

DOESN'T OPPOSE TOBACCO

George Thornburgh Says League Is Only Against Saloons.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Referring to your timely editorial in Friday's issue regarding the subject of tobacco, allow me to say that there need be no fear that the Anti-Saloon League will ever oppose the sale of tobacco. Nowhere in its constitution, declarations, or platform has it ever sidestepped from its one purpose, "the destruction of legalized liquor traffic." The only plank in its platform declares that, "the saloon must go." As the saloon has gone the league's effort will be to see that it stays gone and does not appear in the guise of light wine and beer, which would be a condition worse, if possible, than the old saloon.

As to tobacco, prohibitionists differ in opinion and practice, some do not use the weed, others, and I presume a majority of men, do smoke or chew, and the league does not attempt any influence on the subject.

As to myself, 41 years ago, for reasons mainly of cleanliness and economy, I quit smoking and have not used tobacco in any form since, but just as good men as I do use it. I have a good prohibition friend who smokes and chews and enjoys doing both at once. If this makes him happy, let him do it. For, unlike whiskey, it neither causes him to whip his wife or kick his child.

Respectfully,

George Thornburgh.

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Thornburgh defends tobacco over whiskey, 2-12-1922

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