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LINCOLN MEMORIAL.

Rev. Frank Sewall, in a communication to the Washington Herald, suggests that a "Lincoln Gate" be erected on the highest point of Sixteenth street, Washington, as a memorial to Lincoln and an acknowledgment of the services he rendered the country. His idea is that the great national highway from the White House to Gettysburg ought to be adorned at its junction with the city by a triumphal arch. Or, he suggests, the monument might consist of a row of columns, like the Brandenburg Thor, at Berlin, connecting the great popular driveway, "Unter den Linden" with the Zoo. Or, this entrance upon the great monumental highway might be suitably marked by lofty pylons or groups of columns with their entablatures supporting trophies or winged figures on either side of the way.

Lincoln needs no monument to perpetuate his memory in a Nation the unity of which is itself a monument to his patriotism and statesmanship, but the Nation should not neglect to remind each succeeding generation of the life work of such men, and its indebtedness to them. And that is the chief object of monuments. If the Lincoln road is constructed, as suggested, it ought to be marked all along with features commemorative of the struggles and victories of the great American.

One lesson from Lincoln's life should be impressed upon all today. Even those who are loudest in his praise need it. It is this, that the country's interests are greater than those of any individual, or any party. "The Union," he said, "is older than any of the states; and, in fact, it created these states." In reply to abuse he said: "My paramount object . . . is to save the Union, it is not either to save or to destroy slavery." This sentiment predominated. The welfare of the country was his first and only consideration. He was elevated to his exalted office at a period when the President to exercise almost despotic power. But he never abused this position. He had absolutely no desire to "rule;" much less to perpetuate himself, or party, in power. "Wielding the power of a king, he retained the modesty of a commoner." And in this, we fear, many of his admirers of today are very far from following in his footsteps. Many of commoner, many an intellectual pygmy, claims the power and prerogatives of despots. The lesson of Lincoln's unselfishness should be impressed upon all Americans, for the preservation and perpetuation of American institutions.

LICENSE AND REGULATION.

The advocates for the liquor interests cry: Give us high license and strict regulation!

High license means that the saloon keeper must charge that much more for the drinks he sells. The victims of the saloon pay the license. It means that still more of the wages earned by the patrons of the saloon are left in the barroom. It means that the wife and children get less. The saloon traffic robs the family whose head is addicted to drunkenness, of food and shoes and clothing and education, etc., and high license merely aggravates the crime, since it is paid out of the money that ought to be left at home in the care of the wife. And yet hypocrites clamor for high license. Is not drinking, to the victims, a too expensive vice as it is?

And then, why do they demand strict regulation? Because they know that the saloon cannot be regulated? They tell us that prohibition does not prohibit. If they believe that, they also believe that regulation does not regulate. And that is the reason why they want it.

COUNT OF THE VOTES.

Not till the second Wednesday in February is Mr. Taft, tentatively speaking, the president-elect. The election of a president is a rather complicated procedure. On the first Monday of November the voters select the men who are to vote for president for them. These electors vote in their respective states, the second Monday in January. But the electoral vote must be counted by Republican and Democratic tellers and the result must be ratified by Congress. This will be done on Wednesday, February 16.

The Vice President has been receiving messages with sealed envelopes containing certificates setting forth the electoral votes of the States. It there has been any formal contest over the

For the Saving of Human Life.

Chicago, Feb. 6, 1909.

To the Editor: I have just noted with interest the report in your paper of the work of the state legislature. I see from these reports that a bill is now pending before that body to establish a state health laboratory. This I think is one of the most important bills before the legislature today. Legislators have been paying bounties for the protection of sheep and farms, but now it is up to them to say whether they are willing to pay out state funds to save human life.

Before bacteriology was known, the physician depending entirely upon his physical diagnosis was unable to determine the cause of disease. It was then a question of hit or miss. In many cases, it led to the development of the shot gun remedies which had in them drugs of different and varied actions that one of them at least might do the work, however wide the others might come of the mark. The very uncertainty of the prescription led to the springing up of thousands of "quacks" who took advantage of the scientific ignorance and began to prey unscrupulously upon the people. The shotgun remedies were bad enough, but the quacks have become a curse. Their patent remedies (7) are the cause of untold deaths and the ruin of millions of homes. Their injury to mankind is second only to alcoholic liquors themselves. The chief constituent in fact of these remedies and the one which is of much use is alcohol and in many cases the poorest kind of alcohol at that.

In our darkest periods, when we were shrouded in ignorance and more or less subject to quackery, bacteriology opened our eyes to the true cause of the disease and revealed to us the numerous harbingers of sickness and death. The physician, aided by the scientist, is now able to make accurate diagnoses and give specific treatment. Not only has bacteriology discovered the cause of disease, but aided by the twin sister, sanitation, it is suggesting methods of prevention. These methods of prevention have now risen above the level of

experimentation and are now actually practical and effective means of preventing disease.

Considering these facts, it is surprising how few of our states are taking advantage of the modern development of science. It is remarkable how few of our legislators turn their eyes to the health of the people until death, scourges and feverish eyes stare them in the face.

It is now up to the Utah legislature to determine how much they value human life. It is for them to say whether Utah will be among the leaders in the taking care of the public health or whether she will be the dumping ground for the other states to unload their afflicted cattle, the prey of quacks and quackery and the victim of preventable diseases. The legislature has always found money to pay for the salaries of wild animals, can they afford to pay money to preserve the lives of its people? Are they willing to take in the preservation of the initial energy the producing capability of the state in the form of human life and health? Mr. Stookey is to be congratulated in fathering such an important measure. I think, however, that one laboratory could well do all the work of the three now suggested. Since the state chemist is merely an aid to the board of health, he should be done away with and his office made a part of the health laboratory and not a special office. The same is true of the state food inspector and the state veterinarian. All of these should, in my opinion, be included under one head and be connected with one laboratory. This will not only render the work more efficient but it will decrease the cost to the state. The whole should be connected with the state university, thus aiding the state school and at the same time decreasing the cost to the state. Animal diseases and human diseases are of such a nature that one bacteriological laboratory can handle them both. I think, too, that the bureau of vital statistics should be connected with the health laboratory, since the laboratory will not only make the most use of the data, but be more capable of efficiently compiling them.

Very respectfully,
THOS. H. GLENN.

supplication, "Lead us not into temptation."

After tomorrow he will be President-elect Taft.

There has been no prodigious sun for several days.

Peru doesn't propose to take any sauce from Chile.

To introduce a public utilities bill in to Badger the railroads.

Will the anti-Japanese cloud in the west bring foul weather?

The Pacific coast is the most warlike portion of the country.

Dives was the rich man and some of the rich men still are for dives.

It is easier to reduce one's flesh than to reduce the price of beef.

Pretty soon there will be no more railroads for Mr. Harriman to merge.

Better to bear the ills we have than to fly to commissions we know not of.

If the worst came to the worst how much worse would it be than it is?

Having taken its stand on the prohibition question the "News" will not "take water."

Never Again.

Bessie—"Are you fascinated by your fiancé?"

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medicine, red journalism, or sawdust breakfast? Patriotism would demand protection for the dead as well as the living.

"According to the church organ, a petition for the unseating of a Mormon apostle as a United States Senator is worthless, while a similar paper in the interest of any project launched by a Mormon apostle is most precious.—Tribune.

According to the Church organ petitions over signatures obtained under false pretenses, as were many of those for the unseating of Reed Smoot, are as worthless as bogus coins. The Tribune is again wilfully and maliciously lying, as usual, when it quotes the Church organ as it does in the lines reproduced. We maintain the right of the people to petition and the duty of the representatives of the people to listen to their constituents. But we do not believe they should be influenced by bogus signatures, or by signatures obtained by misrepresentations and lies. Is that not perfectly correct?

JUST FOR FUN.

Remembering All.
An earnest young preacher in a remote country village concluded a long and comprehensive supplication by saying: "And now let us pray for those who are dwelling in the uninhabited portions of the earth."—The Standard.

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