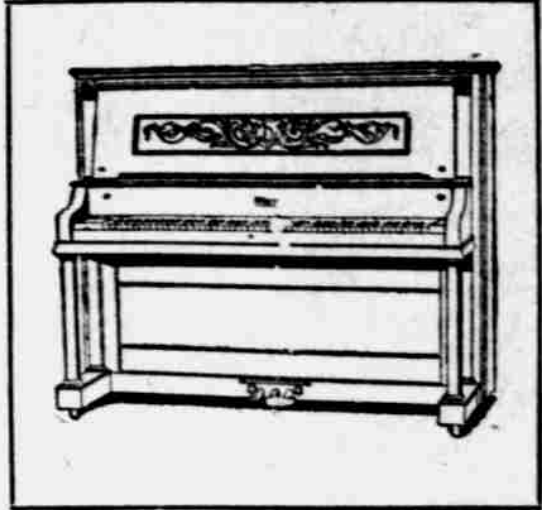


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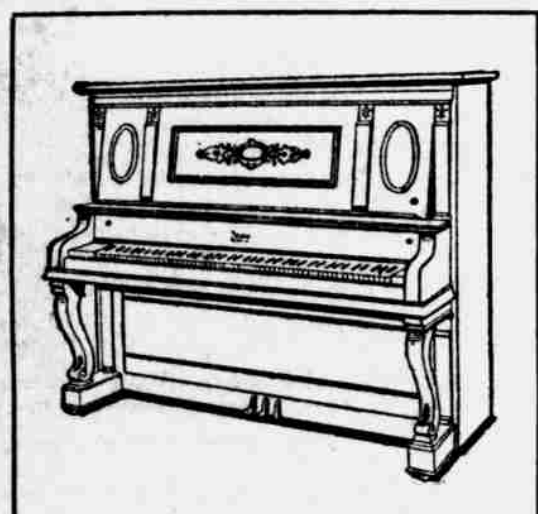
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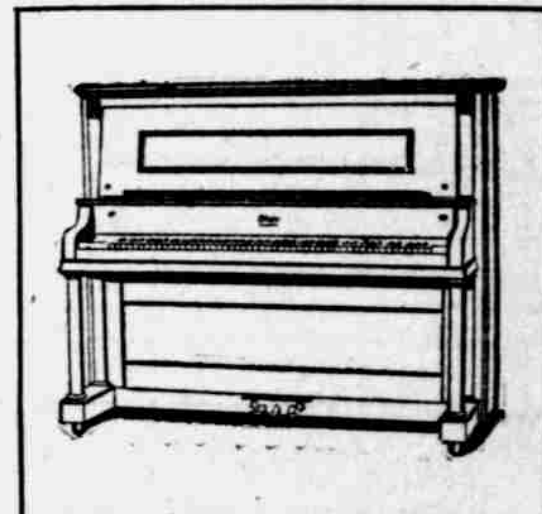
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WANTS HIS VOTE TO NULLIFY THAT OF A SALOONIST

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of such accounts. Men, whose reputation has been perfect, have been found to be scoundrels in the misuse of the money of the people or in the kind of methods they have adopted to promote their own gains. The robbing of policy holders by insurance companies and the robbery of the entire country, separate states, counties, municipalities and individuals by men in public office was referred to. He decried the claims advanced frequently in this country that any man, who gains riches rapidly must necessarily do so dishonestly.

Moneyed persons were urged to stop building colleges and endowing them to perpetuate their own names. They were told to divide their wealth with those less fortunate. The ability to rescue the poor from a sad end in this country was placed in the hands of the millionaires.

The minister painted a picture of the drunkard and his lot. He told the story of the first drink, the death in the gutter and burial in the potter's field. The present election was said to be the time to strike a blow for the right and the opportunity is too rare to be lost. By voting against the saloon, the voter was said to provide protection for the home, church, country and individual.

Rev. Wade said, also: "Society has fallen among thieves, politically. Numerous are the instances which disclose how we have been held in the choking grip of corrupt and scheming politicians. If this can truthfully be asserted (which I think no one will deny), then the question for every well-intentioned man is how can we extricate ourselves from this fatal grip? Here is a proper and highly important question for every good citizen.

Preachers in Politics.

"And I undertake to say that no man is a good citizen who neglects the important duties of citizenship, which include not only voting for the best candidates, but doing all in his power to see that the best candidates are nominated, and to rid his city, his country, his party, of the domination of corrupt politicians. This certainly applies to minister and layman alike.

The theory that the preacher is out of place in politics, that politics is for the layman not for the preachers, is medieval and has been productive in part of that very saloon domination which we now so earnestly desire to shake off.

"I know that Maurice Donnelly, manager of the Terre Haute Brewing Company, says 'the liberties of a free people can not be abridged by a few fanatics who are dipping their beaks into politics instead of attending to the salvation of souls and preaching true religion from their pulpits as they ought to.' I assure Mr. Donnelly that I perfectly understand his eager desire for preachers and all good citizens to 'attend to their own business,' as he expresses it, and that I am attending to my own business and preaching the very truest type of religion in opposing the saloon, and to this desired end I shall not cease to give my voice, my influence, and my vote. I can no more absolve myself from the responsibility of good Samaritanism here than anywhere else in life.

"A 'liberal,' in addressing a meeting in Indianapolis last week said that 'the churches were in a large measure responsible for the local option agitation, and he made special reference to the Methodist Episcopal church. I glory in that, don't you? He declared the churches ought to keep out of political and civic affairs. I deny that, don't you? That's the trouble, they have kept out too long now. I would have no church as such enter directly this life, but there is no place where a robust Christianity is more needed now than in politics. Interests vital to moral as well as material welfare of the state have crowded to the front as political issues, and demand the careful consideration and action of every Christian voter. These ought to be decided from no narrow or personal standpoint, but from the fundamental consideration of the highest welfare of society.

Denies Knowledge of Letters. "Letters have been received by a number of people in this city pertaining to the present political situation, and purporting to have come from me. I take this opportunity to speak of them, and to deny any knowledge of them. They are unquestionably forgeries. And now that this question has been publicly discussed, I shall briefly undertake to make my position clear. Perhaps like you, I do not find the platform of any one political party entirely satisfactory. I wish that better men had been selected as the nominees for some positions in both dominant political parties. But the problem is before us to select from the men and platforms now offered. Omitting national issues, evidently the dominant state issue is county local option. This is apparent from the interest taken in

it in every speech and in every conversation. I do not see how it can be considered otherwise. I shall, therefore, support Mr. Watson and the republican legislative ticket.

"A man of this congregation who is not a total abstainer said, 'when we are in the saloons we are urged to vote against Mr. Watson, and they expect that we are going to do so, but as one of the frequenters of the saloons said, we have enough sense left yet to know what to do, and when the time comes we shall vote for our children and our homes.'

"I would certainly be the respect of that man as I ought to lose it if under present circumstances I voted any other way than for Mr. Watson for governor. I want my vote to nullify the vote of some brewer or saloon-keeper and I have no doubt but that you want your pastor so to vote, and that your votes and influence as well

will count against the greatest enemy of home, and church and state.

Stands for Publicity.

"I have made these statements because my position on this phase of the political situation has been brought into the public eye and because of the forged letters. However, I stand ready to give my personal opinion as to any nominee if that opinion is desired by any one at any time. I stand for the utmost publicity and fairness and right of personal opinion on these propositions, and with this in view I made the motion in the Civic League to print the findings, never for a moment thinking that anything less than sufficient information would be given to serve as a guide in voting for men many of whom you and I do not personally know. Had this been done much just criticism would have been averted. However, I believe their recommendations are in the main correct."

RICHMOND POLICE OFFICERS TOLD THEY MUST IMPROVE THEIR REVOLVER SHOOTING

In the basement of the city building the police department is erecting a large target butt, three feet square and made of sturdy oak, reinforced by a sheet of steel. On this butt will be placed pasteboard targets, at which the police officers will blaze away at with their revolvers.

The edict has gone forth from the powers-that-be, to the effect that all members of the police department must improve their revolver marksmanship. This edict was the result of some truly laughable efforts on the part of several officers the past summer to kill dogs which had been reported as nuisances. It is doubtful if some of them could have shot an elephant in repose, to say nothing of a small yellow cur in action. For instance, about two months ago a dog was brought to headquarters for the purpose of being exterminated. One of the department's "recruits" was detailed to execute the canine in the patrol wagon barn. He carefully placed Fido in a barrel then began to pump bullets into it. When the chambers of his revolver were empty Fido jumped out and ran into headquarters wagging his tail at the desk sergeant. Not even a hair of his body had been singed.

Run Animal Down.

Another police officer after trying in vain to kill a dog with his gun finally run it down and executed it with a club. Other incidents just as laughable are told by the officers, nearly all

of whom frankly confess they are poor shots.

It is a rare event for a Richmond patrolman to have to use his revolver for any purpose other than killing dogs or injured horses, but the commissioners are of the opinion that when it is necessary for a policeman to use his weapon in making an arrest or defending himself he should be well armed, which was far from being the case up to a few weeks ago, and should be able to use his "gun" with considerable degree of accuracy.

About a month ago one of the police officers drew his revolver to defend a woman who was being attacked by her husband. The officer's gun was nothing more than junk and as a result it refused to operate. He was obliged to drop it and grapple with his opponent. This incident resulted in an order being issued that all police officers should arm themselves with serviceable revolvers. Today there is not a poor gun on the force.

A few of the members of the local police department are good shots. Officer Mort Little is probably the best and if he ever tells a speeding crook to halt, said crook, if he be a wise man, will comply with the request. Chief Bailey is also a pretty good shot and recently in target practice has made good scores.

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