

We have dwelt entirely on the State's revenue, the loss to the City of Baltimore by reducing her taxable basis \$50,000,000, will raise her taxes from \$1.75 to \$2.25 on the \$100, and the counties will be affected in the same proportion.

Is the desire to kill the goose that lays the golden egg?

We have asserted that it would affect the farming interest, and will prove that such would be the case.

The capacity of our distilleries are 4,000 bushels of grain per day, and their average consumption 2,000 bushels per day, equal to 600,000 bushels annually.

Our breweries mash 500,000 bushels of malt and barley during the year, and 5,000 bales of hops are used each year.

What will be the result of driving from our State these great consumers of her agricultural products? Either a glut of grain here, and consequent depression of prices, or the necessity of sending it to other points at a loss in the outlay of additional freights. Can our already overburdened tillers of the soil, whose sweat-drops now water the ground to enable an eking out of a bare living, stand this certain loss and additional burden?

It is conceded on all hands that a Prohibitory Law will drive trade from the Metropolis of our State, and then all branches of trade and our growing industries will be very seriously affected; warehouses will be idle, and that class of property will not rent for the amount of their taxes.

The Baltimore Warehouse Company to-day derive one-half of their receipts from the storage of liquors. Shall we retrograde after having made such strenuous efforts to cope with the trade of New York and Philadelphia.

Taken from its moral standpoint, history shows us from time immemorial people would use stimulants in some shape, either in the shape of alcoholic or malt liquors, or as opium or laudanum. Coffee and teas are narcotics, and it is an admitted fact that the use of either in large quantities is just as injurious as the too liberal use of spirituous or malt liquors.

Wherever Local Option has prevailed there has been a disregard of the law, and it is well known and established that Local Option does not prohibit. Men buy liquor and sell and drink it surreptitiously, thus making violators of the law out of otherwise good and faithful citizens. Men then drink it without restraint and thus do themselves more harm than if purchased free and above board, as at present. Stolen fruits are always the sweetest. Every vessel coming to our wharves to-day from Local Option Counties are laden with from 50 to 100 jugs or demijohns each.