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From Forney's Press. The Temperance Crusade.

An attempt to organize a temperance crusade in Pittsburgh is meeting with unexpected difficulties. The initial steps were taken last week. Some of the more aggressive temperance people assembled and resolved that the Ohio plan of singing and praying at the rumsellers and their patrons should be adopted. Miss Ella Beeson, secretary of the preliminary organization, on Sat-urday last addressed postal cards to all the Protestant clergymen of the city, asking them to announce from their pulpits a meeting to be held at the Temperance Alliance Rooms. The notice was not sent to the Roman Catholic clergy, because they were understood to be opposed to the utilization of lovely woman for the purpose of besieging vile resorts.

The Protestant ministers, though they were notified, proved to be not much more favorable to the movement. Several of them neither read the nonotice, but cautioned their congrega- market. tions not to take any rash measures Several of them declined to make any recommendation at all concerning it. The Baptists and most of the others were equally undecided, many frankly stating that they preferred to give no tor, a United Presbyterian, gave the movement an unqualified endorsement. Some of the Methodists read the notice without comment, but Rev. J. L. Simpson, of the First Methodist Church, Alleghany, gave the movement a backhand blow in a sermon preached from the following text: "And besides this, Sandalwood" from this disrepute. giving all diligence to your faith, add virtue; and to virtue knowledge; to knowledge temperance; to temperance patience; and to patience godliness." He claimed not to be opposed to the movement, but reminded his hearers that the Bible enjoins temperance in all things. "There is decidedly too much intemperance these days in the cry of temperance, according to the teachings of the Bible. The only temperance as to drink which the Bible teaches, is for man to -ouch, taste, and handle not." He added, necoraing to the report which we find in a neat boxes, thirty in each, and are the Pittsburgh paper. "There is such a only capsules prescribed by Physicians. thing as being too intemperate in word and action, and when that is carried to too great an extent, it is liable to result ofttimes in more injury than good. In PARIS EXPOSITION. the present age there seems to bee too much of a habit among temperance politicians to villify and scandalize those who oppose them. This is no way to accomplish the desired end-no way to conciliate those against them. Temperance in the true acceptation of the word, nust be regarded in everything

Now that this intemperate temperance furore is sweeping over the country and disturbing the mental balance of so many good people, we need more of such dispassionate and genuine temperance talk as that addressed by the Rev. Mr. Simpson to his congregation. Mankind are ever prone to excesses. It is a weakness which manifests itself in many different ways-at one time in hanging witches, at an other in running alter a popular preacher or prima donna; now in gluttonous feasting, or drunken orgies, or fashionable dissipation, or extravagant movements directed against such evils. It is the part of true wisdom, and strength, and soberness to use all the good gifts of the Creator in moderation, and especially to proceed with moderation and discression in our efforts to restrain our neighbors who are addicted to any form of intemperance. There is no place in such a field of effort for fury or fanaticism.

From the Pittsburgh Telegraph. A Reply to Mr. Dawes.

The late speech of Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, in the Honse of Representatives, on the financial condition and expenditures of the government, has been generally accepted as a free and possibly extravagent criticism in the administration and majority in Congress. In the House a day or two since, Mr. Ellis H. Roberts, of New York, also a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and a gentleman always well posted and reliable, made a careful speech, in which he courteously criticised Mr. Dawes' gloomy view of the financial situation. Mr. Roberts takes a more cheerful view, and shows that tain its excellent reputation in a the United Treasury is still very far from going to protest. He finds the condition of the country in the first week of March very different from its condition in the first week of December. In the latter month the Secretary of the Treasury transmitted to the House a letter asking for increased taxation in view of a possible deficit, and fixed the estimates of receipts for the fiscal year at \$271,000,000. Mr. Roberts believes that to this estimate of receipts from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 may be added from internal revenue source, and from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 from customs, and that the proper estimates for the receipts is \$288,000,000. He showed the fact that aside from the 84,000,090 made necessary by the Virginius excitement, the expenditures for the portion of the fiscal year which has now elapsed are less than for the correspending portion of last year by \$2,449,-634. The Statement for February adds something in favor of this year. Mr. Roberts thought that Mr. Dawes had untairly represented the condition of the National Treasury. This was especially true of the statement which was the elimax of his speech that, while the expenditures for last year were \$290,000, veo, with a reduction of the public

scale of expenditures during President Grant's administration, would be shown. This scale is represented as follows: 1865, \$322,000,000, 1870, \$300,000,000; 1871, \$292,000,000; 1872, \$277,000,000; 1873, \$290,000,000; 1874, \$289,000,000. Even adding the Spanish war excitement expenditure of \$4,000,000, the expenditure of \$4,000,000. 000,000, the expenditures above the last year were less than \$2,000,000. Besides, there have been taken from the Treasury this year already, \$12,000,000 for the sinking fund, and \$6,000,000 in gold for partial redemption of the loan of 1858. The financial condition of January and February lend especial confidence to this hopeful view. In January the reduction of the debt was \$1,185,211, against an increase in January of last year of \$406,000, which is a better statement for this year by \$2,500,000. In February the expenditures were less than for the same month last year, and the reduction of the publie debt was \$2,500,000, an amount greater than the demand upon the Treasury for the sinking fund. Mr. Roberts was confident that we are approaching the next fiscal year with an improving treasury, and there was no need of inflation, tax meddling, or tariff tinkering,

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