appointments are not provided for in this constitution shall be chosen in such manner as now is, or hereafter may be, prescribed by law." As shown in the quotation made from Judge Cooley's work in the minority opinion, this necessarily confers upon the Legislature the power to enact a law providing that it may itself appoint. The right of the Legislature to appoint has never been doubted until the present. In the case of Collins vs. the State, decided in 1856, the opinion was written by Judge Gookins, a republican, and it was there held that the appointment of the Attorney General by the Legislature was valid, and we can not find that this decision has ever been doubted or denied, but, on the contrary, it has been cited a great many times with approval. Governor Porter in his veto message of February 17, 1883, conceded the power of the Legislature to appoint, but questioned the expediency of the exercising of that power by the Legislature. No provision has ever been made since Indiana became a State for the election by the people of the class of officers to which the majority opinion applies, and there is now no statute providing any election machinery. It thus appears that every department of government and people, as well, have acted upon the belief that such officers are not elective. This long repose can not be legally disturbed. What can be done? There is no machinery for their election, and we suppose without some legal authority there can be no election. How many officers are to be elected, when and how? As Montaigne asked, "What do we know?"

I wouldn't give 10 cents to hear Ingersoll on "The Mistakes of Moses," but I'd give \$10 to hear Moses on the mistakes of Ingersoll.—[Sam Jones.]

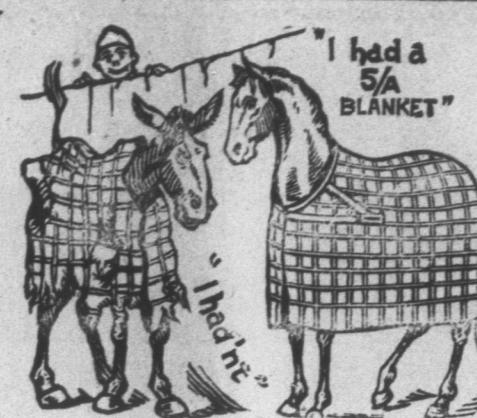
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John G. Lehr, appointed by the Allen County Commission to look up taxes not reported, has made his first statement, showing a total of \$385,775, the same including Edward Seidel for \$70,000, Benjamin Rothschild for a similar amount, besides many others for smaller sums.

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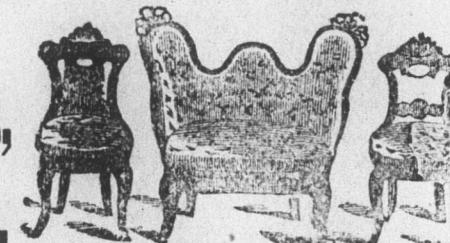
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