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Constitution

of

Texasana Union No. 1

of the

Friends of Temperance and Education

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, being satisfied that intemperance is a great evil, and the cause of much suffering, and that it is the duty of every good citizen, to use his influence, by precept and example, in the advancement of the cause of Temperance; also believing that the permanency of republican institutions, and national prosperity depend upon the intelligence of the people, and that it is the duty of all patriots and lovers of their country to sustain and encourage the cause of education; and being desirous, of uniting the friends of Temperance, and those of education, in a common cause, as the Order of Friends of Temperance and Education, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following

Constitution.

Art. I

Name.

The name of this association shall be Texana Union No 1, of the Friends of Temperance and Education.

Art. II

Object.

The object, of this Union, is to advance the cause of Temperance, and to aid in the education of the rising generation.

Art. III

Pledge.

No member shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors wine or cider.

Art. IV

Officers.

The officers shall consist of, a Worthy Chief, Vice Chief, Recorder, Collector, Treasurer, Orator, Assistant, Guard, and Watchman, all of whom shall ^{be elected} by ballot every year viz. at the ~~last~~ regular meeting in December and installed the ~~first~~ regular meeting in January.

Should the election ^{or installation} from any cause not take place at the time above stated, it shall ^{be} as soon thereafter as circumstances will permit

Duties of Officers

It shall be the duty of the W. C. to preside in the Union, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws, and exact compliance to the Rules and Usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Union when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes; direct the R. to call a special meeting when application shall be made in writing, by five members of the Union; draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution, and other appropriations made by the Union. He shall

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Sec. 2 It shall be the duty of the V. C. to render the
W. C. such assistance as he may require of him, and
in the absence of the W. C. to perform his duties.

Sec. 3 The R. shall keep a fair and impartial
record of the proceedings of the Union. He shall attest
to all moneys ordered to be paid, at a regular Meeting,
and none other; give notice of Meetings when ordered
by the W. C. He shall make out at the end of
his Term, a full report of the proceedings during his
Term, which shall embrace the number of Members
admitted, suspended, expelled, withdrawn, the number
of deaths, with the names of the deceased, the number
who violated the pledge, how many signed over,
the number of actual contributing Members, the
number of visiting members the amount of receipts
and the amount of appropriations. He shall
deliver up to his successor all books, papers, or other
property in his possession, belonging to his office

Sec. 4 It shall be the duty of the Collector to keep
just and true accounts between the Union and its
Members, credit the amounts paid and pay over the
same to the T. immediately, taking his receipt. At
the end of his term, he shall make out a full report
of the amount of initiation fees and dues during his term,
and deliver up to his successor all matters apper-
taining to his office in his possession

Sec. 5 It shall be the duty of the T. to receive all moneys of the Union and hold the same until the expiration of his term unless otherwise ordered by the Union. He shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended, and pay all orders drawn on him by the W. C. attested by the R. He shall make a full report of the funds, at the end of his term, and deliver up whenever legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers and other property of the Union to his successor in office or to whom the Union may specially appoint. He shall enter into bond with two good securities, to be approved by the W. C. in double the probable amount that may come into his hands, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, and the safe keeping and paying over all money and other property of the Union whenever legally called upon so to do.

Sec. 6 It shall be the duty of the O. to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected. He shall with the aid of the A. examine those present at the opening of the Union. He shall have charge of the regalia, and such other property of the Union as may not be otherwise provided for, and render a full report to the Union at the end of his term.

Sec. 7 It shall be the duty of the A. to render such services as the O. or the Union may require of him.

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Sec. 8 It shall be the duty of the G. to attend the door — to admit none without the explanation to the pass word, or candidates for ~~admission~~ initiation, unless directed by the W. C.

Sec. 9 The W. shall guard the door outside, and admit none (except candidates for initiation,) without the pass word, unless directed by the W. C. through the G.

Sec. 10 The Union at its option elect a Chaplain whose duty it shall be to open and close the Union with prayer

Art. VI

Membership

Sec 1. No person shall be initiated into this Union under fourteen years of age or who does not possess a good Moral character.

Sec 2 The name of a person offered for Membership, must be proposed in writing, stating age, residence and occupation, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three Members for investigation, who shall report in writing at the succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than three black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but if four or more black balls appear he shall be rejected and so declared.

Sec. 3 A vote of rejection may be reconsidered at the same or the succeeding meeting - it is competent for any member to move a reconsideration irrespective of how he voted

Sec. 4 Propositions for Membership may be received at special meetings but balloting and initiations must be at regular meetings

Sec. 5 Females fourteen years of age and upwards may be admitted as visiting members, without paying the initiation fee or dues, but shall not be allowed to vote or receive the benefits from the School Fund; provided those who choose to pay the fees and dues shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as the male members.

Art. VII

Contributions

Sec. 1 The initiation fee shall not be less than two dollars in specie or its equivalent.

Sec. 2 The regular dues of contributing members, shall not be less than twenty five cents in specie or its equivalent per month

Sec. 3 Ordained Ministers of the Gospel may be exempt from paying the fees and dues on condition they are not allowed to vote, or receive the benefits from the School Fund
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Art VIII

Benefits

Sec 1 Eighty per cent of the monthly dues, all the initiation fees and fines, and all donations to the Union not made to some other specific purpose, shall be set apart as a School Fund which shall never be appropriated or used for any purpose, but shall be put at interest on good security, or invested in some profitable stock, the interest or profits only, of which shall be used for the purpose of education

Sec 2 The interest or profits on the School Fund shall be annually distributed to the following mentioned children, between the ages of six and twenty one years, equally according to the number of days each attends school. viz. Children whose fathers are contributing ^{Members} of this Union, children whose fathers were contributing members at their decease, Fatherless children whose Mothers are contributing Members, Orphans whose Mothers were contributing Members after the decease of their fathers and at their decease, young men and young ladies who are contributing Members

Sec 3 To entitle a child to the benefit of the preceding section it must go to a school recognized as a public school by the

laws of the State due returns of which
have been made according to law.

Sec 4 All ~~fathers~~ ^{parents} ~~mothers~~ and guardians wishing
to avail themselves of the benefits of Section
second must file with the ~~W. C.~~ ^{W. C.} at, or before the
regular meeting in January, certificates
from the County Clerk, or other proper officer,
stating the number of days each child
attended school, the previous year, according
to due returns made of the schools.

If the returns made according to law are
at a different time of the year, then the
returns to the Union shall be in the month
following

Sec 5 No child shall be entitled to benefits
for going to school out of the State

Sec 6 The W. C., V. C., and C shall constitute
a committee on Education who shall, after
the returns are made as required, estimate the
number of days all the children, entitled
to the benefit of sec. 2 went to school and
distribute the ~~amount~~ ^{the interest, and profits on the School Fund}, equally between them,
according to the number of days each
attended school, and give an order to
the S. stating the amount each parent or
guardian is entitled to receive

Sec 7 The C. shall procure a book in
which he shall record the number of

days each child went to school and the amount each parent or guardian is entitled to receive; which record shall be subject to inspection by any Member.

Sec 8 It shall be the duty of the T. to pay the amounts distributed by the Committee on Education to those entitled to receive the same, upon the order of the W. C. & P.

Sec 9 No member shall be entitled to benefits who is more than one year in arrears for dues; provided the Union may adopt the plan of taking notes of members ~~with~~ with security for fees and dues, said notes bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent payable annually, in which event a member shall not be considered in arrears, to debar him from benefits, who has settled up by note within the year; but the interest due must be paid, or deducted from the benefit

Sec 10 An expelled member ^{or one who resigns membership or withdraws} loses all claim upon the Union - a suspended member is not entitled to benefits during suspension

Sec 11 The Union may establish a school or schools in the vicinity, employ teachers and have control of said school or schools, provided the cost to the Union shall not exceed the amount to which the children may be entitled who go to said school or schools

Sec 12 The object in creating the School Fund is two fold; first as an inducement to some

to join our order, for the assistance it renders in educating their children, thereby advancing the cause of Temperance; second as an inducement to the members of the order to send their children to school in order to receive the benefits of the distribution, thereby advancing the cause of Education: therefore it is understood that all entitled to benefits from the School Fund shall be upon equal terms without regard to the amount any may receive from the School Fund of the State, or other sources, or whether it pays more than their tuition or not.

Sec 13 In case the State law does not require day books to be kept by Teachers, and returns to be made, then the parents and guardians of children entitled to benefits from the Union, shall procure certificates, from the Teachers, of the number of days each child went to school, to the satisfaction of the committee on Education.

Sec. 14 No person shall be entitled to benefits, until he or she has been a contributing member of the Union, for six months

Sec. 15 Persons joining by card must pay the initiation fee and dues to entitle them to benefits, from the School Fund

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Art. IX

Meetings and Quorum

- Sec. 1 The regular meetings of this Union shall be once a month, the time to be determined by the Union but when it is once established, no change shall be made without the concurrence of a majority of all the contributing members
- Sec. 2 Upon the written request of five contributing members the W. C. may call a special meeting at any time, but no business of general importance shall be transacted at such meeting, except receiving applications for membership, appointing committees, and introducing matters for future consideration.
- Sec. 3 For the first six months after the Union is organized, it may have adjourned meetings, for the transaction of business the same as regular meetings, and for the first six months, applications for membership, balloting and initiations may take place at the same meeting
- Sec. 4 Seven contributing members shall constitute a quorum

Art X

Offense

Sec. 1 Any Member who shall offend against this Constitution or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting, may determine

Sec 2 Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offense involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member shall be put on trial unless charges, duly specifying his offense, be submitted in writing by a member of the Union.

Sec 3 When charges have been preferred against a member in a proper manner, or any matter of grievance between members are brought before the Union, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question; and if their decision does not involve suspension or expulsion, and no appeal be taken to the Union, it shall be final. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Union for action which shall lie on the table untill the next

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regular Meeting, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question, and shall have the right to defend himself.

If two thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; but the Union may vary the penalty from the original motion.

Sec 4 In case of an appeal from the decision of the committee, otherwise final, the committee shall present to the Union, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded; and the parties shall have the right of being heard before the Union; and the Union shall determine the correctness of the decision by a majority of votes present.

Sec 5 The provisions of this Article does not extend to violation of Article III

Art. XI
Fines and penalties

Sec. 1. Every officer who is absent from a regular meeting of the Union, at roll-call, unless prevented by sickness shall pay a fine of twenty cents, every ^{contributing} member ten cents and every visiting member five cents.

Sec. 2. The first business in order, after the Union is declared open, shall be the calling of the roll by the P., first the roll of officers, second the roll of other contributing members and last the roll of visiting members: The C. shall also have rolls and note those absent and charge them with the fines, which he shall collect, if not ordered to remit within three months, by the P. & C. on account of sickness or inability to attend, ~~by the~~ ~~W.C.~~ within three months satisfactory evidence of which has been made to the W.C.

Sec. 3. For the first offense of violating Art. III, if the offending member is reinstated a fine of five dollars shall be paid, and for the second offense twenty dollars, — for the third offense no member can be reinstated.

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Art. XII

Violating Article III

Sec. 1 Any member who knows of another member having violated Article III and neglects to prefer the charge within two months after the violation shall have come to his knowledge shall be fined two dollars

Sec. 2 The charge for violation of Article III shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, as soon as practicable, summon the parties and investigate the matter

Sec. 3 If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Union by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the member be reinstated or expelled, as the case may be - which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least until the next regular meeting, and the offending member shall be notified of the character of the resolutions by the P, and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving an opportunity to make a defense.

Sec. 4 If the committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be

adopted the charge shall be dismissed
Sec 5 When the committee report the charge
sustained and a majority of the Members
present at a regular meeting vote in favor
thereof, the offending member shall forfeit
his membership, and the W.C. shall direct
his name to be erased from the Constitution,

If a majority of the Union vote in opposition
to the resolution, all further proceeding shall
be stayed, subject to appeal.

Sec 6 If two thirds of those voting are in favor
of reinstating a member, he shall be
restored to membership by re-signing the
Constitution and paying for the first offense,
five dollars and for the second offense,
twenty dollars, which shall be paid to the
W. by the meeting succeeding the vote, or the
member to stand suspended until the
fine is paid; which must be done within
three months, and the Constitution re-signed
or the member declared expelled by a
vote of the Union.

Sec 7 If the Union refuse to reinstate a member,
he shall be declared expelled by the W.C.

Sec 8 A member convicted for the third
time of violating article III, shall lose the
privilege of re-instatement and shall be
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Sec 9 A member come forward and
acknowledge the violation of Article III,
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after erasure of name, may by a two third
vote, re-estate him at the same meeting
Sec 10 A member expelled under this Article
shall ^{not} be eligible for membership under
six months thereafter

Art. XII

General Grand Union

- Sec 1. Should there be five Unions organized under this Constitution, there may be a Grand Union organized, to be composed of two representatives from each subordinate Union, untill there are twelve subordinate Unions, then one representative from each.
- Sec 2. The Grand Union shall elect its own officers, except the presiding officer. It shall have power to make its own By-laws, adopt or amend the Ritual for Subordinate Unions, decide all Constitutional questions or questions of the usages of the order and decide all appeals from Subordinate Unions.
- Sec 3. Whenever two members of the Grand Union shall require it, the vote shall be taken by Unions, each Union with twenty contributing members or less to have one vote, and a vote for every additional twenty members.
- Sec. 4. The Grand Worthy Chief shall be elected by the contributing members of the order, each Union to hold an election by ballot in the month of March of each year, returns of which certified to by the W. C. and R. shall be made to the Grand Union - should no one receive a majority of all the votes cast, the Grand Union shall hold an election between the two who received the highest number of votes.

Sec 5 The Grand Worthy Chief shall be the presiding officer of the G. U., and shall have power to grant charters for Subordinate Unions, upon the application of eight persons and shall personally or by deputy organize Subordinate Unions.

Sec 6 The G. U. may propose amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Unions and if two thirds of the U. by a majority of all the contributing members in each, vote in favor thereof it shall be so amended and declared by the G. W. C., to whom returns shall be made by the S. U. and whose duty it shall be to inform each U. of said amendment; provided no amendment or alteration shall be made in sections first and second of Article III eight

Sec 7 The constitutions of S. U. shall be uniform, except with regard to the initiation fees, ^{monthly} ~~and~~ dues and the regular meetings which may be regulated by each U.

Sec 8 The G. U. shall meet annually in the month of April

Sec 9 In case a S. U. fails to meet for six months or fails to manage or appropriate its funds according to the constitution, the G. U. may declare its charter forfeited, in which event, all donations to said U. of fifty dollars and over, shall be returned to the donors, if they claim it, and the balance of the funds and property, shall be forfeited to the G. U. to be divided equally between the S. U. according to the number

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Sec 10 ~~Until the G. U. is organized~~ Until the regular election after the organization of the General Union we recognize ^{John S. Menzies} as G. W. C. with all the powers herein granted to the G. U., ^{until it is organized} and whenever the requisite number of U. are organized, he may order an election for representatives, and appoint the time and place of their meeting to organize the G. U.

Texas April 14th 1867

We the undersigned agree to be Charter Members in organizing the Order of Friends of Temperance and Education - Jackson Union No 1 to be organized in a few days

John S. Menzies
Thos. J. Cook

Article XIV Incorporation

We propose to apply to the Legislature when it meets to pass an act of incorporation making each Union organized or that may ^{thereafter be} ~~be~~ organized under this Constitution a body corporate ~~and politic~~ capable of suing and being sued, holding property &c

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