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WHY THESE "REGRETS?"

The News confesses its surprise at the character and the large number of persons who regret the recent raid of the police officers of this city upon houses of ill-repute. There are men in official station who seem so much ashamed of the attacks made and the manner thereof, that they take occasion in public speeches to disclaim responsibility for or approbation of the business in any way. It is evident that some of the prosecutions were undertaken reluctantly, and among several who draw their living from the public treasury there is a very apparent notion that the city authorities have done something which they ought to be ashamed of. One man finds fault with the hour at which the raid was made; another advances the extraordinary proposition that the class of offenders captured in this raid ought to have been notified that they were in danger. To suit this school of reformers it would probably be necessary to await a formal invitation before entering into known haunts of vice, or failing that, to have the police proceed upon their raids headed by a brass band in order that all who wanted to escape might have timely notice and be able to get away.

These regrets and this unwillingness to deal with law-breakers high or low when properly brought to justice reflects no credit upon officials sworn not only to obey but to enforce the law. The duty imposed upon them is more unpleasant at some times than at others; but they are expected either to perform that duty at all times or to get out of the way. If disgraceful are to be cast out to gather up the city's filth, as unfortunately is necessary from time to time, let the work be done thoroughly and impartially. Least of all should the moral element of the town be compelled to listen to whines of disapproval at the success of the hand, from sworn officials to whom one law-breaker ought to be no better than another.

A CHEERING INCIDENT.

Judge James H. Richards, of the Third judicial district of Idaho, who has been urged by some of his friends to accept the offer of a law partnership with R. Z. Johnson, which would prove much more remunerative than the judgeship, carefully considered the matter for about a week, and on Friday gave the answer that his "acceptance of the office from the electors was a morally binding contract which in good faith he must keep to its termination, unless there should be an infraction on the part of the people that they wished it to be broken." Judge Richards has perhaps read the recent remarks of the News on this matter of dropping office when pecuniary advantage invites it. But whether or not he has done so, he took exactly the right course in declining the proffered partnership, and furnished a precedent as to the obligation of office-holding which ought to be preserved in high remembrance not only in Idaho but in all American commonwealths.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

We have received from Cleveland, Emery county, a request for the salient provisions of the Utah law on fire insurance companies, the proposition being to start a mutual fire insurance company in that locality. As a preliminary suggestion we will say that there is now before the Legislature a measure which, if it becomes law, will make changes of minor importance but none affecting the general principles of the statute as it now stands.

The state law requires that no company shall transact fire insurance business here unless it shall have a subscribed capital of not less than $100,000, one half of which shall be paid up; a certificate of authority must be obtained from the Secretary of State; the company's securities must be approved by the State Auditor, and a certificate thereof filed with the Secretary of State; and the law relating to corporations must be complied with generally. The acts under which the transaction may take place are in the Compiled Laws, 1888. A suggestion of the required as to a means of paying those would be impracticable with a law so stringent as the existing statute, which, if it had shown to be necessary, the books would not be so thick and position, the exposition under the existing statute, since paid up stock to the amount at least of $100,000, which may be invested in government, State, school or other good bonds, specified in the law, is necessary.

A MANHATTANVILLE RELIC.

About as frequently as the ship, quite as perilous, and almost as virulent, come the messages of the united heirs of one Anneke Jans, a Dutch dame who lived on Manhattan Island before stout old peg-legged Peter Stuyvesant made way for the English governors. This year, and she on Wednesday last, these hopeful descendants assembled in Cleveland and performed their customary part in closing the bag of gold that hangs at the rainbow's end.

The history of the claims of Frau Jans's heirs is brief but interesting. Evaranus Bogardus came to this country in 1630 and married Anneke Jans, the widow of Roelof Jans. She had inherited from her first husband a farm situated in what is now the very heart of the city of New York. When the British took New Netherlands in 1664 they took possession of this property, which became known as the "King's Farm," and in 1705 the tract was granted to Trinity church by the crown. It is understood that Anneke Jans left nine children, and if these and their posterity at all maintained the record of their stately ancestry, at the ordinary rate of increase the number of descendants would amount to several millions of persons at the present time. One of the descendants has calculated that the property divided among the heirs would now amount to about $1,000 each.

There is about as much chance of getting anything tangible out of the claim as there is of getting a slice of the moon; yet year after year the so-called heirs get together in conventions, report progress, listen to suggestions, raise a little more money with which to pay lawyers, and go back home solidly enjoying the prospect of wealth when justice shall be done and Trinity church be compelled to disgorge.

BISMARCK IN A NEW ROLE.

That Germany's "iron chancellor," who once was famous among other feats for his crushing opposition to clerical aggressiveness in the Fatherland, should become an object of worship, and that, too, before being removed from this earth, is more than his warmest friends ever could have hoped for. But this has happened if the Journal des Debats is to be relied upon in a matter touching one who is no favorite in France. The paper says that there is in Brazil by the river Paraon a tribe of Indians converted to Christianity by Spanish missionaries. These have given their converts some knowledge of European countries, their art, governments and history. The Indians were particularly impressed by the history of Germany and the character of Bismarck, and in order to give expression to their feelings of admiration, they decided to include him among the list of saints they had been taught to reverence. No one day they had a native artist paint what he might conceive to be the likeness of the great statesman, and this work of art was placed in a little chapel they had erected. As soon as the missionaries became aware of the unexpected result of their efforts at teaching European history to Indians they were thunderstruck and remonstrated, but to no purpose. The converted redskins could not see why Bismarck was not entitled to as much honor as the saints of the missionaries, and the result is that "St. Bismarck" is now frequently supplicated for temporal and spiritual favors by these Brazilian converts.

LITTLE RHODY'S LESSON.

An old time marriage law of the state of Rhode Island, which went into official effect some seventy years ago but fell into desuetude a couple of decades later, made certain provisions as to the registration of ministers authorized to solemnize the marriage ceremony. As a result of the failure to comply with these provisions, it transpires that there has not been a legal marriage in the state for well nigh fifty years.

Of course there will be no great difficulty in securing a remedy for the technicality—an act of the legislature validating all such ceremonies can no doubt be passed without opposition. But the fact remains that there has been gross carelessness in the study of the statutes by those who operate under them—or the point noted would not have gone half a century undiscovered. It is a warning against the practice of leaving any law upon the statute books unenforced; every enactment which has served its purpose, or is unnecessary, or is found impracticable of enforcement, ought to be repealed and wiped off the legislative page. It is also a suggestion that the needs for making new laws which seems to possess every legislature and which the members appear to regard as their whole duty, is only one part of the business for which they are paid. If it were the case that about one legislature in three should be delayed from any new legislation whatever, and restricted to the labor of clearing off obsolete, useless and bad laws and making up for changes in existing statutes which experience had shown to be necessary, the books would not be so thick and position, the law-abiding spirit would be stimulated because ordinary people could understand what the laws were, and there would be fewer blunders, anomalies and rank absurdities for attorneys to have fun with and innocent people to suffer from.

PROPOSED WHISKY CHRISTENING.

The proposition to christen the new warship Kentucky with a bottle of the famous Bourbon product of the blue grass state instead of the conventional champagne, is exciting no end of hostility from temperance people—and that they hate champagne less but whisky more. Yet from their own standpoint their opposition is hard to understand. One would think they would rejoice in seeing not alone one bottle, but many, smashed over the nose of a vessel rather than to know the fiery contents were reserved for a baser mission. The sea can swallow up many a barrel of the stuff without perceptible injury, while men, even Kentuckians, cannot. The example of liquor at christenings is brutish, we admit; but the more of it that goes into the sea the less there is to burn out men's stomachs.

H. M. Ames, manager of the Standard Cattle company at Ames, Nebraska, and also an authority on sugar beet culture, says that "in Europe, where the beet itself is brought to the greatest perfection, when ripe it is harder and firmer than we have found it here in Nebraska, and in Utah the same is true, it being harder and firmer there than here, with a greater power of retention of sugar content."

When Mr. Cleveland was called upon by Gen. Harrison at the White House the other day, there was the singular meeting of two men, each of whom had beaten the other for the Presidency, and each of whom had in turn been beaten by the other. They could hardly help but be civil toward each other.

Senator Vest in his complaint against the secretary of agriculture, J. Sterling Morton, erroneously charges that it was a pity the latter cannot confine the field of his activity to the vegetable kingdom but must forever be unduly exerting himself in the mineral. Senator Vest is a free silver man, Secretary Morton isn't.

There are a great many people who are convinced that the problem has been narrowed down to this: Shall the government own the railways, or shall the railways own the government?

The experience of the steamship St. Paul warrants the opinion that hereafter it will be the aim of ocean racers to make their records at sea, not upon land or sand.

A prize fight has one merit not possessed by all other performances: the principals when once in the ring have to do something or quit.

It takes about twenty-five million bushels of oysters per year to satisfy a American fondness for the bivalve.

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