

Announcement

Having just purchased of "THE STORE" at a great sacrifice the entire stock of Beds, Springs, Mattresses, Pillows, Comforts, Tables etc., it enables me to offer some very choice bargains to my customers in fact some goods at almost 1-2 their real value.

Marino Pace
North Homer City

Facts Versus Fallacies

FACT is a real state of things. FALLACY is an apparently genuine but really illogical statement or argument.

AN able editorial from the Chattanooga Times has this to say of Prohibition—and remember, too, that Tennessee is a Prohibition State. Says the Times:

"THERE is some satisfaction in knowing that this is not the only time, or ours the only people, distracted by the proposition to control men's appetites by law. Oliver Cromwell, we are told, once wrote to the Scotch clergy: 'I prefer that Englishmen should be free rather than sober by compulsion.' Further he said: 'Your pretended fear lest error should step in, is like the man who would keep all the wine out of the country lest men should be drunk. It will be found an unwise and unjust jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon a supposition that he may abuse it. When he doth abuse it, judge.' This is a very clear exposition of the attitude of the rational opponents of what is known as statutory prohibition."



IN this very able editorial, the Times goes on to say: "If we are to have strong men, men who have control over their evil propensities and who are armed against the abuses of privileges, we must have them self-reliant, self-disciplined and fully cognizant of their own responsibility for their own acts. Men of that quality cannot be made by laws. We have been in the law-making business in this country now for something more than a century, and we are still at it in an increasing ratio. Ex-President Taft the other day told an audience in North Carolina that Congress within the past five years had passed 65,000 laws, the tendency of the times being to yield to the dangerous magic of 'Be It Enacted.' It is the inevitable conclusion of investigators that every law passed calls for another and sometimes two or three others; and so we are rapidly becoming a law-ridden nation, every new enactment being a recognition in form of the notion that instead of becoming better, human nature is steadily growing worse, so much so that the 'righteous' have to interfere with regulations in order to prevent an overflow of iniquity."

IN conclusion, the newspaper drives home this thought: "The most demoralizing feature of the propaganda in Tennessee is that it is made the stalking horse for a lot of politicians who could gain favor in no other way and whose presence in the public service has driven the strong, able and constructive leaders into practical retirement. What Cromwell prophesied has come to pass—it has been found to be unwise and unjust jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition that he may abuse it."

ONCE more is shown the FALLACY that because a man has access to alcoholic beverages he is certain to become an inebriate—when it is a FACT that 99 out of every 100 men who use liquor do so in a moderate and temperate manner.

Pennsylvania State Brewers' Association

What He Advised.

A young man unhappily married and practically penniless took his tale of woe to a prominent divorce attorney in Chicago and concluded with this: "I'm too poor to pay much for a divorce, but my wife makes my life miserable. After I get home at 6 o'clock in the evening I get no peace until I go to sleep. What would you advise?" "After considering all the facts in your case," said the lawyer, "I would suggest that you get a job which requires you to work all night."—Exchange.

A Far Distant Sun.

The star Canopus surpasses the sun in brightness by more than 10,000 times.

Kindness.

When we consider the results it brings I wonder why it is we are not all kinder than we are. How easily it is done! How instantaneously it acts! How infallibly it is remembered!—Drummond.

The Orchid.

The orchid is a peculiar plant, for, strange as it may seem, there is no distinctively orchid odor. One smells like the violet, others like the rose, the hyacinth, the daffodil. Orchids are the monkeys, the mimics of the vegetable world, in odor as well as form and tint. No other flower resembles an orchid, but orchids are forever aping butterflies, pansies, roots, spiders, pitch plants, birds and what not. And they are not absolutely certain to look just the same twice in succession.

Throne Jewels.

In the "gold pantry" at Windsor castle, one of England's chief royal palaces, is the gold tiger's head taken from Tipu Sahib's throne in 1789. It is life size, and the teeth and eyes are of rock crystal. Another relic captured at the same time is the jeweled bird called the uma, shaped like a pigeon, with a peacock tail. The feathers blaze with precious stones, and a great emerald hangs from its breast. According to an old Indian legend, whoever owns this bird will rule India.

Watch Your Pep.

Pep is a slang word invented to convey the idea of those who are always up and about, who are full of "ginger," who never go to sleep at the switch. When you are full of pep you can go a long way toward doing almost anything. But pep runs out. If your stomach goes back on you because you don't know how to take care of it; if you consort with weak minded people, taking on the color of their weak mindedness; if you burn the candle at both ends, then your pep runs low. Watch your pep.—Life.

Curious Courtship.

In the strange land of the Tarascan Indians in Mexico the visitor, after attaining something of a friendly footing, may still witness some of the equally strange practices which the first Spaniards observed. In courting the lover goes to the well where his beloved is accustomed to fill her water jar. He holds her shawl until she accepts him, and then with a stick he breaks the jar which she holds on her head and gives her a betrothal baptism of water.

A Skating "Accident"

By OSCAR COX

"Jim," said Charlie Bates excitedly, "what do you suppose has happened to Alec Winston?" "What?" "Fell on the back of his head on the ice and has been unconscious for two hours." "That's strange. Alec is a splendid skater." "It wasn't his fault." "Whose fault was it?" "Billie's." "You mean Wilhelmina Ripley's." "Yes; she's the liveliest girl in town. She's an imp of mischief. Her principal object in life seems to be to make trouble."

"You mean among the fellows. Why, they stick to her like flies to molasses." "The more fools they." "If report says correctly you are one of the biggest fools of the lot. But how did Miss Ripley injure Alec Winston?" "You see, they were skating together, Alec skating backward, Billie forward. For some time she had been trying to stir up bad blood between Alec and Horace Farrar by exercising that diabolical smile of hers."

"You mean that seductive smile." "Whatever you like to call it. Anyway, she first encouraged one, then the other. She was skating with Alec. He, having his eyes in the front instead of the back of his head, couldn't see Farrar skating behind him with Josie Emerson. Both men being back to back, Billie thought it would be a fine thing to steer Alec against Horace. When they struck Alec's feet went up in the air, and he went down on the back of his head."

"That's too bad. I hope he didn't crack his skull." "The doctor says not. He says there's concussion of the brain." "Was Billie hurt?" "Hurt! No. Such persons never get hurt. They are protected by Satan, whom they serve. Billie went down, but forward, not backward, and fell partly on Alec."

There was a pause in the dialogue, at the end of which James Barnet said to Charlie Bates: "Charlie, this is a serious matter for all you fellows who have gone daft on Miss Ripley."

"What do you mean?" asked Bates, looking at his friend anxiously. "Why, she'll be badly broken up at the serious result of her innocent playfulness."

"Call it devilishness." "She'll inquire a dozen times a day after Alec, sending him spoon fodder and flowers. As soon as he gets well enough to see her she'll go to him, cry a little, wonder if he'll ever forgive her, and the result will be that he'll take her in with no more resistance on her part than a jellyfish."

"He'll be a fool if he does!" cried Bates excitedly, and, cramming his hands down into the bottom of his trousers pockets, he strode up and down the floor.

"You seem averse to Alec's being roped into the meshes of this imp of a girl," remarked his friend. "Naturally. I've been there myself," replied Bates.

"Where?" "In Billie's good graces." "Oh! You have, eh? How long did you stay?" "An evening."

"And the next day?" "I was reduced to the ranks and Alec was promoted." "I should think that you'd covet revenge on Alec."

"Oh, Alec is an inoffensive sort of a fellow. He was quite a smart boy before he had that fever. I don't blame him. My wrath is all for the girl." "You'd better keep it hot."

"Your wrath. Suppose it should cool and Billie should take hold of you again. Where would you be?" "Do you take me for an idiot?" "I take you for what we men all are in the matter of women. So long. I must be moving on." A week later the two friends met again.

A Prosperous New Year to All

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Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

GULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the Keystone State.

Water is so scarce parts of Altoona have none.

The Danville Morning News goes up to two cents.

Ice harvesting has commenced up the Schuylkill valley.

Danville puddlers are receiving \$8 a ton—higher than civil war pay.

Diphtheria is epidemic at Schuylkill Haven, where two are dead and nine dying.

The Magee Carpet mill, Bloomsburg, has divided \$5000 extra among employees.

The National bank of Pottstown has taken possession of its new \$100,000 building.

There are nineteen fewer liquor license applicants in Columbia county than a year ago.

Dr. J. C. Laughlin has been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Finleyville.

Three hundred and forty-five persons have asked for liquor licenses in Northumberland county.

The Lawrence Portland Cement company announces a month's salary bonus for its employees.

Pottstown's four financial institutions closed the year with the largest deposits in their history.

Lancaster county dairy farms will receive for their milk, at a minimum, \$2.20 per 100 pounds.

A. J. Gast, of Kingston, has been arrested the third time in a week, accused of violating the liquor laws.

John Jordan, aged forty-five, a bartender of Monongahela, was found dead on the Monongahela river bank.

Eminent lawyers will try to throw out of office mine inspectors irregularly chosen in the Schuylkill region.

Mrs. Elizabeth Purdy, aged forty-five, was instantly killed at Irwin when she was struck by a B. & O. train.

Lancasterians want their poor board to give up a tract of land as a site for an armory for local militia companies.

A water-back from a stove at the home of Robert Halls, Nesquehoning, blew up, and the house was partly wrecked.

Charles Troscavaze was run down on a bridge at Malzeville by a Schuylkill railroad car and so badly injured that he died.

A carp thirty-one inches long and weighing sixteen pounds was caught by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schell, of Roversford.

Mount Holly will abrogate its own charter and become a borough so as to borrow its share of funds for a new \$6000 bridge.

Reading has a population of 110,274, according to estimates compiled and lately issued by the United States census bureau.

The plant of the Guffey Gasoline company at Guffey, was destroyed by fire. The loss was \$5000. The works will be rebuilt.

Russell Kiger, three-year-old son of Mrs. Jennie Kiger, of Franklin township, died in Waynesburg of burns received recently.

Marriages are decreasing in Crawford county. In 1912, 585 licenses were issued, last year 516, and this year to date only 462.

The first dog tax to be issued in Berks county for 1917 was granted to Miss Louise J. Potter, secretary to Mayor Filbert, Reading.

Ray Alvin Crowe, aged sixteen, son of J. C. Crowe, died in Washington as the result of injuries from being struck by a street car.

Tactfully admitting conspiracy in restraint of trade, thirty-two master plumbers were fined a total of \$3450 and costs at Pittsburgh.

Absent in Colorado forty-one years, J. W. Bradley was recognized at once by his sister when he returned to Ebervale, near Hazleton.

A shortage of water exists at Millheim, near Bellefonte, since the pipe line that carries water from a reservoir two miles away froze up.

Yuan Tsai, of Hongkong, China, is spending three months at Lansford, visiting the anthracite coal mines and investigating modern mining.

A Christmas check for \$10,000 has been received by directors of the Indiana hospital, in Indiana, from Miss Georgine Iselin, of New York.

Work has been begun on tearing down No. 2 stack of the Eastern Steel company, at Pottstown, which will be rebuilt in most modern lines.

The Herald, Titusville's only newspaper, has increased its subscription rates to twelve cents a week, and advertising rates ten per cent.

Playing with matches near an open kerosene lamp at Mahanoy City, Jeanette Janosky, four, was so horribly burned that she cannot recover.

State Education Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer told the American School Peace League at Harrisburg he opposed school military training.

Asphyxiated through a broken pipe, Hezekiah Dalley, aged seventy, a night watchman, was found dead in the basement of an Easton trousers factory.

Thieves stole \$26 from the home of Alderman Joseph Moody, Hazleton, while the family was out of town.

Dragged by a train she was trying to board, Miss Lorena Kilmore, Mechanicsburg, was seriously injured.

Hazleton's American Red Cross Society elected T. D. Jones president, and Mrs. C. J. Kirschner, secretary.

The various collieries of the M. S. Kemmerer Coal company, near White Haven, will be operated by electricity.

West Fairview has raised the sum needed to insure the location of a shirt factory employing sixty persons.

Many Blair countians are cutting out exchanges of Christmas gifts as a needless addition to high cost of living.

Lloyd Blouch has been rearrested at Lebanon, charged with deadly assault upon and robbery of E. B. Arnold.

Strausstown women boycotted milk when it was increased two cents a quart, and it soon went back to five cents.

The American Iron and Steel company, Reading, will give its employees a bonus of five per cent on their earnings.

Ellis Kemper, of Battery A, First Field Artillery, South Bethlehem, is ill with pleurisy in a Kansas City hospital.

Too deaf to hear warnings, Jacob Bottle, aged sixty, was run down by a freight train at Union Furnace, and killed.

Federal authorities have lodged a detainer at Easton against Herman A. Morton, charged with passing bogus checks.

Kick of a pet horse.

More than 1000 college men from all parts of the country attended the biennial national convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, at Pittsburgh.

Only the fact that he had center fire cartridges in a rim-fire gun prevented Raymond Lane, Carlisle, from shooting John Baldwin, another negro, at Newville, in a quarrel due to jealousy.

Bundling their three-months-old son so that he would not take cold while they were driving a mile to a neighbor's, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shultz, of Madison township, Columbia county, arrived to find the baby smothered.

Figures compiled by the national and state mining bureaus show that of 518,000,000 tons of coal mined in the country last year, Pennsylvania produced 247,000,000, while of 767,554 men employed in the nation's mines there were 365,073 in Pennsylvania mines.

Figures compiled by the department of agriculture for 1916 show an increase in farm wages in Pennsylvania. The average per week, with board, was \$2.35, some counties reporting as high as \$3.25. The monthly average was \$27.50. Harvest hands received an average of \$1.89 per day, the rate being as high as \$2.50 in some counties.