

MINISTERS AND POLITICS.

Liquor Men Think Ministers Have No Place in "Spirituous" Field.

Some of the exchanges that come to the Reporter's desk attribute the backwardness of the temperance movement in Pennsylvania to the fact that the ministers have been timid and too largely influenced by the loud wall of the liquor element against the preachers getting into politics.

"If the church desires to keep its influence with the liquor sellers of the country, it will confine itself henceforth to spiritual matters and keep off the spirituous field. It is expressly forbidden in the constitution for church and state to get themselves mixed up. While there is nothing in that ancient and venerable document to forbid church members voting, it is not becoming in them to make a public display of their views.

"This fair warning comes from a journal devoted—almost passionately devoted—to the liquor interests. The article censures those ministers who leave their pulpits to engage in the secular matter of chasing saloons out of town with a ballot box. Apparently these knights of the flowing bowl would be much happier if ministers would confine themselves to the doctrine of infant damnation and let the saloon attend to the damnation of the adults.

"This is all very well, but what becomes of the personal liberty issue our friends are always raising? Should not ministers be permitted to take politics or leave it alone as they please? Does not the temperance meeting furnish the minister a place to spend the evenings after the hard day's work? Should this innocent little diversion be denied him at the word of a lot of straight-faced bigoted saloonkeepers, who think of nothing but the constitution?"

"It is possible that the personal liberty issue is not reversible and that intolerance is the privilege of bartenders only?"

The Most Finished One Man Show.

This testimonial is old only from January 24, and is by Thomas V. Hendrickson, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. entertainment committee, of Brookville, this state. It reads thus: We had John B. Ratto with us on Friday evening. I do not know where your bureau rates Mr. Ratto among your list of attractions, but I can give you my personal word, with the entire approval and enthusiastic approbation of fourteen fifteenths of our season ticket holders, that so far as Brookville is concerned, he ought to be crowding the king row. The universal verdict of all our patrons is that his was the finest and most finished "one man" show that ever got off the cars here. And aside from the artistic excellence of his platform work he is every inch a king in all his dealings with us. If you have any more Rattos, for heaven's sake don't hide their heads under half bushels.

The Pink Label.

The Pink Label appears this week. Those who paid subscriptions on the Reporter between November 30th and February 1st, will find their credits given for the first time on this label. The Pink Label appears on all papers this week, and is Pink to indicate that credits have been given. To prove that you have been given proper credit, compare the Pink Label with the label in your paper on a date previous to this issue.

Rosman-Barner.

Elmer Rosman, of Penns Cave, and Miss Mary Barner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barner, of near Salona, were married at the Lutheran parsonage, in Salona, by Rev. J. M. Bearick. Part of their honeymoon was spent with friends in Loganton. The bridegroom is a prosperous young farmer in the vicinity of the Penns Cave and they expect to go to house-keeping there in the near future.

Smullton.

A. E. Strayer, painter and paper hanger, is leaving Brush Valley and moving to Sugar Valley, this week, where he expects to follow his occupation for at least a year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smull returned home from an extended business trip. They had been absent about four weeks. His business is of such a character that it sometimes calls him into different states.

Mrs. J. L. Parks, of this place, expects to move her household goods to Sunbury.

C. H. Bierly now has his lumber operation, northwest of town, in full blast.

Wallace Brungard had the misfortune to get his fingers into the shaping machine in his furniture factory, and received a number of severe cuts. The members were not severed, but badly cut.

Picture frames made to order on short notice and at reasonable prices at the Stover studio. Enlarging of pictures a specialty.

THIRTY-NINE CENSUS DISTRICTS

In Centre County as divided by Census Supervisor Hamilton.

Centre county has been divided into thirty-nine districts by Census Supervisor Samuel R. Hamilton. This means that thirty-nine persons will be appointed to take the census in Centre county. The census bureau is aiming to have the work completed in a very short period, which accounts for the districts being made small.

District No. 26 is composed of Centre Hall borough and the north precinct of Potter township, and district No. 27 is made up of the South and West precincts of Potter township.

DISTRICTS

- 1 Bellefonte borough, North ward.
2 Bellefonte borough, South ward.
3 Bellefonte borough, West ward.
4 Benner township.
5 Boggs township, East precinct and Milesburg borough.
6 Boggs township, North and West precincts.
7 Burnside and Curtin townships.
8 College township, excluding State College borough.
9 Ferguson township, East precinct, excluding State College borough.
10 Ferguson township, West precinct, excluding State College borough.
11 Gregg township, North and East precincts.
12 Gregg township, West precinct.
13 Haines township.
14 Halfmoon township.
15 Harris township.
16 Howard township and Howard borough.
17 Huston township.
18 Liberty township.
19 Marion township.
20 Miles township East and Middle precincts.
21 Miles township, West precinct.
22 Patton township.
23 Penn township and Millheim borough.
24 Philipsburg borough, 2nd ward.
25 Philipsburg borough, 1st and 3rd wards.
26 Potter township, North precinct and Centre Hall borough.
27 Potter township, South and West precincts.
28 Rush township, North and East precincts and South Philipsburg borough.
29 Rush township, South and West precincts.
30 Snow Shoe township, East precinct, excluding Snow Shoe borough.
31 Snow Shoe township, West precinct and Snow Shoe borough.
32 Spring township, North precinct, excluding Bellefonte borough.
33 Spring township, South precinct, excluding Bellefonte borough.
34 Spring township, West precinct, excluding Bellefonte borough.
35 State College borough.
36 Taylor township.
37 Union township and Unionville borough.
38 Walker township.
39 Worth township.

Ratto in Illinois.

The El Paso (Illinois) Daily Journal says this: "John B. Ratto, the dialect comedian, entertained the audience with a well selected repertoire of impersonations. His best production is the court scene, where in the old offender and convict was on trial for a second offense. The young prosecuting lawyer's appeal to the jury, and the prisoner's appeal for clemency, were especially fine, the latter being a masterful piece of acting."

Mr. Ratto will be at Centre Hall, in Grange Arcadia, Tuesday evening, February 8th. Tickets issued for the Cope lecture will be accepted. General admission, 20 cents; reserved seat tickets, 30 cents; children between the ages of six and fifteen years, 10 cents. The chart will be found at Kremer and Son's store.

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Prof. Cyrus Grove, superintendent of schools in Stephenson county, Illinois, forwarded a copy of the semi-annual examination questions, for the public schools in that county. They are all practical questions, and from the list it is seen that agriculture has a place in the public schools in that state.

Wisconsin is having its good share of snow, according to a note received on Monday from Orle A. Jamison, of Monroe, that state. He says snow is from three to three and one half feet deep in the fields in that section, more than has been known to lie at one time in many years.

TWO UGLY ANIMALS.

Those Big Pigs, the Rhinoceros and the Hippopotamus.

THEY ARE HARD TO CAPTURE.

Getting Away With One of the Colossal Brutes Makes the Work of Trapping the Big Felines Seem Like Child's Play—Methods of the Hunters.

Trapping the big felines is child's play compared with the work of capturing those lumbering, colossal animals of the "big pig" family, the rhinoceros and the hippopotamus.

Too stupid to tame or to break to a halter and too heavy to transport through hundreds of miles of wilderness, it would take a man half a lifetime to bring one of these five to six thousand pound creatures out of a jungle into civilization. Therefore the expert's only chance is to find a cow with a calf and to capture the young one.

Compared with the alert, grim exterior of the felines, there is little in the appearance of a phlegmatic, ponderous pig like a rhinoceros to indicate its real ferociousness. There is hardly a wild animal in existence which is more dangerous than this rarest of all our menagerie captives. Awkward as the great creature appears when at rest, once aroused it dashes through the densest thicket with the irresistible speed of an express train.

To catch a rhinoceros the trapper proceeds with preparations much as would an explorer bound for a two or three year expedition in the interior of an unexplored continent, for the difficulty confronting him is the three-fold one of first penetrating a thousand or more miles into the interior; second, of finding not only a rhinoceros, but a rhinoceros cow with a calf old enough to capture, and, lastly, of transporting his prize across hills and mountains and plains, over rivers and ravines, across swamps and through forests to civilization.

Skirting swamps and rivers, the men are ever on the lookout for the deep, round spools, like a pie plate driven into the mud, for in this wet ground the rhinoceros loves to wallow. Frequently five or six months elapse before the tracks of a cow and a calf are picked up.

Noiseless and from well to leeward, the trapper and his men gradually steal nearer until the cow and the calf are enclosed in a circle. From ahead, out of the maze of cane and creeper, sounds the uneasy stamping of the cow. With a half snort, half grunt, in an instant the rhinoceros is all attention. Head raised and nostrils snuffing, she searches the air steadily. At sight of one of the savages the cow dashes with the speed of a race horse at the man, charging the human decoy, and at that instant the trapper's rifle is heard, and her furious charge is over, provided the bullet reaches the heart by striking just behind the left foreleg—the only vulnerable point in the inch thick armor with which the beast is clad.

Now and then it happens that the trapper fails to kill in time—his gun may misfire, intervening trees may interfere or the marksman may miss his aim. Then the life of the decoy depends upon his own agility. To run on one side before the rhinoceros is almost on top of him would be fatal, for the swift brute would overtake him with a few bounds. His only hope is to wait until the deadly horns are almost at his feet and then, with the swiftness of a mongoose dodging the aim of a cobra, to leap to one side while the ponderous creature, unable to turn short in time, dashes onward under its own impetus. Twice, three times, a clever native hunter will dodge in this way, giving the trapper ample time to bring down the rhinoceros.

Then comes the tracking of the frightened calf, which has fled at the first sign of trouble, and soon it is flushed, prodded and shoved up a bridge of log skids into a cage of the outlook cart.

But even more dangerous is the trapping of the hippopotamus, for, although in itself the "rhino" is a more, savage antagonist than the "river horse," the trapper hunts the former on land and brings down at a safe distance, whereas in the case of the hippopotamus he must fight in the same primitive fashion that savages have used for ages. Hand to maw, as it were, he must engage this two ton monster while standing in the bow of a frail canoe, for the hippopotamus, as its name, the "river horse," means, is a land and water animal and must be harpooned and brought ashore before it expires, otherwise it would sink at once to the bottom of the river, the coveted calf escaping among the other hippopotamuses instead of following the stricken cow to shore, so that the youngster may be caught.—A. W. Rolker in St. Nicholas.

The Blue Danube. The Danube still retains its ancient splendor. The Rhine is the river of vine clad, sunny hills, ruined castles on rugged crags, mediaeval history and modern glory in war and in peace, a river bright as the warble of a bird in the wood. The Danube hills carry immense, almost untouched, forests, higher and grander than the heights of the Rhine. In the midst of this rich, deep green verdure lonely white mountains break in on the eye. There are many wayside chapels, too, on the banks. In solemn, awesome, majestic beauty the Danube far excels the cheery, pretty Rhine, and it must be called a pity that so few American travelers take a tour on this indescribably superb river.—Omaha Bee

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