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SALOON REVENUE.

One of our councilmen the other day gave utterance to the profound thought that the City needs the revenue of another saloon. The financial status of the City is, as most of the councilmen know, so bad that those responsible do not dare to make an intelligible statement for fear of losing the confidence of their dupes, but, as has been pointed out in these columns, the revenue from saloons is no revenue. It is loss.

The police authorities of San Francisco have demonstrated that the closing of saloons for any length of time reduces crime as much as 95 per cent. In the report issued some time after the earthquake the Police said: "Last year, with open saloons, the arrests per day averaged 100 to 125, Since April 18, with all saloons closed, notwithstanding the influx of curiosity seekers and notwithstanding tens of thousands of people are camping on the streets, on vacant lots and in the parks, the average number of arrests has been from four to five per day." Before the closing of the saloons four police courts were busy all the time. Since the saloons were closed the courts had practically nothing to do. On the 27th of June there were five arrests; on the 28th, six: on the 29th, two. This is a practical demonstration of the revenue a city derives from saloons.

Sir Oliver Moffat is authority for the statement that at least 75 per cent, of all crimes and pauperism is the result of drunkenness. This can be believed. Men steal to get money to take to the saloon. They beg for the same pur-Assaults and offenses against pose. morals and decency are in great measure committed by intoxicated persons who in their sober moments are ashamed of themselves. Vagrancy, drunkenness, and related crimes always increase with the increase of the consumption of intoxicants. The saloon costs any community in which it establishes itself many times the amount it pays into the public treasury, through the added cost of taking care of crim-Inals and unfortunate victims of a depraved appetite.

Some estimable women of this City have undertaken to do what they can towards purifying the moral atmosphere here. Their attention should first of all be directed toward the liquor cancer that has fastened itself on the very center of the community, where everybody must be offended by the sight of it, and many fall victims to its contagion. Why not create a strong public sentiment in favor of a

cleaning up as thorough and as speedy as practicable? Justice Whitman president of the board of magistrates for Manhattan and the Bronx, once suid: "Personally, if I had the power, I would close every saloon in the Unit-ed States, and I am not a crank or a fanatic on the liquor question. I drink, myself, whenever I care to, and probably shall continue to do so. I am willing that every other man shall have the same rights as I have. But when you sit on the bench that I sit on and see 70 per cent. of the cases, distress, and crime, all due to lhuor selling, I say any man with red blood in his veins is likely to feel that the world would be infinitely better off if the liquor saloons could be crushed out, cost what it may. I believe it is the most abominable, the most out-rageous, and most inhuman influence in New York City today." said:

grumbling, by newspaper articles that appeared from time to time for no other purpose than injuring the business. The time of the superintendent was actually taken up largely in answer-

ing criticisms and replying to demands for a more elaborate menu. Owing to malicious newspaper articles, the men and women who paid 5 cents and 15 cents respectively for a thirty-cent meal finally got dissatisfied and wanted to know why the company did not

give them more for the money. The result is that the dining halls have been closed for some time. They are now converted into store rooms, and the employes are petitioning the manager for their re-opening. Some are even willing to pay more than they did formerly, to escape the necessity of taking their meals at cheap restaur-

ants. No comment is necessary on this little story that points its own moral.

ANTI-ROMANISM.

It is now supposed that the murder of the Catholic priest in Denver is but one in a series contemplated by members of a society which is said to have for its sole aim a murderous warfare upon the church. It is even asserted that the slayer of Rev. Leo. Heinrichs was inspired from Chicago where the society is thought to have a branch. According to a story printed in the Chicago Record-Herald, the meeting, at

which it is asserted Guarnaccio was present, was held Dec. 15 in a hall at Green and West Harrison streets. It had been sensationally advertised through a local Italian paper, the Tribuna Italiana Translationa. The addresses were of fiery character, and their keynote was a demand for the extermination of the church. The date of the meeting is regarded as acquiring particular significance from a statement made by the murderer of Father Leo. He asserted that since Dec. 15 he had done no work and, while he added that he had been idle because unable to obtain work to do, in the explanation which he added of his motive for the tragedy he quoted almost directly the ideas expounded in the ap-

peal for the meeting referred to. It is rather significant that the grounds on which this society proposes to wage war against the Roman clergy are very nearly identical with those on which the leaders of anti-"Mormon"

gangs justify their hostility. The appeal printed in the Tribuna sets forth: "We would not make war on God , but war on the Pharisees who make use of His name in order to stupefy the crowds and rob them of their gold; war on the vagabonds who make of religion an agreeable trade; war on the charlatans who deny the truths of science in order to teach lies to the credulous, whom they intend to milk. War on that class of shameless priests who in the name of God preach the ruin of fatherland, in the name of obligatory cellbacy bring dishonor to the nuptial beds of the faithful, in the name of the poverty of Jesus are always asking for in the name of money, humility impose their way of seeing and, in order to destroy all right to free discussion, invent dogma and re-

vealed truths." That the teachings embodied in this appeal were not lest upon the assassin is evident from his confession. He said in part:

"Since Dec, 15 I have done no work of any kind because I could not find any to do. The last two weeks I have had no money and I have eaten at the Salvation Army place. During these days it was in my mind that I should avenge myself upon the priests who al-ways prey upon the poor and live on the fat of the land, while others starve." adjust to them. It is not enough to thrust forth our goods and say to the possible buyers: "Take them or leave them." We must underbid the European

ance as a post prandial speaker-but who would have this?

Now comes to Governor Hughes a petition asking that District Attorney Jerome be removed from office because he has not prosecuted enough people. We of the west wonder how many bad people there are in New York if he has missed any.

The University of Chicago is still a prolific source of "freak" news. Now Prof. Starr is to look for a lost Caucasian race in the interior of China, and it is to take talking machines with him to bring home records of the languages he will encounter there.

"Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown." In these days when anarchy is so actively manifest in every country we hardly see how there is any rest at all-uneasy or any other kind. The Shah of Persia, we believe, will be in accord with this view.

From St. Paul the dispatches anounce a gain in the earnings of railays in that state of more than \$4,-00,000. From that same city is also announced that the railways are asking telegraph operators directing the movements of trains to accept a lower wage cale. Again, why?

Glacia Calla, which is one of a dozen names claimed by a girl whose earliest recollections are of her "Old New Hampshire Home," appears to have tread the zig-zag path that has rose gardens at every turn. Now the petals all have fallen out, the thorns alone remain for her.

The news dispatches continue to announce higher prices for the necessities of life and from all quarters comes word of reductions in wages, shutting down of industrial plants and other curtailments which lessen the amount of money that gois into the workingman's pocket. Why is all this?

Louisville (Ky.) Times.

A CHILD ON THE THRONE.

The folly of the king system of gov-ernment is illustrated in the case of Portugal. Because an 18-year-old boy happens to be the son of his father he becomes the head of the nation. Withbecomes the head of the nation. With-out experience, with immature faculties, without proof of aptitude, without evi-dence of the proper sort of character he is lurched into a seat on the throne. It is all very well to say that he is but a figurehead; that the real responsibil-ties of the government will be borne by older men; that he is the ruler of Portugal in name only, but that does not vindicate the soundness of the mon-archial idea. If he is to be the actual head of the government, the plan of archial idea. If he is to be the actual head of the government, the plan of giving him such a position merely be-cause he is who he is becomes for that reason peculiarly absurd. If he is not to be the actual chief of the govern-ment, but an ornament only, the absurd-ity of the thing is just as clear, for what is the use of having a king if somabody else is to do the work? A king what is the use of naving a king it somebody else is to do the work? A king under such circumstances becomes a ridiculous superfluity and a sort of relic of the old days of popular ser-vility to a fictitious "divine right."

MARKETS OF SOUTH AMERICA.

Washington (D. C.) Star,

Washington (D. C.) Stal, We have as a governmental organiza-tion nothing to expect from South America that is not our own by right of proximity and resources. If we win the markets in that continent it must be through the superiority of goods, their cheapness and their greater at-tractiveness. We must study the pecu-liarities of the trade in that region and adjust to them. It is not enough to

They All Needed It.



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It may not be possible to "crush out" the saloon, but it should be possible to say to the saloon keeper, "You must carry on your business in a less conspicuous locality, where the temptation is less for those who are young and inexperienced." It should not be difficult to create a sentiment in favor of so reasonable a demand, even if the saloon is a political power which the party bosses are afraid of offending.

The saloon is no friend of labor. Somebody has made the following calculation: If a laboring man buys \$100 worth of shoes, he gives \$20.71 for labor. Of \$100 worth of furniture, \$23.77 is for labor, and son on. If eight laboring men spend \$800 for furniture, hardware, shoes, etc., they contribute \$147.43 to the support of laborers and their families. If they spend \$800 in a saloon, \$9.84 is for labor and the rest-for what?

If this calculation is only approximately correct, the saloon is the worst enemy of the laborer, as well as of the community.

KILLED THE GOOSE, ETC.

The National Cash Register company, a concern that is noted for its success. ful application of co-operation among employes, has just issued a folder telling a story that ought to be of interest to all.

It seems that the company was in the habit of serving meals to the men and women in its employ, charging the women 5 cents and the men, who earn more than the women, 15 cents a meal. For this low price they were given a substantial meal, consisting of meat, vegetables, bread, milk or coffee, and fruit, the company actually paying from 5 to 10 cents a meal more than it charged its employes.

One would suppose no disseminator of discontent could have found entrance there. But, this is a mistake. The dining halls are now closed. The men who were the beneficiaries of the arrange-

The point is that in the wild imagination of such wretches the clergymen of any church are Pharisees, deceivers, charlatans, oppressors of the poor, de-

filers of women, impostors and oppressors, and, consequently, they should be murdered. The murderous argument is so much like the anti-"Mormon" argument of the Salt Lake Tribune as to suggest a common origin.

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But is it not time for the American people to wake up to a realization of the fact that human life and the rights of man are no longer safe when bigotry has too much liberty. war against churches, Roman or Protestant, Mohammedan or "Mormon,' is waged by the enemies of liberty in order to conceal from the public view their real and ultimate aims and purposes, which are no less than the elevation of anarchy upon the throne of liberty, the establishment of crime in the halls of justice. The murder of the Denver priest should be a call to the American people to read the signs of the times

THE RAILROAD FAMILIES.

The view of the Saturday Evening Post of the suit to divorce the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads is that it is "a great mistake." That paper says, in a recent issue:

"If that union is illegal, so, also very clearly, is the combination of th-Lake Shore and the Michigan Central, which are "parallel and competing" lines in a much stricter sense than are which are 'parallel and competing' lines in a much stricter sense than are the Harriman carriers. Both are con-trolled by the New York Central through ownership of stock in the same way that Union Pacific controls Oregon Short Line and Southern Pa-elfic. To go a step further back, in the New York Central system alone, the Vanderbilt enterprise controls the Nickel Plate, another 'marallel and competing' road; a little further back, it controls, also, the 'parallel and competing' west Shore railway. In-deed, to enforce the silly statutory theory that railroads in a position to compete must not be combined would throw into confusion a considerable part of the transportation system of the government's 'victory' in dissolv-ing the metser of the Northern Pacific and Grant Controls of the Southern Pa-cific interests. When the principle of practice is introduced even the theor-stical need to prevent combinations alsoppears. In place of this merely embed to dispose of its Southern Pa-cific interests. When the principle of practices is introduced even the theor-stical need to prevent combinations alsoppears. In place of this merely embartassing suit we should like to see action by the government is the the methy end to the strictest accountability."

If Mark Twain really wants to put a stop to noise he should stop writing ment, were actually influenced to his books and stories, and his appear- New York.

exporters at every angle. Our trade will never stand upon a substantial foundation unless it seeks this basis. There is no virtue in the theory that because we are a republic and the South Americans live under the same form of government we are therefore a favored people.

TRANSFORMATION OF NEVADA.

New York World.

In 1900 the State of Nevada had a population of 42,000. There were by he same census 89 cities in this counthe same census 89 cities in this coun-try having more people than that whole commonwealth. Yet Nevada's popula-tion had been 62,000 20 years before. The story behind these statistics is that of the rise and fall of mining camps. Virginia City itself, a place of 11,000 souls in 1880, counts now but 2,500. The only constant quantity representa-tive of Nevada has been the number of its United States senators. But there is now the beginning of different things in the Sage Brush State. In place of the intermittent, feverish prosperity is now the beginning of different things in the Sage Brush State. In place of the intermittent, feverish prosperity of the mining camps is to be the steady well-doing of the farms. It is irrigation which is changing the order—making the Great American Desert to bring forth fruits, vegetables and grain—and as one earnest of what is to come there is the town of Fallon in the now fertile Carson Sink Valley. With sixteen souls to start on three years ago Fallon has today more than a thousand people, and all the attributes of a small ur-han center. Just what the irrigators and the forest service are doing for what was once "the dryest state in the Union," C. H. Forbes-Lindsay tells in the March Craftsman. Nevada, having hitherto produced only a wealth of min-erals, while buying all its other sup-ples from the outside, is to have more than 1,500,000 acres of rich, new home-stead lands, and as these are taken inthousands—varied industries and en-

real golden age of the state will thus, curlously, succeed the period of the keenest rage of gold.

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