Fox Valley Turning Points
Temperance and Prohibition
Activity #3: An Argument Against Prohibition

Read the August 31, 1867 article in the Appleton *Crescent* entitled "What is the Best Policy?"

1) What is the opinion of the author regarding prohibiting the manufacture/sale of alcohol in Wisconsin?

2) What specific ethnic group does the author cite in his argument? What percentage of the population does this group compose according to the author?

3) What course of action does the author suggest in lieu of prohibiting the manufacture/sale of alcohol?

4) Do you agree with the author's argument? Why or why not?

5) After completing this activity and activities 1 and 2, stage a debate in your classroom about the issue of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcohol. Split the class in half and have one side give arguments for prohibition and the other against. After the debate, discuss your personal opinions on the subject.