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state moving round it, it was but natural that men should decide to let the position of the heavenly bodies have a certain influence over the affairs of men. Chalmers was especially celebrated for their astrology, and other ancient nations studied the stars diligently. The Arabs were Mohammed saw in this science a reasonable way of accounting for the doctrine of predestination, and to this day their learned men believe in the stars. The Christians of the first centuries were not entirely averse to the study, but the Catholic church officially condemned it, although even Catholics are still to be found consulting the stars. Astrology last to spiritualism first when the Capetian system had been accepted as a fact. It was superficially regarded that if the earth was not a planet among many, there was no reason why they should exert an influence over the affairs of men. The argument was advanced and the study was discarded as idle superstition, although it always has been and still has its advocates both in Europe and America.

There seems to be no reasonable ground why the position of the planets should not affect not globe in some extent. If the universe, after all, is a harmonious whole, in which the various parts work together as the parts in a vast engine, one planet is certainly influenced by another. No far-sighted astronomer would dispute this. That when men see this broad principle present to protect in detail the lives and fortunes of individual persons or families the happenings of particular cities and localities, they evidently go too far and looking in more guesses. Sometimes they may be right, but often they are wrong, a conclusive proof that what they call astrology is but a delusive system of the imagination.

FOR STREET CHARITY.

If there were fifty cents to spare for two or three hours of peering and high-class entertainment, will, say, in effect that if that sum was turned over to the proper channel it will furnish half a day's work to some needy man and perhaps supply a meal for some hungry family, the donors to be given in the Tabernacle tomorrow night ought to draw out a great audience. The relief committee under whose auspices the affair will be given, have devoted much time and energy to the loving labor of aiding the destitute and the only obstacle left of finding work for those who need it. Our new volunteers from time to time have given reports as to the number tons employed and the amounts distributed, and the most casual reader will have been able from them to form an estimate as to the amount of real assistance that has been rendered. With the winter half over, the committee and themselves stand at the end of their resources. For nearly all of the Church authorities in giving them the use of the Tabernacle, and the ready willingness of the performers, seem to promise material aid to their depleted treasury. The News hopes this promise will be abundantly realized; for there is the doubtless incentive to the audience that (1) they will listen to an admirable performance at a cheap price, and (2) at the proceeds will be largely devoted to the amelioration of local distress.

YARD, BUT STILL REPENTANCE.

A young man who has been working for a firm at San Francisco, has developed in his own case a case of remorse for dishonesty that is exceptional in these days of financial crisis. His name is George Watson. He was engaged by Miller & Bond, prominent dealers in goods, in the country around San Francisco and by no means a bad man. On his last trip he was instructed with about \$100 with which to make his purchases. Instead of staying in strict obedience to the instructions of several commercial acquaintances and started out for "a good time." When he returned from his trip, with nearly all of the money gone, he realized that he would be in a bad way should he return home, therefore he started direct for San Francisco, reaching there on the 11th inst.

Watson's early training, however, had been under the hands of a good Christian mother, and by the time he was fully sobered up, the consciousness of his great wrong weighed upon him. He was stricken with remorse, not only at the way he had wasted his employer's money but at his subsequent dishonesty. He was determined to make an effort to make for the wrong he had done. He immediately wrote to the sheriff of his county, stating what he had done and saying that he was willing to be punished for his crime. Four days later he received from the sheriff the telegraphic instruction: "Come home to me."

"Come home to me," said the sheriff. "Tell them to be telegraphed to." It is hardly to be wondered at that Chief Detective Long was surprised when Watson came in and confessed himself, showing the sheriff's telegram. The officer thought the young man a crank, and inquired if he really meant what he was doing. On being assured by Watson that he had realized what he was doing, he was told that it was the result of his repentance for the wrong he had committed. The officer placed the man in jail, where he now is awaiting the arrival of Sheriff E. H. Conner of Ohio. It may be said that the young man was a strong tempter to young Watson to surrender himself. Possibly it was, but even in that situation there is hope that the young man will be a more respectable member of society.

He has chosen a dignified way from his own way, and if carried to a proper extent it may be the means of rescuing him. He deserves encouragement in his effort to return to the right path. But with the utmost good nature in this, the memory of his comrades will remember the moral wound will leave its scar upon his life's record. Of course repentance is infinitely better than the continuance in crime, or the perpetration of one crime to commit another. The incident here narrated should serve the better purpose and teach more powerfully the lesson that young men must avoid evil associations, lest in an hour of weakness they be led to an act which will mar the fair record of a lifetime.

SHOOTING AND SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The effort that is being made in one of the city schools to teach tobacco smoking among the boys is one that cannot be too highly commended. There are some who think that tobacco smoking is not sufficiently vigorous, but it should be remembered that in a school where such matters are to be handled with care and judgment. In one school it was found necessary to expel several boys who refused to observe the rule regarding the tobacco habit. In fact, the particular teachers referred to, it is said that the boys, though quite small, used the tobacco in such an expert manner that their bodies and clothes emitted an odor so offensive as to induce nausea in children who were required to sit near them in the school house.

One teacher being asked as to how general the practice was among boys, said, "I think there are two out of every three between the ages of eight and twelve years, and quite a large proportion of those younger. What the teachers are most anxious to do is to get rid of the habit of smoking. I have followed the teachers of the boys' school of the habits of their children and in many cases found it to be a great trouble. The boys, perhaps to save the boys from punishment. The most confirmed cigarette smokers among the little boys, however, are those whose fathers use tobacco in one form or the other. The little fellows are great imitators of persons whom they look up to, and it is pretty hard to break them of a habit they get from one whom they regard as a superior. The other day I detected a quiet little boy smoking and spoke to him of the evil. He said he did not think it would hurt him much, as it didn't hurt Mr. —. The gentleman named is prominent in local circles in the neighborhood, and I had heard him speak strongly against tobacco smoking. I told the child he must be mistaken, but when I investigated I learned that Mr. — had a little boy who had detected their father using the weed, and that his secret use of it was well known to the school children. He, instead of his example being beneficial it has an ill effect."

A school principal, asked as to his opinion how smoking could be best checked in the school, replied, "By having teachers who use neither tobacco nor liquor, and giving the children careful instruction as to the effects of those injurious habits. A teacher who uses either tobacco or liquor is, at once, an instructor against smoking or drinking. His example tells with the pupils. No amount of teaching will be effective if the teacher by his own conduct violates the very principles of health which he tells his pupils should be followed. Of course if boys are not checked in cigarette smoking at home the teaching in school will have comparatively little effect. But steady work in both places would, I believe, make smoking as unpopular among the boys as it is popular now. It is the most effective cure I know of."

It is not the present purpose of the News to elaborate on the baneful effects of tobacco smoking. That has been done in these columns many times, and recently a few weeks ago, that we do feel heartily to approve of the efforts in the schools to educate the children against the evil, and we hope the good work will become more general. There is also need for serious reflection in the remarks of the teachers quoted. One further statement, from a prominent educator, will suffice for the present. "The boys who smoke cigarettes continually can, however, be detected in the schoolroom. Their appearance is an indication that they have been smoking to excess. They are nervous and they lack concentration of mind. They cannot direct their mind to the study of any particular thing. They can be told as easily by their mental profligacies and the way they act as if the tobacco were smoked on them."

"THE PRACTICAL POLITICIAN." Something over a year ago a little fellow was found in this city that had in view the purpose of expelling those of our citizens who desire to acquire practical information with respect to the law. The book is of 224 pages, is neatly and strongly bound, and contains a history and explanation of the principles of all the parties of the country from the beginning to the present. It is a book that can be understood without reading; also a complete list of all the presidential and vice presidential candidates and including Washington and Adams, the state of their candidates and elections, their policies, and the popular and elector vote recorded by each. The complete names of each President, besides many other political data not to be found in any other volume.

The difference separating the Democratic and Republican parties is not a party but a principle. The day is passing and out, there is a common but complete history of politics in Utah, and throughout the work is entirely non-partisan and sincere. Its author is a journalist and attorney of several years' experience and a recognized politician, and the work while not equal as a literary effort to North's, is superior to it in the matter of ready reference and practical information. Its price is \$1.00, or six copies for \$5.00. It is supplied by this office. Those who have read it, and they are now a considerable number, speak of the book, which by the way is named "The Practical Politician," in the highest terms.

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