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## WAR ON INTEMPERANCE.

The anti-saloon league is in session in this city. We trust the effects of its gatherings will be telling and permanent. If the "evil" against which the league has declared war cannot be eradicated all at once, its effects could be materially reduced. The saloon could, for instance, be located in some side-street instead of being permitted to occupy the center of business districts, where those who sell food, clothing etc., might have their stores. The members of the league might try to create a public opinion in favor of clean business districts, to commence with.

Some are afraid of touching the saloon interests, because of the revenue derived from the traffic. They point to the taxes that flow into the public treasury from those who indulge in intoxicants, and the good that is done with that revenue, in the form of aid to the poor, support of schools, and what not.

But that is a poor argument. What little revenue is derived from the saloons is more than counter-balanced by the expenses caused by the traffic, because of the crime and destitution it breeds in any community. The traffic helps a little to take care of the poor it has robbed, but not all of them. It helps to pay for some of the crime it has engendered, but only a small part of it. It furnishes a rickety shack for some who, but for it, would have owned a comfortable home. It owes ininitely more to society than it ever pays.

The following was used, with telling effect, says the Northwestern Christian Advocate, by J. B. Green, superintendent Methodist Episcopal Sunday School at Opelika, Ala., on Sunday, September 29, Temperance Sunday:

## WANTED.

One hundred boys for new customers. Most of our old customers are rapidly dropping out.

Ten committed suicide last week. Twenty are in jail—eight are in the chain-gang.

Fifteen were sent to the poorhouse—one was hanged.

Three went to the insane asylum.

Most of the balance aint worth fooling—with—they've got no money.

We are just obliged to have new customers—fresh young blood.

Or we will have to shut up shop.

Don't make any difference whose boy you are—we need you. You will be welcome.

If you once get started with us we guarantee to hold you. Our goods are sure.

Come early—stay late.

OPELIKA SALOONS, Proprietors.

The following is said to be an extract from a speech delivered by one of the officers of the Ohio State Liquor League. That should also be used with telling effect. It is quoted in the Advocate of Nov. 29, from the Alabama Citizen of Oct. 19:

"It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of an appetite for drink. Men who talk like others will do well if they are not now appetite created our counters will be empty, as will be our money drawers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to something more remunerative. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men are grown and their habits are formed, they rarely change in this respect. It will be difficult, however, for the missionary work to be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your till after the appetites have been formed. Above all things, create appetites."

The diabolism of the traffic cannot be made any plainer than that. And yet, that element in alliance with its kindred evils, rules cities and own city councils.

## SELF SACRIFICE NEEDED.

Lapses in opportunity to crowd ahead under full sail in commerce, give leisure hours for contemplation, and a possible development of these dullish winter months may be the return to popularity of this phase of living.

It is in the bl winds and cold, rather than on the sunshiny days that the flocks huddle most closely together, and man's science in living has been a matter of development from the individual unit in society, to the organizations of great interdependent communities. This winter should see many opportunities for heroic self-sacrifice for the general welfare, and the times are especially urgent in demanding the public spirit come to the front so that the net total of accumulated prosperity shall protect the mother with the faded shawl, and the broken down father, with no coal in the family bin, and no employment, as well as the more abundantly blessed. The Salvation Army reports that more charity cases are on its books than ever before. The fact is significant, and is suggestive of a field of labor in which no man can overwork the possibilities.

Meanwhile an assuring thought comes from the Church organizations. It is doubtful if anywhere else in the world the spirit of brotherhood and neighborly regard for the welfare of one's associates, is more highly developed. Nowhere is the principle of "live and let live" carried out with more emphasis on the latter two words, and in days like these the need for such a spirit is most magnified.

In the early days of Church history an English convert to the Church happened to be blessed with considerable funds, enough to bring him to Utah on a first-class cabin ticket, with stage

coach from the Missouri. But he found that he could bring sixteen others by coming over the handcart route, and seventeen came that way from his town. The spirit was the same which led Brigham Young to dismiss a conference, at this end of the pioneer journey, when he heard a handcart company was in distress away out on the Platte, and to include in his order of dismissal an order that the men with the best teams should start first for the Plate and head the largest loads of provisions. Also it was the same spirit which in a later day made successful the colonization of the Big Horn country through the mutual trust of men who worked on the Yellowstone roads and went to the colonies their wages that other men, remaining there, might buy scrapers and shovels to dig a thirty-mile canal which would mean the salvation of their project.

Self-interest, to be intelligent, must include all of the phases of community existence which may react on the individual, and this comes pretty near to calling for a world brotherhood. At the bottom of the ladder of progress stand the wild tribes of Mindanao in the Southern Philippines, whose members kill each other on sight, and allow no communication, one with another. Near the top stands the spirit of cooperation exemplified in the work of Church organizations, and in this spirit rests the guarantee that no financial reverses can crush the soul or wreck the lives of any individual so long as there are accumulated stores of sympathy for the heart, and food for the body. In the circles in which they work, the Church organizations should find plenty of call to activity this winter. In spheres of wider opportunity, those possessing similar spirit will no doubt make their labor effective.

## FOREST PRESERVATION.

The President in his message to Congress emphasized the necessity of preserving the natural resources of the country. The forests form an important part of these resources, and unless they are taken care of, the consequences will be disastrous.

A German geologist has recently called attention to this fact. He says that the earth is rapidly drying up where the surface is being denuded of forests. He points to the receding glaciers, the drying up of rivers and springs, and the encroachment of sand on so many regions of Asia, Africa, Australia and America. Especially in the United States, he says, tracts as big as European states will be arid to all eternity, which might have been preserved for culture by wise economy of the forests.

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM MARS.

Washington Star.

"As men and races develop, they display an ever-increasing capacity for curiosity and a constant impulse to their quickened imagination to subjects more and more remote from daily life," says Prof. Percival Lowell, director of the Lowell Observatory. In his article, "The Planet Mars," in the December McClure's, Once in every 17 years the planet Mars makes its closest approach to our world, and it was at the time of the last drawing together of the two worlds, in July of this year, that the scientists of Flagstaff made the observations embodied in the article. Prof. Lowell concludes: "The recognition of another living world approaches the stage of coming to stay. Each approach of Mars and the earth to each other in their orbits has furnished stronger proof that our neighbor is tenanted with life."

## WHERE THE MEN ARE BIG.

Washington Herald.

According to Benjamin W. Klemm, a traveling glove salesman, Kansas City orders are for the biggest gloves made, with the smallest sizes omitted. "People out there are the biggest in the United States," said Mr. Klemm; "ready-made clothing merchants say so. All tailors know that to be the fact." The bigger difference is in the width between the shoulder blades. I put it down to so many people having been on the farm in their youth, or engaged in hard work, instead of stooping over desks or standing behind counters. Tailors' patterns all run large. I also know that orders for shoes are for larger sizes than those sent in from any other city or like size in the country, and it is not the first time I have heard about the men in the West being bigger than the average. Senator Warner could not find a had to fit him here in Washington or New York when he started home last spring. He had no trouble getting one in Kansas City, though."

## DISCOVERING THE WEST.

The following from a western expert is a well-deserved tribute to the splendid work in this region by the Pioneers under the leadership of Brigham Young, for the redemption of the wilderness:

"Red tape and the usual dilatory tactics, which are noticeable in anything the government undertakes, have been succeeded in the irrigation projects to bring real results. Secretary Garfield announces that the work has progressed far enough to demonstrate its success. He says that the people have 'seen fruits, vegetables, grain and everything else growing on lands where nothing but cactus ever grew before the day of irrigation.' The Secretary makes this announcement as though we were something new, but those who are irrigating all over the Pacific Northwest who demonstrated the 'success' of irrigation more than ten years ago, and Brigham Young, years before Mr. Garfield was born, made the desert blossom as rose by means of irrigation projects, similar to those now carried out by the government. The West is gradually being discovered by the government."

And the story of the part the exiles from Nauvoo, and those who followed their trail, had in making the West worth while discovering, will still be graphically told by historians and poets. That exodus was one of the epoch-making events in history.

What Speaker Cannon speaks goes,

Many a boom that is launched is all at sea.

Eggs are almost as dear as caviar.

Free silver and Julius Caesar are in the same class.

It is the rule, if you catch a burglar by the toe, let him go!

The spineless cactus has one great merit. It can never be a thorn in the flesh.

That Brooklyn Borough bank, according to the latest developments, was a very rotten bough.

Amateur peddlers who have tried to keep up with Weston now fully realize that it is the pace that kills.

That California man who is living

on thornless cactus will yet be calling for "crown" and saying that he likes it.

It is rather odd that the only President that Pennsylvania, the banner Republican state, ever had was a Democrat.

If the Oliver grand jury report may be credited, there is as much corruption in San Francisco alone as there was in Sodom and Gomorrah combined.

Baywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, says there will be no riots in Goldfield because Nevada has no militia! Evidently he believes that it is the militia that incites to riot and lawlessness.

A thousand bills introduced in the Senate the first working day! And when the session is over the chairman of the various committees probably will say, "I have slain my thousands."

In future horsemanship tests for army officers are to be much more severe, and hereafter will be of annual occurrence. Why not make them five times a year, like calls on national banks for a statement of their condition?

A college club has recently been formed in Sing Sing prison, and only college and university graduates are eligible to membership. The object of the club is to help educate other prisoners, "said an exchange. Are the other criminals to be given post-graduate lectures in crime?

A big African monkey in New York beat off a burglar and recovered five hundred dollars' worth of jewels belonging to its mistress. The story, which is vouched for by New York papers, recalls the story of the murder in the Rue Morgue. It is true the story lacks the official vice so it may yet be sent to the limbo of nature fakes.

## A DENATURED CHRISTMAS.

Chicago dispatch to the New York World.

A denatured Christmas—a holiday with the "evil" of gift-giving eliminated—will be the order of things within a few years, if the Chicago Woman's club is successful in a crusade it is about to start. The movement was started to the clubwomen today by Mrs. L. S. Blackwelder, president, and Mrs. E. E. Blackwelder, chairman of the reform department. Both declared that Christmas as it is celebrated now, and its attendant evil, the shopping mania, are symptoms of a marked degeneracy in Americans. Said Mrs. Blackwelder: "I have come to believe that the whole custom of 'giving' at Christmas is pernicious, and has no excuse for being."

## THE GRAND THEATRE.

ADVANCED VAUDEVILLE. ALL WEEK.

Cliffie Berzine and "Maud" James and Eddie Leonard and Co.

Edgar and Sammie Gabs

George Austin Moore

Tivoli Quartette

Orpheum Orchestra

Every Evening except Sunday, 8:15.

Matinees, Daily (except Sunday and Monday), 2:15; 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15. Box Seats

50c.

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DIRECTION Pelton & Smutzer, C. W. Anderson, Res. Mgr.

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Big Street Parade Daily.

Bargain Matinee Saturday.

Next attraction, "Thorns and Orange Blossoms."

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DIRECTION Sullivan & Considine

ALL THIS WEEK.

THE MOORE STOCK COMPANY

Presents the Thrilling Melodrama,

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Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Curtain 8:30 sharp.

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IT IS

PRINCESS RINK.

FAIR GROUNDS.

Ladies Free.

Races with prizes every night.

Skates 15c. Admission 10 cents.

JUST FOR FUN.

An Anti-Climax

Uncle Erastus had been polishing his musket for half an hour; at last he gave it a final love-pat, and turned to his grandson. "Chile," he said, "does you see dat bottle about thirty yards over dere?"

"Yes, I do," Rufus agreed.

The old man drew up the musket and balanced it rather shakily.

"Whang," it bellowed. "Now does you see dat bottle?" the old man demanded.

"Yes, I do, grandfather."

"I's powerful glad to hear dat, Rufus."

I'm feared from the way you sorted taters lately dat your eyewit was falling—but hit ain't. You're good fo' several yester yit, Rufus."—Yesth's Companion.

The Wheelbarrow.

The farmer's son looked up from the sporting page.

"My heck!" he said, "I wish we had one o' them there horseless carriages."

"We have," returned the farmer. "And now that you mention it, you might as well get it and fetch up a load o' turnips from the three-acre lot!"

Exchange.

Favorable Opportunity.

Mrs. A.—Yesterday, while we were passing a building that's being erected, my bat caught a piece of the scaffolding and my husband had to buy me another.

Mrs. B.—On what street is that building?

Transatlantic Tales.

No Much Doing.

Everyone speaks of your benevolence, madam, and that you provide so many needy ones with food."

Yes, yes, when one has three daughters learning to cook at the same time!"—Pleigene Blaster.

Explaining It.

He has a clean-cut face."</p