

THE INCREASE OF CRIMES.

[Communicated.]

It is a truly humiliating fact, but one which should not be concealed, that crimes and criminals are increasing continually.

Our age boasts of its culture and its wonderful progress. It is, moreover, an age of religion. Never before did the world put forth so much energy in distributing Bibles all over the globe and endeavoring through missionary societies, religious associations, Salvation armies and other agencies to instil religious sentiments into the minds of the people, at home and abroad. Witness the fabulous sums that are expended on missionary enterprises, churches and schools of learning. And yet, in spite of all these efforts, crime is increasing. Neither the diffusion of religion nor the efforts to spread secular knowledge among all classes of people have been able to stop its onward course.

The following data with regard to the United States have recently been published: "The census for 1880 shows 60,000 prisoners of all grades in the United States and 11,000 persons in various reformatory institutions. According to careful computations by Mr. Wines, secretary of the National Prison Association, the census for 1890 will show a prison population of 75,000 and nearly 20,000 in reformatories. In the last twenty years the criminal population has increased one-third faster than the population of the country. In the penitentiaries of the United States the average is eleven for every 10,000 inhabitants. Kansas runs as low as five in 10,000, and Massachusetts as high as twenty in 10,000. The alarming increase of crime is a just cause for dark forebodings as to the future.

The causes of this increase of crime in the United States are many. The large cities seem to gather in much of the criminal element, and from these centers it spreads like a contagious disease. The obscene allusions of the theatres; the constant representation of scenes of horror; murder, burglary, robbery, etc. can not but be injurious to the moral sentiments of the public. The pernicious influence of the saloons and dancinghouses where people are educated in sin and from which places they carry with them impressions the influences of which descend to their posterity to the third and fourth generation,

have much to do with the increase of crimes.

There is one great lesson to be drawn from the sad facts presented above, namely, that the remedies used against the evils of the body politic are practically useless. The great Apostle of the Gentiles, Paul, declares that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a "power" of Salvation, but the Gospel preached today in the various churches of the world is no such power. It has not been able to stop the evils of the world.

In the first centuries of our era the apologetical writers were able to point to the Christian churches and ask, with noble pride: "Where have you a Christian imprisoned for crime of any kind, unless it be an apostate or a martyr?" And not one of their opponents could point out any Christian among the criminals. Then the Gospel was proved to be a power.

Today the case is otherwise. It is in "Christian" countries that crimes are mostly increasing. Some of the worst criminals on record in our age have been "Christians." We have lived to behold the spectacle of a world producing "Christian" murderers, "Christian" thieves, "Christian" gamblers. Is it not easy to understand that such a state of affairs is radically wrong? And where can the wrong be? We know it, and it is easy to understand. The original Gospel, which proved itself to be a power to save from sin has been abolished and replaced by a powerless, uninspired, human remedy, the effects of which are more injurious to the body politic than beneficial.

There is only one remedy against the increase of crime in the world. And this remedy must come from God. The history of mankind proves this in numerous instances. Where God reveals His revelation to the children of men and these receive His revelations in humility and sincerity, then the true remedy is found against all moral evils.

Human skill may sometimes be able to produce a palliative. But a true remedy is found nowhere except in the revelations from the living God.

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THE APPROACHING ELECTION IN WYOMING.

On the eleventh day of September the first State election will be held in Wyoming, and much of the future prosperity of the new State will depend upon the care and wisdom exercised by her citizens in select-

ing their first list of State and County officers.

At this election a new system of balloting, called the "Australian System," will come into practice. This is an innovation. The people have never been used to this manner of voting. But they will find it, when understood, to be in many respects an improvement.

In this election the ballots will be furnished by the County Clerk. Each ballot will contain the name of every candidate in the field. The names of Democrats, Republicans and Independents will all be printed on each and every ballot under the headings of the respective offices for which they are candidates. The voter has to scan this ticket carefully, and indicate by a pencil mark the names for which he intends to vote.

The party to which the candidate belongs is not designated on the ballot. Therefore each voter will have to make himself familiar with the nominees of his party, if he desires to sustain a party ticket.

We have been requested by some of our friends to print the names of the Democratic candidates for the State ticket and for Uinta County ticket. We do so with this understanding: That as soon as we can obtain the names of the Republican nominees we will publish them also.

Our friends in Wyoming should understand that as the Legislature of the State will elect the two United States Senators to which Wyoming is entitled, upon the political complexion of the State Legislature will depend the kind of Senators Wyoming will have at Washington. If they want Republican Senators they must vote for Republican State legislators and if they want Democratic senators they must vote for Democratic State legislators.

We have nothing to say on this question. That belongs to the people of Wyoming. But we hope good men and true, the friends of the people, will be placed in the offices which are in the gift of the people. And it is for information only that, by request, we here append the tickets nominated by the Democrats of Uinta County.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor, George W. Baxter.
For Secretary of State, John S. Harper.
For Treasurer, Isaac C. Miller.
For Auditor, Geo. A. Campbell.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction, Anthony V. Quinn.
Justices of the Supreme Court,