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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The death last week of Rev. Samuel F. Smith of Boston, revives a controversy which periodically rages with more or less violence as is the hymn which the deceased preacher wrote and the foreign music to which the words are sung. The poem itself—which is known both by the title of "America" and by that of its first line, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"—can hardly be deemed classic in its obedience to the rules of prosody, but its sentiments are nevertheless noble and exalting; and what it lacks in finish, it makes up in vigor and manliness. It was a happy stroke and made a distinct hit when first sung in Boston on the 4th of July, sixty-three years ago, since which time its simple words and noble thoughts have ever more strongly intrenched it in the hearts of Americans, so that no patriotic gathering is now deemed complete until the "national anthem" has been played to or sung by the assembly.

As stated, the words are the production of Dr. S. F. Smith, a native American, but the music is an adaptation. Critics have deemed it a pity that the national air of this country should also be that of Great Britain, and that the tune which we call "America," our trans-Atlantic cousins call "God Save the Queen." It is true that at the time Dr. Smith's anthem was first sung in Massachusetts, England was singing the same tune to the words "God Save the King," —Queen Victoria being then only a maiden—though in popularity the tune was at that early time limited in the mother country because it was not widely known. It is probable that the first Americans to sing the anthem did not know that England had adopted it. In any event, however, the fact is that whether or not an English post got it first, both England and America adopted the music near the same time from the same source—Germany. Many years before, it was known and sung in Prussia and the northern provinces of the present German empire, and it was in the endeavor to translate into our language and revive in our land some of the more popular and fitting of the German Folks-songs that Dr. Smith became attracted by and attached to the air for which, on the spur of the moment, he wrote his immortal verses.

Historically, therefore, Jonathan is in no sense a plagiarist of John Bull in the matter of his national anthem. If the former did not get his tune quite as early as the latter did, he at least came by it just as honorably, and obtained it from the original possessor, without its passing through English hands. And as to the critics who contend that a thing not strictly original is undeserving of the praise and esteem bestowed upon this beloved composition, they may as well understand that until they shall produce something equally good or better, "America" will be played and sung long after their present trifle and many successors of that ilk will have passed into forgetfulness.

EXTERMINATING THE BUFFALO.

A dispatch from Butte, Montana, says it is estimated that there are now only ten buffaloes left in the national park there, and that the officers are unable to save them from poachers. Other wild animals are said to be slaughtered as rapidly and remorselessly as the buffalo.

The history of the buffalo furnishes a striking illustration of the relentless force with which modern civilization strikes down and crushes everything in its way. It is estimated that about four millions of buffaloes were slain in five years, between 1874 and 1879, of the large herd that roamed through Texas, Indian Territory, Kansas and Nebraska. Another herd existing in the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana was also practically exterminated.

In a recent number of the North American Review the manner of slaughtering the animals is described. Hunters received from $2.50 to $3 for a hide. Thousands of men were engaged in the enterprise. A hunting party generally consisted of a hunter and six strippers, and the time selected for the hunt was just after the animals had been grazing in the morning and had gone to the water, after which they were lying down on high ground in bunches of from twenty to one hundred. The hunter, armed with the longest range rifle of the heaviest caliber obtainable, would select a position to the leeward and so far away that the report of the gun could not be heard by the animal. Hidden behind a bunch of grass, he would then kill from a dozen to a hundred a day without disturbing the rest of the herd. The wounded animal would bleed to death, and the others, scenting the blood, would gather round it as if to ascertain the cause of the wound. They would stand still for a considerable time and be picked off one after the other. Then the strippers would come up with an outfit, take the hides and transport them to the nearest railway station. At one railroad station alone on the Santa Fe as many as 250,000 hides were shipped in one year, or an average of over two thousand a day.

When the hides had been removed, the carcass would be poisoned, and the next day as many as forty or fifty wolves would be lying dead in the vicinity. In this way the large game was destroyed, and with it countless numbers of wolves that extend by preying upon it. It was undoubtedly the desire for gain that actuated the hunters in their war of extermination, but only by this method, perhaps, could the country rapidly be prepared to receive and sustain the millions of domesticated animals that now give support to millions of people engaged in more peaceful occupations. The hunters prepared the way for the agriculturists—Esau for Jacob. But the wanton destruction of the animals in national parks is a different matter. There they should be accorded the protection they are entitled to, and their slayers should be dealt with according to the requirements of the law.

UTAH AT THE FRONT.

We repeat here one sentence from the Omaha dispatches of last evening:

"The largest and most notable delegation in the convention [the Trans-Mississippi Congress] represents Utah."

When it is remembered that other states represented are Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, California, the two Dakotas, Wyoming, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and Arizona, and that Utah exceeds any of them in the number and prominence of her representatives, the proper pride which the local community would feel under any circumstances is vastly enhanced and abundantly justified. The cost in time and means to those who attend these congresses is sometimes considerable to the delegates individually. We venture to say, however, that not one of them from Utah this year will regret the expense, and the constituents of the men who have shown as manly public spirit will surely not be lacking in appreciation and gratitude. It is by such endeavors that Utah is being placed in the very fore front of western progress; and such a record, consistently maintained, will not only place her in touch with, but make her the master spirit in, all that pertains to western advancement and prosperity.

ONE CAUSE OF MISERY.

After a long experience in the management of institutions for inebriate and insane persons, Dr. Cutiere has come to the conclusion that inebriety is the active cause of from 15 to 50 per cent of all cases of insanity; from 50 to 80 per cent of all idiocy; from 60 to 90 per cent of the pauperism, and from 50 to 85 per cent of all crime. He therefore asks the question, "Who can estimate the relief at the taxpayers by the removal of the perils to both property and life from drunkenness?"

Another medical authority assists after close observation of numerous cases brought to his notice, that on the individual the effect of vicious alcoholic indulgence is disease of the body. "Sooner or later it must succumb. Disease of the mind is not far off. It may be delirium or insanity."

Autopsies performed by Dr. Formad on bodies in the dead house of the Philadelphia hospital disclosed the fact that in 250 chronic alcoholics nearly 90 per cent had fatty degeneration of the liver, 60 per cent had congestion or a dropsical state of the brain; the same numbers so influenced or degenerated stomach, while not quite one per cent had normal kidneys.

Facts of this nature ought to be powerful in the cause of temperance, and would undoubtedly be so, if human beings had power enough over their own will to avoid that which is injurious and to select only that which is conducive to health and happiness. But a great many seem to be in bondage under their uncontrollable appetites. To what extent this is the case may be judged from a few figures taken from a medical journal. For the year 1892 the patrons of the saloons paid $600,000,000 for whisky and $677,268,000 for beer, a total of $1,277,268,000, the interest of which for one minute at 6 per cent per annum is $2,430.09, more than sufficient to pay off the national debt, and to feed and clothe all the poor of the country.

These figures are from the report of Internal Revenue Commissioner Mills for the year mentioned.

It is necessary once in a while to take a bird's eye view of the evil effects of intemperance in its various aspects, its production of disease and death, the destruction of happiness and home, pauperism and crime; nevertheless, with general demoralization, it does not need to be understood why there is so much misery among the children of men that cannot be accounted for on any other ground than their disregard of the admonitions of both conscience and religion to live in accordance with the laws of nature.

THE PHYSICAL culture people received a severe jolt in the report from ex-Senator Evarts of New York, who and hearty at seventy-eight, who attributes his present favorable status to the habit of lying late in bed and taking no physical exercise at all. The hygienists of modern times are about as much addicted to fads as anybody ever was, and too many of them have one rule and system and treatment for all customers, forgetting the old-time but truthful principle that what is one man's meat is another man's poison.

IN THE December number of the Forum will appear an article by Mr. Glen Miller, of Salt Lake City, entitled "Has the Mormon Church Re-Entered Politics?" It is announced that Mr. Miller's article contains a signed letter from the Presidency of the Church, written expressly by them for use in The Forum, answering certain questions which Mr. Miller put to them as to the propriety of Church officials in Utah accepting political nominations.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Democratic nominee for mayor of Boston, and Theodore Roosevelt, the most potent and influential man in New York, are flattered classmates and both reputable gentlemen. One striking difference, however, is noted by the New York Sun, which says Quincy can shut up in a day nearly as much as Roosevelt can subvert.

A WRITER who complained in the San Francisco Examiner that his matter was rejected while less interesting articles than his were published, was answered by Ambrose Bierce, in the following emphatic and almost brutal words: "These columns are not a dumping ground for your stupidity; they are a dumping ground for mine."

THE NEW recent use of the telephone is to enable divers to converse with persons above the water. The mouthpiece is placed near the lips, so that a slight turning of the head brings the mouth close to it. That this will be of great practical use to those who go down into the deep is apparent. Why was it not thought of before?

THE SCRAMBLE among cities for the honor of entertaining the members of the next national Republican convention seems to have resolved itself into this issue: if the Harrison men are in control, Chicago will get it.

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