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EARNEST APPEAL

To the People of Birmingham and Vicinity by Henry Wood Booth Who Has an Office Here

At the outset I would explain, that I have leased the premises at No. 110 E. Maple avenue, next door to the Public Library in your beautiful village, which I intend to make the headquarters of a movement for solving the thus-far-unsolved drink problem and that by methods which are succinctly stated as follows: Being already known throughout the country as "The Michigan Plan" it having originated in this state. It aims:

First. To secure the amendment of state laws, where necessary, so that brandy, rum, gin, whiskey, fortified wine, liquors, cordials, bitters, cocktails, absinthes, and potable nostrums of every sort, whose composition is based on distilled alcohol, shall be done away with, and only pure wine, beer and cider trafficked in, and that under a strict system of license or tax.

Second. To secure the repeal of that part of the McKinley act of 1890, and all amendments thereto, which allow wine makers to distill brandy free of tax, or subject to any tax lower than that charged on spirits distilled for any other purpose.

Third. To secure the delegation to congress by the several states of the sole power to manufacture, import, and traffic in distilled spirits, congress then enacting such laws as may be necessary to prevent distilled alcohol from being used for beverage purposes anywhere within the domains of this republic.

In carrying out the purpose of this plan it is proposed to proceed thus:

1. To establish an occasional paper, primarily for free distribution, not a periodical. Already seven numbers have been issued and mailed. The editor states the principles on which its publication is based thus:—

The Alliance-News is a temprance paper in the full and proper meaning of that term. It holds that, while distilled spirits are, indeed poisonous and therefore unfit for man's use in any form,—wine, cider and beer, like coffee, tea and cocoa, are true beverages, when used intelligently, as are, usually water, milk and other dietary drinks. Nevertheless, age long experience has established the fact that many are not able to use alcoholic beverages of any sort as they should be used, and that incalculable misery, suffering, disease and death have been entailed upon mankind as a consequence of such misuse. Moreover, experience and modern science impel us to the conclusion that alcoholic drink of any sort is not necessary for the health and happiness of any man, and that in our day and generation when an absolutely clear head is so imperatively necessary in every vocation and avocation of life, it is prudent and wise to abstain totally from alcoholic drinks of every sort. It favors therefore, personal total abstinence; but not teetotalism, which assumes to stigmatize, ostracise and practically penalize others who can and do use alcoholic beverages temperately. It opposes all forms of impossible prohibitionism, including local, statewide or national—except as a temporary expedient, and favors the abolition of all private distilleries and with them the traffic in spirituous liquors, but holds it to be both useless and unwise to attempt to do away with natural fermented beverages; the abuse of these should be dealt with on the old, well-tried and only successful plan of moral suasion.

2. To found here the Alliance-Institute for the study of the alcoholic drink question in all its bearings; for the instruction and training of speakers who shall go forth to propogate the principles of the proposed Alliance, and for furnishing information, historical, scientific, mechanical, political, etc., pertaining to all points on both sides of the drink reform movement, ancient and modern.

Here will be a library of all available books and other publications that have been written about drinks, a file of all temperance prohibition, spirit, wine and beer periodicals. A museum of drinks with models, charts, drawings and samples of apparatus, materials and the drinks themselves. A laboratory for testing and analyzing drinks and generally everything obtainable that may in any way be useful in furthering the New Reform Movement.

3. Lastly. The American Temperance Alliance, which at present is but a thing of the future, but will soon develop when the Alliance-News is on a self-supporting basis and spreading itself, literally, broadcast all over the land, and when the Alliance Institute is sending out lecturers and organizers into every state in the union.

This is, briefly, gentle reader, the program laid down by your humble servant the subscriber hereto and this is the plan which he invites and appeals to you to help him to carry out for the glory of God, for the public good and to the everlasting honor of the little village of Birmingham which is to have the credit of being its birthplace.

The Alliance-News will take care of itself and its advertising patrons will support it financially. And as long as life and health remain, the present editor will assume the entire responsibility of its publication.

On the other hand, the Alliance Institute must have from the start the co-operation and material support of the men of Birmingham and vicinity of every class. It will be a Birmingham institution and will make Birmingham known to the world as it has never been known before, by bringing people here to study and by sending out literature to all parts of the earth.

At the outset we very much need on the executive committee the advice of a lawyer, a medical doctor, an expert organizer and a professional politician. We do not solicit the assistance of clergymen as such. We take all our teachings on the good old bible, believing that "Whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not required of any man." But we do not regard the drink question as being a religious question at all, any more than is the pure food question, either do we propose to complicate matters by dividing our suffrages with the "Superior Sex." The Temperance Reform was a grand success up to the time when the Good Templars gave women and girls equal suffrage in all its councils. Since then no progress whatever has been made. Ours is a renaissance of old time temperance, which was a manly movement.

Soon, we shall start classes at the institute which men and boys will be invited to attend free of charge. Meanwhile we shall be pleased to enroll names for the first class.

Correspondence is solicited from all who cannot make it convenient to see me personally.

HENRY WOOD BOOTH,
Birmingham, Mich.,
June 5, 1912.

A FATAL RIDE

For Mr. August Shook Last Week Tuesday When His Auto Collided With a Flint Interurban Car

August Shook, aged 23, a tester employed by the Alden-Sampson company of Detroit, received injuries which proved fatal last week, Tuesday, in Royal Oak, when a machine he was driving collided with a south bound Flint division car at the intersection of Washington avenue and Eighth street. Shook was rushed to Harper hospital, Detroit, immediately after the accident. Wm. Phillips, a step brother of Shook, was riding in the car at the time but was thrown clear of the wreck and but slightly injured.

Shook who was driving the car at a rapid rate, turned at the corner of Eighth street directly in front of the approaching car which he did not see until it was too late. The front trucks of the car ran completely over the automobile, reducing it to a heap of scrap iron. Phillips was thrown from the seat and landed on the ground near by. Shook was not so fortunate and suffered a broken collar bone and several bad cuts on his head and other parts of his body. He was also internally injured.

Several doctors arrived on the scene shortly after the accident and after Shook's injuries had been dressed he was removed on a Pontiac car to Detroit where was taken to Harper hospital. He was accompanied by Dr. J. W. Anderson, of Royal Oak. He died Wednesday morning.

Phillips stated after the accident that neither he nor Shook heard the car and first they saw of it was when it was directly in front of them. There was then no time to escape.

The fender on the interurban was torn off and the vestibule broken in. The motorman escaped with only slight cuts caused by broken glass.

LOST HER MONEY

Mrs. Charles Davis, nee Mrs. Emma Tibbals, of Lone Pine, Charges Husband With Get-Rich-Quick Scheme

Charles Davis, an alleged get-rich-quick-by-the-marriage route man, of Pontiac, was arrested by Detective Brooks, of Detroit, and Chief Deputy Sheriff R. Kent, of Pontiac, Sunday night and taken back to Pontiac immediately to answer a charge of abandoement and non-support. Davis was arrested on a warrant issued on complaint of his wife and he will answer the charge in court.

It is alleged by Sheriff Kent that Davis became acquainted with a wealthy farmer's widow, living near Pontiac, wooed, won and wed her, induced her to sell her farm for $8,000 and turn the proceeds over to him, and then deserted her last October in the short space of three months.

Before becoming acquainted with the wealthy farmer's widow Davis was a piano salesman employed by several Detroit piano dealers. Sheriff Kent says the woman listened to his eloquence, learned in selling pianos, and finally married him on short acquaintance. Shortly after the wedding ceremony was performed Davis began talking to his wife to sell her property, and again his eloquence won her over and she sold and turned over the $8,000 to him.

That was last October and a few days later Davis mysteriously disappeared with the money. Mrs. Davis reported his disappearance to the sheriff and a search was instituted for Davis, but nothing was heard from him until last Friday. On that day Mrs. Davis received a telegram from her missing husband from Jackson, asking her to meet him at the home of his mother, 401 Sixth street, Sunday night. The telegram also stated that he had a lot to tell her.

Mrs. Davis lost no time in communicating with the sheriff and Deputy Kent was sent to Detroit to keep the appointment for the deserted wife. He enlisted the services of Detective Brooks and they found Davis at Fifth and Baggs streets and placed him under arrest.

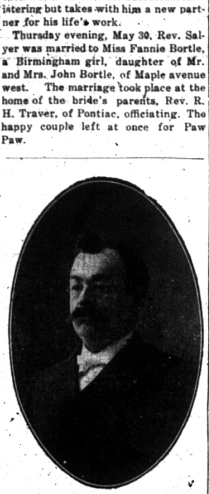
GOES TO PAW PAW

To Commence His Work, Rev. C. A. Salyer and Wife Left Thursday Evening of Last Week.

Rev. C. A. Salyer, of the First Baptist church, of Birmingham, left his sturdy congregation last week to become the leader of the Baptist church at Paw Paw.

This man among men will not only seek a new field for his successful ministering but takes with him a new partner for his life's work.

Thursday evening, May 30, Rev. Salyer was married to Miss Fannie Bortle, a Birmingham girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bortle, of Maple avenue west. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. R. H. Traver, of Pontiac, officiating. The happy couple left at once for Paw Paw.



Four years ago Rev. Salyer came from St. Charles. There he built up a large congregation and saw a new church erected after two and one half years wook.

In Birmingham he is leaving a strong working congregation and had just commenced to see the fulfillment of his hope come to pass—the enlargement and remodeling of the church building. In 10 days of personal work Rev. Salyer obtained pledges for $2,600 for the new edifice.

Since Rev. Salyer came to our village, the congregation of the church has more than doubled and as strange as it may seem in one day, there are more than twice the number of adult men present at each meeting than women. Sixty new members have been added to the church roll, 38 by confession and baptism.

One of the unusual departments which the pastor leaves in this sturdy church is a Home department. This the pastor speaks of as "a home study of the Sunday school in the family for those who either can't or won't attend." There are 80 members enrolled.

Rev. Salyer's principal work has been among children and is now showing its results in the interest of the young people in all departments of the church work. Rev. Salyer has taken a very active part in all branches of Sunday school work, especially in the township activities. Fortunate are the people and lucky is the church who are able to procure such an able, earnest, progressive man.

Last Sunday more than 200 people were unable to enter the Baptist church to hear the eloquent Memorial and farewell address.

Rev. C. A. Salyer is a graduate of the University of Michigan, law department, class of 1889.

Would you mind if we offered our congratulations to the bride and groom in their new life's work? We think not, for there are hundreds of like "bon voyage" wishes accompaning them.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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Memorial day in Royal Oak was beautiful. No village of its size gives more love or honor to its heroes dead than does our own town.

Its a pretty throbbing sight to see those youngsters honoring the dead—who known but their countrys' call might come some day?

In the morning each school child was given a flag—did you hear their merry laughter? Is there anything more valuable than love of country?

At the town hall the parade of young sters were met by the Royal Oak band boys—glorious in their new uniforms. In St. Mary's cemetery the mounds were decorated in memory of the marines. Then in Royal Oak cemetery the graves of the G. A. R.'s were brightened.

Father Needham delivered a notable memorial address. Never was this earnest man more eloquent and his message was for all, inspiring and helpful.

In the afternoon a splendid band concert was given by our band boys. Did you notice how that music went into all the homes? Our village is certainly justly proud of our band.

We could easily write a book about the supper served by the band boys. Nay, not supper it was a banquet. The ground must have been paved with cream cakes and devil's food and angel food cake, clear to the D. U. R. tracks.

The band boys served, had a Michigan Central chief waiter looking for a job in Warren, the wives, mothers and perhaps a sweetheart or two were supervisors. Yes, we could write two volumes on that feast.

Now in proportion we could not stop short of a history to the extent of Woodrow Wilson's American people, when it comes to the Memorial entertainment at the Masonic temple. Every number was splendid. Rev. H. H. Hough's address was scholarly and contained many original lessons of value.

Attorney George A. Dondero gave a polished discourse and the closing remarks of the chairman were in just keeping with our wonderful Memorial day of 1912.

Have you forgotten the veterans? No indeed, they were there and close to our heart. Some day we won't have even the handful, so let's ever honor and show our love forever as we did this year.

Mrs. Lela Love, wife of Wiley Love, a farmer, living near Covena, Georgia, says: "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and find them to be all that you claim for them. They gave me almost instant relief when my kidneys were sluggish and inactive. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers from kidney trouble." For sale by all druggists.

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CORRECTION.

In the hurry of last week the printer jumped two lines of D. K. Smith's copy, making it appear that he was selling genuine Panama hats at 50c, instead of $5.00—the latter being really a very low price for a good hat. See corrected adv't in another column.

A Card.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on June 1, 1912.

Edward Moore, Mr. J. P. Romine, Wesley Russ, Mr. Abe Willits, Miss Grace Willits.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

"Move On, Now!"

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History Extract
Page 113, of San Francisco Fire

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