

Special Correspondent to the Advertiser. TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

ANGELICA, August 24th, 1869. Opened by reading of Scriptures and prayer, also splendid singing. When the following Resolution was discussed.

Resolved, that in the judgment of this Convention the time has fully come when the friends of sobriety and good order should organize a political party, whose object shall be to secure the passage and enforcement of a law involving the principle of prohibition in respect to the sale of intoxicating drinks to be used as a beverage.

Of course we do not give the speeches in full. The Rev. N. V. Hull said substantially: First we legislate all in reference to the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. This question is set led by the fact that for a long period Legislation everywhere existed on this subject. But why is it that this traffic is regulated by restrictive legislation any more than the ordinary productions of earth, because of the nature of the article thus legislated upon. It is a poison. Not only is it proved a poison when subjected to the test of Chemistry, but its effects upon the human system overwhelmingly sustain the position. But what kind of legislation is required. Evidently that which best hold in check the evils resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks. Is sobriety benefited at all by the use of Alcoholic Drinks as a beverage. Does any physical good come from it. Does any moral or social good. The fruits of this practice is evil only, Evil and that continually. The legislation called for imperatively Demanded, is Prohibition. His second division was the necessity of a Temperance Party, here is the fact, that neither of the existing political parties make this a part of a party measure. Certain of these parties so agree in idea of restrictive principle as to join in passing a law looking in this direction. But prohibitory legislation is condemned by them, besides if individual members of these parties should prefer prohibitory principles, they cannot act upon them. Politically, as this would commit them against their Party. Men must swear fidelity to Party. The reason why the present is an auspicious time for forming a temperance Party, is because there is no great moral question involved in the political issue of the day.

Slavery is dead, thank God. The anti-slavery agitation was a great moral reinvigorator. But its race is run, and now I ask, what is the great mission of the two parties now in our State, is it not to get Political power and gather the spoils. The well-being of the people demand the presence of some inescapable moral issue in our politics, which shall appeal to our better nature and thus put a check to gross selfishness. But the organization of a Temperance party is imperatively demanded at the present time, that a check may be put upon the fast rising stream of intemperance which is bringing grey headed parents with sorrow to the grave, as it plunges in hopeless ruin three noble sons. See for one moment the work of this monster, as it goes abroad like the sweeping hurricane, mercilessly uprooting the trees of the forest laying in common ruin the passions of the rich and the poor. But who can describe the blighting influence of this scourge, it is appalling at no misery wrought, or anguish wrung from the heart. It dances over the death of its victims and riots in his damnation. O ye Father and mother, ye brother and sister, haste, I pray you, haste to the rescue. Here he gave us a most touching appeal, to Father for the son, to political parties, Democrats, as well as Republicans, to know if they had a nobler work anything better to offer, or in which to engage, than Temperance. The choir sang a beautiful song. The President inquired if there was any present wishing to disband or take any exceptions to Mr. H's party, when the Hon. D. P. Richardson arose and said he was a Temperance man, he was reared in a

town where, when the vote was taken on the Prohibitory Law, but five in the whole town voted against it, and he ought to be a Temperance man. He admitted the correctness of Political Parties, and inquired why was it, and where is the remedy. Very justly did he charge upon Clergyman, good men, Temperance men, that they had neglected the primary meeting, allowing Runseekers and Political Demagogues to make the nominations, Spring the trap and then complain of the corruption of Politics. He also asked, can a Party exist on this one idea of Temperance, and gave his opinion that such a party could not muster 50, nor 100, nor 200 votes in the State, and if tried, would result in the overthrow of present laws, and drive us backward instead of elevating us. He set out with an appeal to Clergymen and all good men to seek the remedy in seeking to purify and elevate the primary meetings, thus secure the nomination of good men, and not in seeking to make another party. He was followed in a few brief remarks by Rev. W. Stars of Richburg, who agreed substantially with Mr. B. and then went on to say that the Excise law had been in Existence in some form for 2,000 years, yet intemperance had been on the increase, when will the regulating system improve the Drinking Custom.

MORNING SESSION.—After listening to reports from several towns which showed a general increase of interest in the temperance cause, the resolution of Rev. N. V. Hull, was taken up and discussed with deep interest and utmost good feeling. Rev. H. B. Gardner of West Almond took the negative, claiming that such was the attachment to party that men would not leave it without a better prospect of success. He loved his party though he did not tell us which it was. He did not wish a divorce. He imagined what would be the state of things if all good temperance element was drawn out of both parties and then the remainder join hands and gain the ascendancy. He was opposed to being made a scape goat for a political party. Then followed Rev. F. Sheerer of Andover who stated that he was not so much attached to Party, but to principals, and that the party or men who would endorse and maintain right principals should have his support. He was not in favor of the 3d party at present, but agreed with Mr. Richardson that Ministers and good men generally must confess with shame that they have allowed to a great extent mummies and political Demagogues to make all the nominations for office, now if we demand of the present parties a prohibitory law and fail then we shall have just grounds for a new party. Mr. C. M. Bruce of Cuba made some very good practical remarks showing the difficulties that would attend the organizing of a new party, also that temperance was fast gaining strength under the present arrangement, what we needed was not a third party but more thorough work in the existing Party.

Mr. Lockett of Angelica maintained that we were indebted to the Republican Party for the present Sunday liquor law, every Democrat voting against it, that the drift of the Republican party was towards temperance, still if they should not endorse prohibitory measures and the Democrats should he would go with the party that would do right, but confessed he should think if they did, the millennial day was about to dawn.

Mr. F. Brundage, a promising young lawyer of Angelica, made a very eloquent speech in favor of the resolution. He argued that the time had come for a decided organic action on the temperance question, that so far as this State was concerned, there never would be a better time, the Republican party did not expect to carry this State this Fall hence they had little to loose, and the temperance cause would gain strength from both parties. Rev. N. V. Hull briefly reviewed the arguments introduced, he reaffirmed his statement that neither party had the remotest idea of taking decided action on this question, if any gentlemen present could vouch

for their party that they would, then he will rest the question. He had been a party man, they had cheated him, and now he was afraid to trust them. As to good men going to caucuses and county conventions, he had little faith in it, for it was only a force, the resolutions were all made before, and all the convention amounted to was to affirm what was done in effect before. He could not rule as the reasoning that to draw good men out from both parties would leave the power in the hands of worst of men who would ruin the country, but as in the case of the Abolition Party they would become sufficiently strong, that some party would count their influence, endorse their sentiments and thus accomplish what they never could do in any other way, he closed by reminding us that reformers were not the men to make friends, nor the leaders of great parties, but promulgators of great principles, that one man with God and right on his side was stronger than a host in error. Mr. Richardson of Angelica, made a very able reply in which he said, it was true the nominations were made before hand, and why, because politicians know just who run the caucus, and could go to these few men, secure their influence for themselves or friends, and thus procure the nomination. But suppose instead of this, the masses would come out to the primary meetings, they could not be bribed, and you could secure the nomination and election of men that would not be bought and sold, he new a friend of John Brown's who was with him at Harpers Ferry, and said to him Mr. Brown, you can never carry out your purpose you must fail, well said he, then I will make one grand splurge and die. Organize your third party and you will make one grand splurge and die. A vote was then taken on the resolution, 10 for and 16 against it, quite a number not voting. Other resolutions were offered and discussed with great interest.

2nd Resolution. Resolved, that we urge all temperance men as a sacred duty to attend the caucuses of their respective parties, and urge the nomination of Diligates who will vote for such men only as will carry out wishes of the majority of temperance people of the County. On this resolution Rev. Mr. Ogden of Almond, said he was not in favor of Ministers going to caucuses, would urge upon his people to go, but as he was Pastor of a Church composed of both Political Parties, some might take exception. Yet he maintained that the best men should be there and help in selecting officers. Rev. F. Sheer did not take the distinction so often made between Ministers and people, he would not urge his people to go where he would not go himself, and he thought that a sensible man would take any more exceptions to his going to caucus, than he would to his exhorting his friends to go. Rev. Reed of Angelica, said he never attended a caucus in his life, but if he had got to, he did not wish to go to a rum shop, nor did he want any underhanded dishonest game, he wanted the time of meeting clearly understood and each one to have a fair chance. Other remarks were made and the resolution adopted with but little opposition. 3d, resolution. Resolved, that we early petition our legislatures to pass a law prohibiting the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, after a little discussion, that passed, and a committee was appointed to draft such a petition. Prof. Allen, N. V. Hull and B. E. Langworthy were appointed. 4th Resolution—Resolved, that we recommend the appointing of a vigilance committee in each town, to see that the excise law is enforced.

Mr. Bruce thought that the resolution conflicted a little with our ideas of prohibition, he went in for abolishing the whole thing and not tampering with or trying to regulate it, most of the speakers are in favor of a rigid enforcement of the present law, until we could get a better one, so it passed unanimously, after a stirring temperance song by some Rushford friends, we adjourned for supper.

Evening Session.—Prayer by Rev. Sheerer. Lecture by Rev. Ogden, he stated that the temperance reform could no longer be regarded as an experiment, that certain levers had been placed in our hands, that we were to use, for the suppression of this great evil, Intemperance. Must speakers dwell on the external evil while the real evil is inward he fills a satisfied him against the nobler powers of the soul, he sells his birth right for less than Esau did. We are to remember when we see men begging the glass, or stealing the ten pence with which to buy it, that this is but the outward sign of a more fearful evil. What is the cause of Intemperance, It effects are rage, Ignorance, Poverty, and Crime, why do men drink, we answer, love of pleasure and desire of pain, drink offers both Pleasure and the antidote of Pain, the cause is still deeper, the heart is diseased. Intemperance is one of the brand of evils that originate in the human heart. How may I be placed, the government has a right to pass a prohibitory law, the Press and Pulpit are to be active, moral suasion with all its forces. Prohibition and the grace of God. After the vote of thanks to the friends of the cause, we adjourned to meet again the 3d Tuesday in November next. S. F.

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