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## A GOOD MOVE.

The City council, on recommendation of Chief Pitt, has revoked the license of a saloon for violation of the Sunday closing ordinance. This is a move in the right direction, no matter what the motive was. It certainly is the duty of saloonkeepers to respect the laws relating to the regulation of their business, and it is the duty of the City authorities to see to it that the laws are maintained. There has been a wonderful neglect in this respect in the past. The saloons have defied the laws with impunity for many years. The disposition to enforce the law now is an encouraging sign.

Not only should the saloons be made to keep the law, but a concerted movement by citizens should be made to limit the number of places of that kind, and to confine them to less conspicuous localities than they now occupy. Whatever can be done in this direction should be done. Other cities have taken up these questions, and our City should not be behind in any movement looking to the purification of public morals. It is no credit to any city to have entire business blocks devoted to the worship of Bacchus, and that in the very heart of the city.

We hope the City council will continue the good work of keeping the liquor traffic within the law. It is bad enough at its very best. But it is worse when it adds law-defiance to temptation. There is no doubt that the law-defying liquor business is responsible for many crimes and much poverty and misery. If it cannot be entirely abolished, as some maintain, it can be restricted until its power for evil is reduced to a minimum, and the authorities owe it to the people, and especially to the young and inexperienced, to keep it within the law.

## THE ONLY ISSUE.

In an illuminating editorial on the "present school issue," the so-called American organ maintains:

First, that it was the Liberal party influence that redeemed the schools of this City from sordid church control;

Secondly, that the main question now is whether the Church interest shall continue to prevail in the schools;

Third, that the class represented by the present members of the board is "the less advanced class of the community, that which knows the least and cares the least about the schools, and about education." The other class is the "enlightened, school-loving class."

The first two propositions, as is seen, mutually destroy each other. They are contradictory. But they are just as rational, or irrational, as any anti-"Mormon" argument ever advanced by a sheet that says one thing in one paragraph and the precisely opposite in the next.

Aside from this, the division of the community in a "less advanced class" and an "enlightened, school-loving class," meaning that all who range themselves on the side of the Tribune are enlightened while all the rest are benighted, is of considerable interest. It reveals the low level of culture which the authors of that imaginary division have succeeded in attaining. There is not an Esquimaux, there is not a Laplander who does not consider himself on the very summit of human achievement, until he learns that his rude civilization is not everything. There is not a roaming Arab in the desert, who does not hold the "mud-dwellers" in the cities in contempt, or who does not feel that he himself is the only lord of creation, until he learns better. So this, "I am better than thou" is but a mark of a very low grade of culture, when it is not the rankest hypocrisy. Those who are truly enlightened never insult their fellow-men by drawing such lines of distinction.

It was meant, specially, we presume, as an insult to the Latter-day Saints. But it does not reach the goal. There is not a people in all the world more earnest in their efforts for education and the advancement of knowledge than are the Latter-day Saints. There is not a people willing to sacrifice more for schools, colleges and universities, than the Saints. Their belief is that intelligence is necessary for salvation; that intelligence is the glory of God, and that no one can attain celestial glory in ignorance. The history of the people proves that they have lived up to this belief under all circumstances. They may have been driven from their homes by merciless, murderous mobs; they may have suffered from hunger and exposure; they may have been assailed in their Constitutional rights and been under the necessity of spending their means and energy in the defense of those rights, but they have never neglected to provide, to the very best of their ability, for their education. The result is that even as early as 1871, Utah had 258 common schools with 197 male and 161 female teachers, and a total enrollment of 16,992 pupils. Salt Lake City was divided into twenty-one school districts, with a good public schoolhouse in each, some districts having three or four schools. And now for men of the intellectual caliber of those responsible for the so-called "American" party, to come and say: "We want to run the schools in the interest

of our party; we are the enlightened class; you, ignoramuses, you lepers, stand aside while we pass!"—what word does the language contain by which to characterize fully that species of arrogance?

The attempt to capture the schools in the interest of a political party cannot be looked upon with favor by any citizen who has the interest of the schools at heart rather than the party. It is not true that the Church seeks to control the schools, directly or indirectly. It is not true that any Church authorities are trying to interfere with the schools in any manner whatever. It is not even true that anyone cares whether the members of the board belong to the Church or not. For our part we are perfectly willing to sustain good, honorable men who are not "Mormons." Church membership is not the issue. It is not a question at all and should not be. The only question is to prevent demagogues from capturing the schools and making of them part of a political machine for shilster purposes.

## FIGHTING PROHIBITION.

To what extent the breweries and distilleries of America see "the handwriting on the wall," is quite well shown in their efforts to stem the tide of prohibition. Publications, which at a conservative estimate, must cost a fortune, are being flooded upon the press of the country. Cleverly disguised "news" is placed at the disposal of editors with requests for publication. The honors of this "news" offer it free of cost, not so much as requesting marked copies of the papers containing the items.

In this morning's mail, the "News" was favored with several contributions of this sort.

One contribution comes in the form of a pamphlet bearing the caption "A Country Without Paupers—Beer-Drinking Belgians the Thriftest People in the World." In seven pages of type the thrift of the people is dwelt upon, the system of government providing insurance for its people, the schooling of children in the lessons of providing for the future and living in the present upon an income of the present is all told at great length; and then to make the title of the pamphlet stand the light, it concludes with this argument: That this people drinks beer to excess is the cause of this thrift, saying along this line:

"In view of the extraordinary facts adduced in the foregoing article, it is of interest to note that Belgium drinks more beer, per capita, than any other country in the world. That is to say, the thriftest and most provident of all countries consumes that greatest quantity of beer per head of population." This statement will seem so incredible to all who have an extreme temperance bias, or who have been fed with Prohibition sociology and statistics, that we deem it wise to give the official figures.

And then the figures are given. But, while they prove that some Belgians are heavy consumers of the intoxicating beverage, and while it is undeniable that many Belgians are thrifty and prosperous, they do not prove, as the saloon interests would have us infer, that the beer drinking Belgians are thrifty and prosperous because they drink beer; nor that it is the beer-drinkers to whom Belgium owes its prosperity and thrift. And therefore the statistics are absolutely valueless. They must show that the drunken sots are the thrifty and prosperous part of the Belgian population. Can the brewers do that? In Belgium, as in other countries, there are drunkards and there are sober people. Which class is the thrifty and prosperous class? Is any argument needed on that point?

Another pamphlet entitled, "A Crime to Take a Drink—Prohibitionists Now Propose to Pass such a Law," has also come to hand. In this the writer takes the reader into his confidence to tell him that his viewpoint is broader than that of any other man and that he has before him more information from which to draw than has any man writing of the liquor question. He carelessly omits to sign his name, so the reader must accept his statements without an opportunity of judging of the authority behind them. That the proposed passage of such a law has alarmed the liquor interests can not be doubted, for in eight pages, an argument, so-called, and intended to be a review of the subject, the "inconsistency and folly" of such a piece of legislation is dwelt upon, but the argument leaves the reader strongly favoring such a law.

As a "clincher" in this long argument, we find the following:

"Eliminate politics from temperance and the problem is solved. Prohibition and local option create dissension in churches, cause family broils and break social and business friendships. General business depression is a feature in the majority of Prohibition and local option districts."

From the manager of the publicity department of the National Model License League, which can only be an organization of saloon and brewery interests and not an organization working for better conditions in the liquor tariff, comes a long "news item" calling attention to a report of the president of the association in which the murder of Senator Carnack by Cooper is charged to the activity of the Anti-Saloon League. The statements are made and allowed to go without proof.

That the brewers and saloon interests are fully aware of the sentiment that is sweeping the country there is no doubt whatever. That the interest are stopping at nothing to accomplish their purpose is apparent. Trickery, falsehood and misrepresentation are used to enlist support in their unholy cause. The time has come when the people must stand shoulder to shoulder in the cause of temperance. Not alone in the nation at large, but even in the villages where the liquor tariff is a menace.

Seldom passes a day but stories come from near and afar of murder, home-wrecking, theft and debauchery, and the beginning of the sins may be traced invariably to the low saloon. Drink, the curse of mankind, is in innumerable instances the responsible agent for the destruction of life, property, and virtue. The power is with the people to overcome it, to thrust it

from the land. Be not deceived by underhanded methods to turn the sentiment of the people into paths of error.

"Old Put" has the record for staying put.

Attorney-General Bonaparte's spear knows no good trust.

Everybody has more sympathy for the under dog than for the undergrudate.

One of the greatest causes of back-sliding in this world is slippery sidewalks.

Those who would inject politics into the schools would inject poison into them.

Those Missouri ministers who want a tariff on zinc should petition Speaker Cannon.

To elect Secretary Root as Senator Platt's successor would be a radical change.

At Syracuse university they say there is neither land nor anything else fairer than Day.

A New York man lives with a broken back. Why doesn't he live with somebody else?

It is particularly true that distance lends enchantment to the view of a distant relative.

Lillian Russell and Nat Goodwin might collaborate on an article, "Is marriage a failure?"

"Are salaries high enough?" asks an exchange. Those of the other fellows, yes; our own, never.

Mr. Carnegie, the steel king, says that the steel industry needs no tariff. And surely he ought to know.

An absolutely new variety of guinea pig has been produced. It bears no resemblance to the end-seat hog.

Should lumber kings who raise the price to make more money and fleece the people, be called timber wolves?

If there is to be an increase of dry docks it is no more than right that they should be built in "dry" states.

When a man apologetically says, "There are none of us perfect," he means that he isn't nearly so imperfect as others.

Salt Lake is a great and growing city but still it is near to nature's heart. A bear was killed in City Creek canyon the other day.

That purported interview between Emperor William and Dr. Hale, and published in a New York paper, was not "made in Germany."

Mr. Rockefeller says that he did not conceive the plan of the Standard Oil trust in 1882, and that he is sorry he did not. Then he has lots to be sorry for.

"A shivering spine," says a psychologist, "is the one infallible proof of an artistic temperament." And "shiver my timbers," is an infallible proof of a sailor-like temperament.

A patient in St. Luke's hospital, New York, has had an operation performed to remove some teeth that grew up instead of down. Are people expected to believe such stories? Tush! tush!

Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson has sent a letter to President Roosevelt demanding that he rescind his orders recalling the United States fleet from the Pacific. This will add to the gaiety of the nations, but if the captain would make the nations split their sides with laughter he should proceed to enforce his demand.

POLITICAL MURDER.

New York Tribune.

It is an unhappy commentary on the retardation of enlightenment in the south that leaders of opinion there should still feel that manslaughter is an honorable and effective means of rebuking criticism or settling political controversies. The logical and moral absurdity of the duel has always been that murdering a man does not prove that what he has said is false or what he has done is indefensible.

STORAGE EGGS MUST BE HONEST

Detroit Free Press.

The storage egg has its place in domestic economy. As long as it is sold for what it is no one can cast opprobrium upon it. But the eggs by nature a gay deceiver. Like the poet's hypocrite, it may "look plump and fair while rankest venom foams in every vein." It may have lain for unmeasured centuries in the lockers of the warehouse and yet be offered as any one of the long list under which its companions are sold, from "strictly fresh" or "table eggs" all the way down to just "eggs." Date the egg and save the breakfast from profanity.

IN THE CONCERT OF EUROPE.

New York Sun.

His excellency, Gov. Gould of Massachusetts, has had no difficulty in writing an original Thanksgiving proclamation, a task that tries the soul of a governor who yearns to say something new. There is the proclamation religious, the proclamation ethical, the proclamation agricultural, but the governor of Massachusetts gives his people the proclamation international. Hear him:

"Peace has entered among the nations. The long impending crisis that was to drench Europe with blood has passed. There has come with it not war but the liberation of a patient and ancient race from a yoke centuries old. The white fleet of our country bears our flag to the orient and to the South seas, but that there was ever a prophecy of the exasperation of enemies is forgotten in a world-wide revelation of friends. To the ancient sources of barbaric assault on civilization, the regions of immoral oppression, the lands of the Scythian, the Persian, the Turk and the Tartar, has come the gospel of popular freedom, and freedom, not license, is peace."

Peace in Europe, if peace it is to be, will not add flavor to the already browned turkey or sweeten the tartness of the indigestible cranberry, the celebrators of Thanksgiving day in Massachusetts being sufficient unto themselves, as the New England habit is, but the humanity and broad benevolence of Gov. Gould cannot be denied.

## JUST FOR FUN.

The Correct Charge.

"What is this poor fellow charged with?"

"Attempted suicide, yer Honor," replied the bulky officer.

"Explain the case."

"Yer Honor, he wanted to fight me."

—Town Topics.

Difficult Sailing.

"I can't please my husband."

"Why not?"

"He fusses if I talk about such trivial things as style, and gets mixed up and mad if I ask him to explain the Balkan situation or the initiative and referendum."—Kansas City Journal.

Learning Points of the Game.

Girl in Grand Stand—Harry, who is that man everybody is cheering?

Hor. Escott—That's Grabs, the right tackle.

Girl—I see—and the fellow he threw down and jumped on is the wrong tackle, is he?—Exchange.

Defined.

"A true bohemian is a man who borrows a dollar and then invites you to lunch with it."

"Wrong again. A true bohemian is a man who invites himself to lunch with you and then borrows a dollar."

—Kansas City Star.

Always a Debtor.

As a pleasant-faced woman passed the corner Harris touched his hat to her and remarked to his companion:

"Ah, my boy, I owe a great deal to that woman."

"Your mother?" was the query.

"No; my landlady."—Chicago Journal.

Quitting Even.

"A fair exchange is no robbery," remarked Bobbs, as he raked in the jackpot.

"Do you call that a fair exchange?" asked Slobbs.

"Certainly," replied Bobbs. "I have your money and you have my sympathy."—Philadelphia Record.

The Lesser Evil.

First Guest—Won't you join me in requesting young Squalls to recite?

Second Guest—But I don't like recitations.

First Guest—Neither do I. But if the young bogey doesn't recite he'll sing.—New York Globe.

Easy For Him.

Mr. Rich—Do you have any trouble in supporting your family, Rastus?

Rastus—No, sah, but mah wife experiences some trouble in dat responsibility, sah.—Exchange.

What Willie Saw.

When Willie saw a peacock for the first time he said to his mother:

"Oh, mama, you should have seen it! Electric lights all over the ferns and a turkey underneath."—The Deileator.

His Wife a Riddle.

Bacon—You say he always gives up riddles?

Egbert—Yes; he's going out to Dakota now, to see if he can give up one.—Yonkers Statesman.

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