

Judge Mitchell, who will be supported by the solid Philadelphia vote, will have a few others here and there to start with. The loss of Chester county, which voted for him last year, is a disappointment, but it was due to the fact that Judge Sadler's friends were on the alert, while Judge Mitchell's friends have given no attention to the State outside of the city. The other three candidates are all from the Western end of the State, where they will crowd Judge Gordon. They are Judge Stowe, of Allegheny, who has his own county and a few adjoining, and will have a good starting vote in the convention; Judge Wilson, of Clarion, who has several instructed delegates, but who seems little disposed to push his candidacy while Judge Gordon is in the race; and Judge Wickham, of Beaver, who will have two or three counties to begin with.

Meat-Axe Mills and Wages.

Meat-axe Mills will be glad to hear that his friends the Belgian structural iron makers see business in his reduction on iron shapes and are already in the field with a circular pointing out to American builders that "With the prospect of a reduction in duties on architectural iron and steel in your country, we will soon be ready to offer you such advantages in price and quality that you will find a nice profit in importing from us."

American labor engaged in making structural iron in this country—next to none is imported under a duty. Meat-axe Mills would like to cut one-half—will be wise to study in time this table of wages in Belgium and in Pittsburgh:

Table with 3 columns: Belgium, Pittsburgh, and an unlabeled column. Rows include Puddlers, day; Heaters, day; Rollers, day; Day labor.

In this comparison, the heaters and rollers are in Belgium what is known as "large train" rollers and in Pittsburgh the heater as bar train and the rollers taken without distinction as to the sizes.

In order that the workman here may know where he stands, we may add that structural iron manufacturers enjoy one of the grim, grasping and giant monopolies which, according to the New York Times, is crushing the life out of labor in this free land. All the same, the readers of the New York Times will never see these figures. It is so much easier to yell "trust" than to give comparative wages.

The above Belgian workman has the "markets of the world" to get his wages from. The Pittsburgh man is shut in by a grasping tariff and a grinding monopoly to the poor unreliable market of the United States. Flour and meat are cheaper in Pittsburgh than in Belgium.—Phila Press

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Conducted by the Tionesta Union. The W. C. T. U. meets the 2d and 4th Tuesday of each month, at 3 p. m. President—Mrs. Eli Holeman. Vice Presidents—Mrs. J. G. Dale, Mrs. W. J. Roberts.

Who unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also.—Hab. II, 15.

The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that so loveth righteousness shall be a sure reward.—Rev. 11, 18.

SNAKE NUMBER ONE—TOBACCO.

We clip from the S. S. Journal of February, the following from a series of articles entitled "Four Snakes:" The letter "S" is snake shaped; and it is the first letter in the name of each of several habits, any one of which does more harm than all the other snakes in the world. I have lived in regions of the wild West where I often saw and killed rattlesnakes. In Asia and Africa, I have been in regions where the deadly cobra, and other reptiles more poisonous than rattlesnakes, abounded. None of these have, however, done one hundredth part as much harm to me as the one of these habits of which I propose now to write.

When a boy, barely in my teens, I formed the habit of smoking tobacco. This led to chewing the vile stuff. From that I went on to the occasional glass of beer or wine. Soon still stronger liquors were craved and occasionally drunk by me. I never became a drunkard; but this was only by the mercy of God in showing me where I was going. Snake number one—smoking—was what brought it all about. With the poison and the waste of this habit came dyspepsia, which finally became so bad as to make it impossible for me to eat a good piece of pie without its causing keen pain. This came neuralgia in the head. This was often so severe that it seemed as if the point of a knife had been struck into the side of my head to the skull, and then drawn across my forehead, and around to the other side of my head. Thus snake number one kept biting me in

ways that I could realize. Besides, it was poisoning my blood and damaging the action of my heart. So it kept on for more than twenty years.

Then I was put on a committee in a great city to look after prisoners. Here I learned that six-sevenths of all the poor fellows shut up for crime in one prison were there through drink. Also that, with these, five-sixths began their drink habits, as I did, through smoking. Meantime I was often invited to speak to large audiences of boys. I know very well that any day I might pass a boy in the street who had heard me urge him and his fellows, the day before, to be good. If he saw me smoking, or chewing, my example might help him form a habit which would lead to crime in this world and eternal death in the world to come. So I dared not use tobacco any longer. I prayed for grace to stop, and it was given to me.

We say to every boy who reads this, if you have never begun, don't touch the first cigarette. If you have begun, stop at once. The girls can help too by their influence. Don't say that you "like the smell of a good cigar." No parent or teacher would by word advise a boy to make a pet of snake number one. But if he sets a bad example himself by smoking he does worse. "If any man be my disciple let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

Fortunately, there are laws in a few of the States providing for punishing those who sell tobacco to minors. These laws should include punishment of boys found smoking. What is needed now is conscience and public spirit to see these laws enforced, and to see such laws enacted in all States not having them. This would be applied Christianity in its relation to some of the most vital interests of Sunday-schools. This smoke snake deadens Sunday-school work to an alarming extent.

A National Anti License League has just been formed with headquarters in New York city. The object of the league is to test, through a series of suits terminating with the U. S. Supreme Court, the constitutionality of the license system, and the legality of statutes under which the saloon is protected and perpetuated.

It is estimated that \$78,200,000 is spent every year for liquor in Pennsylvania, while the output in anthracite coal, their greatest industry, amounts to only \$69,995,000.

A Temperance League has been organized by Mrs. Sallie F. Chapin among the students in the Military Academy at Charleston, S. C. Their superintendent, Gen. Johnson, heads the list of cadets, and their influence will reach all parts of the state.

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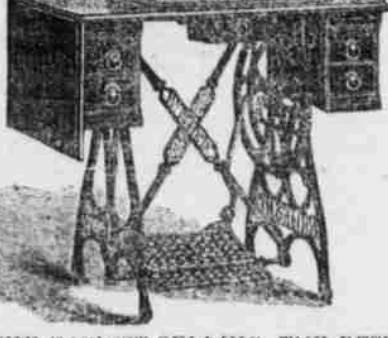


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