

# THE ANDOVER NEWS

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Our Motto—If There is Not a Way Out a Way.

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## NO MIDDLE GROUND.

Throughout the whole country the people are waking up to a realization of the intent of the liquor traffic to rule and ruin this free land of ours: The religious press is speaking out! The pulpits are beginning to thunder! Men who have heretofore been quiet, are becoming indignant at the brazen impudence of rum power. Patriotism and love of humanity are rising above party fealty. Men are seeing that there is no compromise with this curse! That this country cannot remain "half drunk and half sober." That it must become one or the other. There is no middle ground. Either the lords of rum will rule and vice and debauchery prevail, or the intelligence and virtue of the nation must overthrow it and take the reins of government in its own hand. The conflict is irrepressible! There are no settling it by that sham of shams, high license. Men may devise schemes and plans to stave off the inevitable, but they are and must be abortive. The rum power is determined to fasten itself permanently upon this nation! And the intelligence and conscience of the nation is equally determined that it shall not do it! There may be parring and thrusting, and preliminary skirmishing, but the battle is bound to come, and when it does it will not be a drawn battle! One or the other will go down! If it shall be intelligence, and conscience, the history of the republic is finished, the hope of the world blotted out. If it shall be triumphant then a deliverance and blessings have come to humanity, such as the world has heretofore never known!

## THE GAMBLER'S CHANCE.

Richard A. Canfield, the big New York gambler, who has recently been in the limelight of publicity because of his lawsuit, puts the gambling proposition in neat form. "If you play with a gambler long enough," says Canfield, "he is bound to win your money. He can't help it. When you play with me in round numbers you put up \$1.00 and against that I put up \$90. Now figure how long you can keep doing this. You may win my money now and then and you may break me temporarily, but as long as you play against me at the odds of 100 to 90 in the end I'll have your money."

Canfield ought to know. He is reputed to have made \$5,000,000 in the gambling business. It is said, he has not personally touched a card in twenty years. He instructs the business of his establishment to subordinate and relies with mathematical certainty upon the

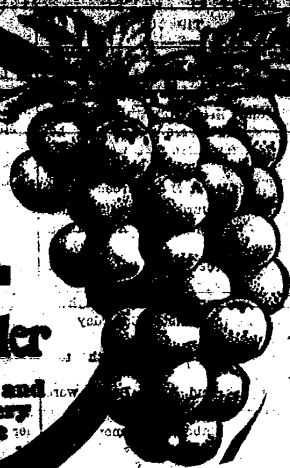
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returns. Canfield puts it very plainly. If you go into the gambler's game he has 100 chances to your 90, ten chances to your nine. If you stay in the game long enough—and the majority of players do—he will get your pile. It is simply science, skill and luck pitted against absolute certainty. The end is known from the beginning.

That is where the average man who gambles makes his fundamental mistake. He imagines that good fortune will beat the law of mathematics. He bets on the theory that good playing and luck will enable him to overcome the stubborn fact that 10 is one more than 9. Canfield says what everyone ought to know: When you go up against the gambler's game you go up against a dead sure thing. The gambler's game is not "game of chance" at all. Chance has nothing to do with it. It is financial robbery done scientifically. Gambler Canfield's frank statement will have little effect, however. There will always be the man who fancies he can change the figure 9 into a bigger figure than 10.

A preacher came to a newspaper man in this way: You editors do not tell the truth. If you did you could not live; your newspapers would be a failure. The editor replied: You are right and the minister who will all times and under all circumstances tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, will not occupy his pulpit more than one Sunday, and then he will have to leave town in a hurry. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit, the pen, and the grave stone are the saint-making triumvirate. And the great minister went away very thoughtful while the editor turned to his work, and told of the unsurpassing beauty of the bride, while in fact she was as homely as a mud fence.

Too good to be true? Don't you see? Buy a year's subscription. You will lay down \$1.00 for a year's subscription. Don't let it slip into pot pie and pie will pay first cost: so the paper will be clear profit. Repeat this process year after year, meanwhile learn wisdom and cease to be poor.

## Keep Money Here.

When you want an article of merchandise buy it of a reputable home dealer, that the profit may remain to enrich the community. Spend your money abroad only for what you cannot purchase at home. Home talent, home labor, home industry, home capital, and home production are things to be fostered, encouraged and patronized.

Get up-to-date commercial work at the "News" office.

## OUR STOCK

Do you have trouble in getting the advertised preparations in your town? We mean those things you see advertised in the papers and magazines. We take great pains to keep up-to-date on these things and it will be hard to call for anything in the advertised line which we are unable to supply.

Our mail order department is a most rapidly growing feature of our big business and one to which we pay special attention. Your order is in someone's hands from the minute it reaches us until it is in the Express or Post Office. If there is anything you want in our line use the mails and see how quickly we will get it to you.

We have a big line of those Rubber-set Lather Brushes priced 25c to \$2.00 each. We carry practically the complete line of the Famous Rexall Remedies "one for every ill," also the Harmony line of Toilet Preparations and Perfumes. We offer some great bargains every Saturday and Sunday in Candy and Cigars as well as other things. We have a standing order for the latest book written by over one hundred of the most popular authors and they are expressed to us just as fast as they come out. This insures your getting the very latest book here at all times. We sell all \$1.50 books for \$1.08, the city price. Louis Tracy's "A Son of the Immortals," is the latest. \$1.08.

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