A Vital Issue.

There is today the greatest question of modern times before the people of Texas. It is a question that concerns the very life of our state morally, educationally, and politically. The question is, shall we, by our votes on July 22, turn over to the Liquor Traffic and its selfish politicians, the custody and welfare of our morals, our system of education, and the making and administration of our laws?

Every sane person who has studied the conditions which exist at present, within our state can’t help blushing with shame at seeing in the Liquor Traffic all the evil-invested aspects of our state. Who are we? Are we a man? And will we live up to your vote?

The Cynic.

Yes, I am a cynic. You light-hearted and light-headed fellows have no idea what the word means. A cynic is a man who knows the world, in fact he knows it too well; so well that he is disgusted with the whole thing and doesn’t care whether the Normal keeps or not. He has met some great disappointment in life or has had some great loss which has taken away all his better qualities and left him the coarser and meaner. He is sharp-witted when it comes to saying cutting things, and delights in making other people suffer in the same way he has: “Misery loves company,” as the old proverb says. He has turned from an optimist to a pessimist and regards the whole world with an eye which picks out the faults and leaves everything else behind.

How did I become a cynic? I will tell you the story and you will be the first one that has ever heard it. From childhood up to young manhood, I was always a little peculiar; that is, I did not associate with the other young people. I was conservative and never made friends; people always had to make advances to me. I would never make any to them. For instance if I met a young lady or a fellow I knew in my own age, I would be perfectly civil to them, but after a few commonplace remarks the matter was ended. If I met them on the street later, I would speak if they spoke to me, otherwise it was all off.

In this way I grew up to manhood. I finished High School with a fairly good standing in my studies; but I was not popular. I did not take up athletics and so was not an idol; I belonged to no frats, in fact, I wasn’t in it. I went to all the games and was an enthusiast, but that did not make me popular. Outside of this I came out very well; I graduated not very far from the head of my class. This was due greatly to the fact that I tended only to my studies. I left everything else and they received my whole attention, everything I got was by mere plodding, for I was not brilliant and had to work for everything I got.

As I was saying, I finished High School and then went to college. It was a small college, but it was one that was noted for its good work. For the first two years I worked hard, and came off with a very good standing. At the end of my sophomore year, I almost ran down on entering the ballroom, the most charming bit of femininity that I ever laid my eyes on. She smiled and I was all gone. I finally managed to get an introduction and spent the most delightful evening of my life in her company. After that night we became great friends and by the end of my Junior year we were engaged.

We had been engaged for about six months when as I was sitting in my room one night studying there was a knock at the door. I opened it and saw a messenger, who handed me a letter. I was not in the habit of receiving letters by messengers so I hastily signed for it and tore it open. From that moment to this I have been a cynic. I tell you, boys, it is hard. That girl could not have made anything out of me, but she didn’t. If girls only knew what an influence they have they would be a great deal more conceited than they are now.

There I started preaching again in my usual cynical way. You can now judge me for yourself; I have told you all, I did not make the pleasure that has been taken from my life, it has been compensated to a certain extent, and I must remain content until the great Umpire of all criers.

Out. It has made me brilliant, noted courted by society, and a scholar but I have paid dearly for all I have. Let me give you just a word of advice before I leave you; don’t be a wall-flower, mix, have a good time whenever you want to or not; and above all, have more than one paddle with which to paddle your canoe and you will never be the most terrible thing in the world, a cynic.

H. G.
The Y. W. C. A. Prohibition Rally.

The Prohibition Rally held Thursday evening in the Normal Auditorium under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. was indeed a success. The meeting was opened with song, followed by the Lord’s Prayer in concert. An appropriate scripture lesson was read by the chairman, Mr. Dotson, after which Miss Barnes led in prayer. A quartette sung by the Normal Double Quartette, bore sentiment suitable to the occasion. And to impress more firmly the sentiment contained in the words of the song, Mr. King spoke at length concerning the “Stand of the Young Man” against the corruption caused by the saloon and the liquor traffic. The paper read by Miss Rogers on the subject “The Young Woman and Her Stand” was an earnest appeal to young womanhood to use their great reserve power which can and will exert a profound influence toward the good and the beautiful in life. Another quartette entitled, “Vote The Ticket Straight” was in keeping with the cause for which the meeting stood.

It is needless in this small space to attempt to express our thanks to Mr. Harris for his lecture on Prohibition delivered on this occasion. He pointed out in emphatic, yet proper terms the awfulness of the evil arising from the saloon and its influences.

Would that more could have listened to his unimpeachable argument in defense of every statement made!

It was decided by a standing vote that the students of the Normal should meet at the Normal Saturday evening at 7:45 and march in a body to the rally at the Court House yard. We believe these rallies are productive of good results and only hope that others such as this may be held during the week.

New shipment of silk-cords and cord for girles, just arrived—Adams Store.

We regret very much to hear that Miss Beuna V. McGuire is still confined to her bed with the fever.

Ladies Skirts worth up to $1.65 sale price, 98c—Adams Store.

JUST IN

White Shoes, for Baby, Miss, Lady and the man—all at Popular Prices. New Belt Cards, Hand Bags, Belt Pins, Barrettes, Etc. Silk Hose for 50c in white, black, tan, pink, blue, and lavender, at Keeton-Griffin Co.

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From a Friend of the Normal Students

G. W. Hamilton
The Grocer N. Austin St.
The Place for Fresh Groceries, Candles and Fruits
Mr. C. Also is Laconic.

Mr. Campbell gave an address that was replete with laconic wit and forceful arguments. Some if the things he said were:

"The only issue is, "saloon or no saloon."

"I believe the saloon is an evil from which no good has ever come and from which no good can ever come.

"The question is the concern of every man who loves good government and has heart interest in this beautiful state of ours."

"No man who votes against the amendment can get away from the results of the penalty of his own act.

"You are down to one issue—whether the saloon is a good thing or a bad thing.

"If you license the saloon you can not escape the partnership, for that license cannot be issued without your ballot in its favor.

"The saloon means dollars for the souls of men and women.

"Abolish the saloon; let the money enter the channels of legitimate trade and the country will blossom as a rose.

"I own a store house in a dry town. When it was wet I got $25 a month for it. Now the town is dry and I get $50 a month. That is the way prohibition ruins business.

"They don’t mean what they say about local self government unless it is to protect the saloon.

"The man who will drive the saloon from his own door will drive it from every man’s door if he is a patriot.

"The antis own speakers themselves admit that local option has decreased the consumption of liquor and has decreased crime.

"Why not extend it to all the people?

"That peace and rest business is knockout drops.

"I don’t know but one creature lower than a bootlegger and that is the pay roll politician paid by the saloon interests.

"They try to drive the preacher out of the question. I wouldn’t give a rap for a preacher who doesn’t go out and fight the liquor traffic."

They walked among the shreds. When grape-nuts were in season, he asked her why he seemed so sweet.
SPECIAL JULY

Clearance Sale

Big reductions on all Ladies and Men's Shoes and Oxfords. Ladies Muslin Underwear, Gowns and Hosiery at big reductions. Note the big circular for prices. Sale starts Saturday, July 15th. One week of bargain giving days.

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On Muslin Underwear, Dresses, Skirts and Kimonas. also a few nice Hats, at Half Price. We are always glad to see you in our store.

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M. K. & T.
North Bound via Austin
No. 129 - 10:20 a.m.
No. 216 - 12:37 p.m.
No. 8 - 10:20 a.m.
No. 236 - 10:58 p.m.

North Bound via Smithville
No. 242 - 12:23 a.m.
No. 246 - 12:20 p.m.

South Bound via Smithville
No. 241 - 4:25 a.m.
No. 245 - 4:40 p.m.

South Bound via Austin
No. 7 - 5:40 a.m.
No. 235 - 6:40 a.m.
No. 215 - 4:15 p.m.
No. 9 - 6:00 p.m.

I. & G. N.
No. 5 - 4:35 a.m.
No. 7 - 8:00 a.m.
No. 9 - 8:45 p.m.
No. 3 - 4:50 p.m.

North Bound
No. 6 - 9:53 p.m.
No. 4 - 3:30 p.m.
No. 8 - 9:19 a.m.
No. 10 - 4:54 a.m.

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"It has two stories, and I think, a basement!" -Atlasconstitution.

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