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LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.

Senator Badger is credited with the opinion that his temperance bill, with amendments, though reported dead, will pass both houses of the Legislatille

The most important feature of it is the clause that provides for a special ballot on the question of State-wide prohibition. in the distant future. That part of it should, at least, be amended to permit the vote to be taken this year. If the question is to be submitted to the people, it should be done without unnecessary delay. Delay means the prolongation of an agitation that will not die out, until the will of the people becomes law. And H is sary for the weifare of the State that this question be decided as soon as possible.

The contest has narrowed down to one between the majority of the people. and the liquor dealers and their representatives. The question is whether the majority are to rule or the will of that majority is to be trampled upon by men whose business is to supply materials for the jalls, gallows, and poor houses. The question is whether righteousness or iniquity is to rule in fair Ulah. The Dquor dealers are always defiant. Through The Brewers' Journal they teach amarchy openly. That paper has the impudence to say, referring to prohibition:

"Whenever a law, not fit to be obey-ed, is enacted by legislatures subser-vient to interests in opposition to the interests of the whole people, such haw should be defied by every citizen who loves liberiy and cares for the welfare and progress of this Repub-lle. In a case of unegail and unjust tyrannical laws the lawmaker, and not the lawbreaker, is the real criminal."

And the question is. Are we to turn the State over to an element that preaches such damnable doctrina? That is the real question. Give the voters of Utah a chance to answer it at the polls this summer, and let all abide by the verdict of a sovereign people. Is that asking too much in the interest of home and morality?

The charge that an infamous deal with the liquor interests has been consummated, hangs over the heads of some of our legislators. It has been denied, but the denials have not removed all doubts. And it should be evident to all that, unless a satisfactory bill is passed, when the Legislature adjourns the suspicion will follow each one of the members who were instrumental in defeating the popular will, that he was a hired tool of the liquor interests and a traitor to those who placed him in a position of trust. The best refutation of the charge that an infamous bargain was entered into is to submit the question to the people. Let the people decide,

) tation is always deplorable. But the always accompanied by loss somefeeling itself, the intensity of belief, the seriousness of purpose, the determination to succeed, are commendable in the advocates of any measures of self-protection, or in the adherents of any cause which involves their present

happiness and future development. It is to be regretted that bitterness has been allowed to creep into the controversy. But who is responsible for this? Are we to blame those who are unquestionably and unselfishly working for the betterment of the community? Or those who might be working for selfish or partisan purposes, against their own best judgment and a definance of the great majority of the

copie of the State? Whom shall we blame-the man who s true to his conscience, his reachings, his people and himself; or the me who undertakes to smother his conwience, to ignore his teachings, to disregard his people and to stultify him-1115

We are loath to believe that intelligent, upright men, sons of Utah, neighbors whose lives have hitherto been an open book for the acrutiny of all who ared for the perusal, have arrayed themselves on the side of the liquoi dealer and against the pledges of their Church, the prayers of their mothers. wives and sisters and the needs of their

little ones. As to whether this fight is good for one party or bad for another, can make no possible difference to the "News. It is a matter in which the people of Utah are vitally interested as shown by their petitions, signed by over 75,000 oen and women of the State, and with them the "News" is interested. No party leaders have any right to

place a political party in an attitude which is repugnant to the people, and then demand of their erstwhile followers an allegiance which cannot be heerfully and conscientiously given. 'Too often mose who are the first to deplore bitterness are themselves responsible for it.

DRUNKENNESS IN THIS CITY.

Mr. Fred B. Smith, in his Sunday addreas in the Colonial, said, among ither things:

"I have seen more drunkenness in this town during the past four days than I have seen in any other place during the past ten years."

That was a terrible indictment of this ommunity. It was a word of warning nat ought to make everybody stop ind consider.

If that is true, what are the churches toing? What power has the moral element in this City over the forces of

If that is true, what kind of populaion will be attracted to this City? Is place threatened by the inundation drunkenness to be peopled by Godfearing mon and women who desire, thove all, to rear their children in rightsummess, to flock to a city marked as a

osort of drunkards? We fear Mr. Smith did not exagger ate. Look at the number of saloons that stain the very center of our business district. If a stranger were to judge of business conditions from appearances, he would naturally conclude that the drink traffic is on a large scale than any other in this City. He would conclude that the grocery busiuss, clothing, real estate, book and all business of a similar kind are of secondary importance to the liquor traffic. "More drunkenness in this town during the past four days than in any othor place during the past ten years!"

And yet there are legislators who besitate to answer the prayer of 75,000 itizens for legislation that will close

where Listen to the testimony of science as to the results of heavy drinking. Epilepsy is montioned merely as one illus

tration "Among the eighty million people this country, one hundred sixty thousand are epileptics, here, thirty-two thousand owe of these, thirty-two thousand ows their affliction to the intemperance of What about the effect of alcohol an

Insanity? This is the conclusion: From all the most reliable data, it can be said that "throughout the Western world, one out of four men admitted to an insanc asylum is brought there by alcohol. We do not expect that these, or any

arguments, no matter if they were presouted by an angel from heaven, wil have any influence upon those who are interested in the saloon traffic, or whe have entered upon any kind of agree ment with liquor dealers. But they should decide free men, honest men, and men with the welfare of the

public at heart, to be true to the trust imposed upon them, and to do what is right in the sight of God. In his way, a kicker is also a boost

Many people are such stuff as night

nares are made of. Chicago's guiding Starr is not as absolutely safe guide, Meteorologically the Taft admini

tration came in as a lion. Naturally a stenographer bestow

her shorthand in marriage.

And now begins the season when the boys all get the marble-heart. Once smin the Balkan situation bobs

up serencly because all is not service Just one week from today Congress will be in the throes of a special seaston.

To the office seaker a Senate confirmation is confirmation sitong as Holy Well

While Senator Knox has been promoted his sulary has been reduced to the ranks.

A ten days' actual recess is not nearly so valuable as a "constructive PEOD 58.

The Balkan situation depends upon

funnelless warship nothing but smoke?

Mr. Bryan announces that he will. join in the fight against tuberculosis. The whole nation will support him in that and wish him such

ment as required, and will be used in the development of industry.

INSPECTION OF THE BETROTHED New York Press.

Moscow every 17th of May they celebrate a holiday called the "Inspec-tion of the Betrothed." Young mon who wish to marry are drawn up in a tow on a sidewalk, and for five or six tow on a sidewaik, and for here of all boars enloy the prelease of "sizing up," as we would express it, the pro-consider of pethocated divinities of the city. The young women are decore afed in their finest raiment, brilliant with their natural graces, and erna-mented with genus and flowers. The following day menoasis are made to following day proposals are made to the parents of such as have attracted the nutice of the men.



Favors.

Stella-What were the favors at her Dalk-Well, the guests thought they did her a favor by coming, and she thought they did her a favor by leav-ing-New York Sun

Unconventional. The Briton-Britannia rules the

The Yankee-Exactly, And America icks her because she waives the rules, --Cleveland Londer.

Postprandial "Sticker."

"What sort of an after-dinner speak-"One of the kind who start in by soying they diffn't expect to be called on, and then proceed to demonstrate that they can't be called off."—Washington Star,

An Inference.

"Aunt Mandy,' said Miss Minmi Brown, "what's dishere denatured al-cohol I hear folks talkin' boul?" "I dumo nuffin' 'bout dat. I specks de kin' my husband' drinks mus' be ill-naturel alcohol."

Failure of a College Education. "Well," observed oil man Potts, "I've spent a heap of money on my bog Bill's education, mor'n nine hundred dolars jest to see him through Yale. And I sin't through yel. It surely makes me sore to think of the money I'm wastin' en a boy who ain't got as much sense now, as he had before he went to colloge." "What's the matter, father?" asked M's. Potts. "Maybe your's a little hard on Hill." "No. I abu't. Mary," answered the old

No. I ain't. Mary," answered the old b. I ain t. Mary, "Jest to show you -a little "Jest to show you -a little e ugo I says to him I think it was been at a tomorrow. What for ing to rain tomorrow. What fool iswer dive you suppose he made me?" The sure I don't know, father." "He begged my pardon."--Harper's

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Balkan situation depends upon Research of the same resultion doesn't.
For some men rushing into print has the same fascination that the pool had for Narcissus.
Those who learn by experience know their lossons better than those who learn by experience know their lossons better than those who learn by experience they their lossons better than those who learn by note.
Mr. Roosevelt is in no danger of the "seeding stemps".
In buying and selling players, why do not the baseball managers use trading stamps?
There is a sentiment in favor of moving Inauguration day from March to May 1, moving day.
The all this talk about the British adminativ laying down the keel of a functions warship nothing but smoke? of the great artistic personalities of our time. Every reader will be inter-ested in President G. Stanley Hall's analysis of "romantic love in the soul of a budding girl." The play featured this month is Cleveland Moffett's "The Battle." The story reprinted is "The Battle." The story reprinted is "The



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THE NEW LEADER.

Senator Elihu Root, it is announced. will now be the leader of the Republican party. If he acquits himself as well in that role as he has done in the official positions of trust he has occupied, the country will have no cause to regret his influence in the party to which he belongs,

As minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Root established the most friendly relations with the rest of the American continents. His journey to South Amerfor and Mexico was an idea as original as it was brilliant, and its effect was lasting, for to his leadership was due that achievement of The Hague conference which provided that no power should attempt to callect debts by force unless arbitration had first been refused by the debtor country. In his handling of the Vonozuella case, Mr. Root showed a restraint and patience that were finally rewarded, maxmuch as his main contentions are now substantially won without the slightest use of threats or of the Unlied States may,

The Central American conference at Washington, which established by treaty the penarkable arbitral court for the penceful mottlement of all differtnees between the Central American governments may yet constitute Mr. Root's whier title to permanent fame.

He was betrapoptal in advancing mward a final solution some difficulties with Canada, and he negotiated a numbar of adultration treation.

As sourceary of state Mr. Root took up the qurethese relating to Esstern Asia suid efforted an agreement with Japian regarding the interests of the two countries in the Pacific. He also summerled to permutiling the Japanese government to limit emigration to the United States on its own initiallys.

During Savistary Rost's minumlatration of our brogin affairs, the United States participaled in the Algedras conference concerning the condition of Morocco; and still later he found a way for the American government to display an active internet to the Congo question. More recently he advised a new and settive policy loward Liberia.

Mr. Root is a natural leader. He is conservative and yet forceful Judging from his past rooord, his services in the future will be of inestimable value to the country,

AS TO BITTERNESS.

The Republican organ deplores the Intensity of feeling which has marked strinking, which even some physicians the present struggie of the people of justify. These experiments tell one than is secure state-wide prohibition.

the saloons! In the name of outraged norality, what kind of conscience have you who refuse to hear the cry of the nany thousands, imploring you for deiverance from the fangs of the monster? Are you morally dead? Or inlibrary buys. sane? Or, what is the true reason for your insensibility to a situation that strangers find apalling?

What are the effects of drunkenness? For many years European scientists have studied that question. McClure's Magazine has engaged competent services to place their conclusions before its readers. The first article on the subject appears in the current num-And the general conclusion is that alcohol is leading civilized human man.

ity down on the path of degeneracy. The experiments of Dr. Emil Kraccelin, professor of the University of Munich, have clearly conablished that dephol impairs every human faculty, that the higher and more complex the human faculty, the more pronounced a the effect of alcohol upon it, and that the effects of alcohol are cumulative, that is. Its continuous uso, even n comparatively moderate quantities. mpairs the faculties at a capidly inreasing rate.

Concerning the bad effects of alcohal upon those engaged in muscular work, we read:

"Unlike an ordinary food, alcohol, her falsen in moderate quantity on a empty stomach, has two distinct an amply stamach, has two distinct effects on the muscular system-a streagthening one and a weakening one. During the first brief store after it is taken, the strengthening effect predoutination, the alreadol mobabily be-ing utilised us a fead by the exhausted holdy. But no avance is the first stage over thus the weakening effect be-comes more prominent, the alcohol probabily acting injurisually upon the nervous system."

As for alcohol being a help when sed with meals the conclusion is: "The videspread notion that moderate drinking with meals helps a laborer do his

Regarding the effect of moderate drinking upon mental work. Professor Kraepalin and his assistant, Dr. Kurz, have made several experiments from which the following conclusion is drawer

work, is false."

"Moderate daily drinking reduces considerably the radidity with which hotitual associations of ideas are formed in the mind. The effort of al-could in camutative, and increases rep-tily as time goes on. The notion that aircohol "stimulates" a person to his mental work is surely not corrobaral-ed by the facts."

All this has to do with moderate story-the muderats use of alcohol Any bitterness resulting from agi- never helpful or even harmless. It is to be advanced to the Korean govern-

When a man starts his library by buying an encyclopedia it shows he is not greatly used to books. It is about the dast thing that a man who has a

Vice-President Sherman shocked the nost potent, grave and reverend senators by determining the presence of a quorum in the "most august legislative body in the world" according to the rules of the House. It was a blunder as grave as Vice President

Roosevelt's when he named a committee on motion of Senator Hoar and neglected to appoint the Senator chair-

Says the New York World:

"Gov. Patterson of Tennessase thinks he majority of the people of the State is not want prohibition. Ferhaps not, but the fact that more than two-thirds of the Legislature voted for it looks

The condition in Tennessee is evilently very similar to that in Utah. only that it is the large majority of the people that have expressed themsolves, while the legislators have not yet rendered their verdict.

AS TO CLOTHES.

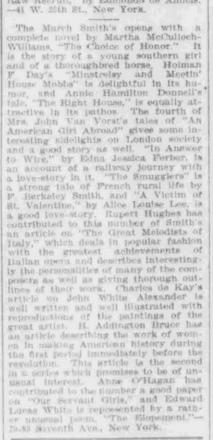
Philadelphia Ledger.

Philadelphia Ledger. To dress well is a fine art and any nic who dresses well is entitled to be called an artist. Unfortunately the sometimes, arrayed according to the intest ery in fashions, or else attired in going to imply the possession and ex-orelise of good tasts on the part of the main that the costume is becoming, without regard to whether it is of the without reference to fits costiliness. A man else in plain houses may be very badly dressed. As woman attern without reference to fits costilines and without reference to fits costilines and without reference to fits costilines. A man died in plain houses may be very badly dressed. As woman attern the source is the costume does not be be to be the tread of the second and the circum-ties of the source in a the box well is the waves.

MILLIONS TO DEVELOP KOREA. From a United Status Conjugar Re-

port. Consul John H. Handgrass sends from Kube the following note in regard to a large European loan for the cricoarage-ment of industry in Köress. The terms of the ioan for the credit mobilize, just negotiated in Londns and Paris, ara given as follows. Total emeans of loan, fieldedone rate of interest, i par cont per annian, lasus price of bonds. \$07 for \$100, iterca of redemption. Si years. The indefinity of the principal and interest is guaranteed by the government, Half the sum is to be raised in London and half in Paris. The money as reased to

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