

Licensing the Drinkers

Many novel schemes have been suggested from time to time for the abatement of the drink habit, outside of straight prohibition or local option, but it has remained for the State of Oregon to put into practice the most effective of preventive temperance legislation yet enacted. The law just passed provides that before a man can purchase liquor at any place where intoxicating beverages are sold he must take out a license which costs him \$5 a year. This, however, is not the effective part of the legislation. If the law stopped there, most men of bibulous habits would continue their libations, but the sting is found in the provision requiring the publication in the newspapers every six months of the names of those to whom licenses have been issued for the information

of bartenders and others interested. Severe penalties are watched for any infraction of the law. This would seem to be a measure calculated to promote temperance. Very few men who drink would care to have the fact printed in cold type and it doesn't appear that there is any loophole in the law by which its drastic provisions may be circumvented. It is a vast improvement over the freak legislation of an Iowa city which requires the photographs of known drunkards to be displayed in saloons. The Oregon law is all-inclusive, making no distinction between the moderate drinker the tippler or the guzzler. It will cost the one-glass man just as much as the three-bottle drinker to obtain the privilege of "practicing at the bar".

Great Growth of Savings

From every side testimony comes that the people of the United States are prosperous, says the Chicago Tribune. Now and then a pessimist posing as a statistician says that this prosperity is purely fictitious. He takes delight in showing the percentage of increase in the various items which make up the actual cost of living. He asserts that if this feature of present day life is taken into account the people are worse off than ever. Such a man finds little comfort in a report like that of the Illinois auditor of public accounts on the subject of savings deposits. There it is asserted that one person in every eight in the State has a savings account in a State bank. To find \$12,000,000 in savings banks in Chicago in 1890, \$55,000,000

in 1900, and more than \$160,000,000 in 1907 certainly has something of significance in the direction of proving the prosperity of the people of that city. The rise in prices has not interfered with the weekly visits of the wage earner to his savings bank. There has remained a sufficient margin between his wages and the cost of living to enable him to keep on adding in larger measure than in the days of lower prices to the store he is laying up for a rainy day. An advance in stock quotations may mean prosperity for a few. The steady increase in savings bank deposits is unerring evidence of the prosperity of the many. There may be a lack of prosperity in Wall street, but not in Illinois.

This New Law Is Evaded

Flaws in many well-considered enactments are discovered when the laws have been in operation a little while. It is written that the law is the perfection of reason, but that doesn't mean that every statute is perfect. If it were there would never be amendments nor repeals. It is learned that one of the most important features of the corrupt practices act which was passed at the extra session of the Legislature last year is practically a nullity, that is, that it can be evaded easily. It was intended, by the operation of this statute, to give a certain measure of publicity to the names of contributors to campaign funds, and it is required that the names of contributors and the names of the persons who received the money ex-

pend in elections, by candidates and campaign committees, shall be filed with certain public officials. But if the accounts filed show that expenditures exceed contributions and the deficiency be made good by additional donations, the names of contributors will not become public property, for the law makes no provision for a supplemental statement. It is easy to evade this election reform law, easy to evade publicity of the very thing it was intended should be made public. Any corporation and any political machine that needs representation in the Legislature can purchase elections without fear of embarrassing scrutiny of accounts and statements rendered in obedience to the law.

NEWS ITEMS FROM 'ROUND THE STATE

Domick Routa, of Shamokin, shot ten robins on Monday, and was fined \$110 by a justice for his violation of the game laws.

There have been twenty-five new cases of typhoid fever in Ridgway since last Thursday, and the number of cases now is about 125.

Two high priced cows were poisoned in the stable on the farm of George H. Hardiner, in the upper end of Lehigh county, a few days ago. Seven head of cattle have been poisoned for him this summer.

Patrolman George Shuman, of South Bethlehem, was shot and instantly killed about eight o'clock on Monday evening, by a negro, whom he went to arrest for annoying women and children.

Irwin Yocum, of Mowersville, Cumberland county, missed one of his horses for several days. After diligent search and inquiring the horse was found at the bottom of a well, on the farm, and was got out without serious injury.

The people in and about Khedive, Green county, are so incensed against the reckless running of automobiles, that a few days ago a man shot at one that was speeding by and struck the auto near where one of the occupants was sitting. Others placed a log across the road at a short turn into which an auto ran and was upset.

FIREMEN FORMING NEW ORGANIZATION

Local firemen are interested in the new State Independent Volunteer Firemen's association which is now being formed by the volunteer firemen of Chester, and which will hold its first convention in that city in October.

The idea of forming this new volunteer association and break away from the State Firemen's association, it is said, is due to the fact that the latter body is controlled by the paid firemen of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other large cities, where paid firemen are employed. The towns such as Danville have sent their delegates but there was nothing for them to do while the delegates from the larger cities did the "talking" and ran things as they pleased. It is said that because Chester was defeated for the next place of meeting at the State convention held last October and Pittsburg was selected, the former delegates were "sore" and started a movement which has often been talked of—that of starting an independent association. Fifty companies from all over the State are expected to be present at the first convention and at the business meeting officers will be elected.

Annual Picnic.

The annual picnic of the Maudsall Reformed church and Sunday school was held in DeWitt's Park yesterday and was very largely attended. Over 100 persons were present and the day was very pleasantly spent.

John Myers, who was grave digger at Mount Tunnel cemetery, Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, for twenty-five years and in that time dug over one thousand graves, is dead.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. E. Hutchison and family will return this evening from their vacation spent with relatives near Pittsburgh.

Miss Isabel Wetzel returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Williamsport.

Mrs. Clinton Moorehead returned to Berwick yesterday after a visit with relatives in Danville.

James D. Kramer, of Pittsburgh, who has been visiting relatives in Danville will leave today for Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fowle, West Mahoning street, are spending several weeks camping at Harvey's Lake.

Miss Stella Doster spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Misses Julia Voris and Louise Jameson will leave today for a short visit with friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Daniel Williams, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Danville for several weeks, will leave today for a stay in Shamokin before returning to Tower City.

Miss Mary Rogers and Miss Elizabeth Ryan will leave today for a visit with friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Katherine Rogers and Miss Mamie Bannen are spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shultz, West Hemlock township.

Miss Nellie Albright, of Orwigsburg and Miss Mary Best, of Northumberland, are guests of Mrs. Irvin Snyder at the City hotel.

Miss Boone Eckman returned to Roaring Creek last evening after a several days' visit with Miss Mary Holloway, Bloom street.

Miss Bertha Miller, of Harrisburg, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Jesse Davis, Lower Mulberry street, returned yesterday from a visit with friends at Columbia.

Miss Maud Thompson spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Miss Ella Marshall, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Alice Bird returned last evening after a short visit in Reading.

Miss Mame Ware will leave today for a visit with friends at Harvey's Lake.

Miss Clara Detwiler will leave today for a visit at Ocean Grove and Philadelphia.

Joy Brader returned to New York City last evening after a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. E. Harpel, Ferry street.

Miss Katherine Gilgallin returned Tuesday after spending several weeks with friends in Philadelphia and Scranton.

Miss Margaret Gilgallin left Tuesday for a visit with her sister at Olyphant.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shick spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

Mrs. Frank Hummer, South Danville, is visiting relatives in Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Page returned to McAllisterville yesterday after spending several days in this city as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Earp, Wall street.

Mrs. J. C. Crim and son Charles, of West Hemlock township, left yesterday for a trip to Wilkes-Barre and Lilly lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curry and Miss Maud Crogan, of New York City, and Thomas Curry, Sr., of this city, spent yesterday with friends in Sunbury.

C. P. Hancock returned yesterday from a sojourn at Eagles Mere.

Frank Dildine and Daniel Moser, of White Hall, were visitors in Danville yesterday.

Frank Blohn, of Frosty Valley, is attending the Grangers' picnic at Williams grove.

Mrs. Henry Manger is visiting friends in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reitz returned to Sunbury yesterday after a short visit in this city as guest of Mrs. Edward Peters, Lower Mulberry street.

Miss Jessie Andrews, of Millfinburg, is visiting her cousin Miss Josephine Andrews, East Market street.

Mrs. Surril and daughter Elizabeth and Jennie Prout have returned to Chester after a visit at the home of Mrs. Frank Reilly, Mill street.

Mrs. George Kase, Pine street, left yesterday to attend the Grangers' picnic at Williams grove.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Prout returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit at the home of C. C. Long, West Mahoning street.

Miss Blanch Jones and guest Miss Isabel Henderson returned to Philadelphia yesterday after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Jones, Ferry street.

William Oswald returned to Shamokin yesterday after attending the funeral of Joseph Birks.

Miss Fannie Miller, Railroad street, is visiting friends in Reedsville.

Cleveland Boyer and Fred Roth, of Grovania, are attending the Grangers' picnic at Williams grove.

ELEVEN MEN ATTACK TWO

John Schanok and John Aldock were set upon by eleven cut throats on a lonely road near Mt. Carmel early yesterday morning. Both were stabbed in a dozen places and Schanok is dying with a stiletto wound scarcely one-fourth of an inch from his heart.

The two men were found by Ray Hughes, a young man, of Green Ridge, while he was walking home after midnight. He ran for assistance, and when he returned Aldock had disappeared, going it was afterwards learned, to his home at Green Ridge. Schanok was still lying in the ditch covered with mud and bleeding from a dozen wounds. His nose was cut almost entirely off, deep gashes were in his hands, arms and legs, while his breast was frightfully slashed, the knife penetrating within a quarter of an inch of his heart. He was taken to his home in Comersville, a suburb of Mt. Carmel, where he now lies dying.

On regaining consciousness he said his assailants were men from Marion Heights. His younger brother cursed Aldock as the cause of the trouble, saying that he had heard several men threaten to assault him, and that Aldock had wanted Schanok for protection. The entire police of the region are on the trail of the cut throats and arrests are expected by this evening.

JOHN MONG'S BAD ACCIDENT

John Mong, an employe of the Reading iron works, met with a bad accident yesterday, which will incapacitate him for work for some time. The man was engaged in hauling bar iron, using a truck to which a mule was hitched. In driving it was his practice to occupy a seat on the truck. Yesterday afternoon in passing over a rough spot on the track a jolt occurred which threw the man off the truck. The fall proved a very bad one, Mr. Mong fracturing two ribs and sustaining bad contusions about the face. He was removed to his home on Upper Mulberry street, where a physician was called.

Elysburg Man Wedded.

George Swank, of Elysburg, was married at noon on Tuesday to Miss Elizabeth Gearhart, of Sunbury. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride at Sunbury by Rev. J. W. Shannon, of Elysburg.

Recovering from Operation.

Mrs. Deborah Heiner, who underwent a serious operation at the Joseph Ratti hospital at Bloomsburg four weeks ago, has returned to her home on Vine street. She is improving rapidly.

NEW ORDINANCE BOOK COMPLETED

The new book of borough ordinances, which is being printed by Fred R. Miller of Williamsport, will be delivered at City Hall about September 1st. The question of binding was settled at a special meeting of council on Monday night.

The books will be bound in dark green cloth and Borough Solicitor E. S. Gearhart, who has examined a specimen copy, is authority for the statement that in point of workmanship and material used the new ordinance book is one of the finest pieces of work that ever came to Danville.

The new book consists of some two hundred pages, and presents quite a contrast to the present book of ordinances, which is printed in pamphlet form. The installation of municipal light, street paving, the sewer and other public utilities, while increasing the importance of the borough has added greatly to the bulk of ordinances so that nothing short of an expensive clothbound volume would suffice to contain them.

BUILDING ODD CARS FOR CHINA

At the Bloomsburg plant of the American Car & Foundry company there are at present being built six second and third class Chinese passenger cars for the Canton & Hong Kong railroad and the cars are the most peculiar ever built at that plant.

Two of them are almost completed, and instead of being finished off with plush seats and fancy trimmings, they resemble the American cattle cars more than the American passenger coach. The outside of the car is plain, and along the top is a space for the windows, which run the entire length of the car. There is but one double seat and this runs through the centre of the car, the passengers being obliged to sit back to back.

Ministerium Will Meet.

On Monday evening, September 16th and Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening the northeast Danville district ministerium, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will meet at the Catawissa avenue M. E. church in Sunbury. About twenty ministers will be present. The day sessions on Tuesday will be occupied with discussions of practical subjects in relation to church work. Sermons will be preached by Rev. M. K. Foster, D. D., of this city, on Monday evening; and by Rev. George Leidy, of Milton, on Tuesday evening. Special music will be a feature of the services.

This is a remarkable day in many respects.

LINKED WITH DEATH.

Articles That Brought Tragedy to Their Owners.

SOME QUEER COINCIDENCES.

The Hindoo Idol That Mme. Carnot Ordered Destroyed—A Grim Exhibit in a London Museum—A Ring That Brought Its Owners to Suicide.

Of course the psychologists have explanations for them all, but there are lots of things that happen that somehow do not respond readily to these so called explanations of "purely mental effect" or "accidental coincidences" and all that sort of thing.

When Mme. Carnot, widow of Sadi Carnot, died and her will was read, a clause in it caused considerable comment. This was to the effect that a certain small Hindoo idol carved from a hard stone which would be found among her property must be taken out and crushed until completely destroyed. Many marveled at this apparently singular request, for the idol seemed a harmless, ugly little thing, but her instructions were carried out to the letter.

The idol had been presented to Sadi Carnot years before he had ever thought of the presidency of France by a friend who had brought it from India. Later he learned that there was a legend attached to it which asserted that whosoever would retain it in his possession would rise to the fullest height of power in his chosen profession, but die of a stab wound when at the zenith of his career.

Carnot traced the history of the idol and found that for 500 years the rulers who had possessed it had all died either in battle or by assassination of stab wounds. Yet he laughed at the story, called the facts adduced by his search a mere chain of coincidences and retained the idol. He died by a dagger in the hands of an assassin; hence Mme. Carnot's strange request.

In Chicago a pawnbroker has a queer looking old turp of a watch that he will not sell and will not wear, for he knows its history. He bought it at a sale of accumulated police property, and after the sale as a warning one of the police officials related three "coincidences" in connection with it.

The first Chicago man to own the watch, so far as the police knew, had been killed by a burglar, and the watch was one of the few things the thief got away with. A few weeks later the burglar, with a party of his pals, pursued by the police for another crime, took refuge in a house on the outskirts of the city and sought to hold the officers at bay. All were taken alive except the burglar, and he was shot dead. The watch was found on his body. It was around the detective bureau for a long time, and one day one of the force asked permission to take it home to show some friends, his description of its quaint, curious case having aroused their curiosity. On his way back to report that night, with the watch in his possession, he was shot dead by a crook who had a long standing grudge against him.

The pawnbroker put the watch in his showcase, but purely as an ornament, and made such investigation regarding its history as he could. He learned that it had been made in France more than a hundred years ago, and five men who had worn it had died violent deaths. Yet there were all coincidences, and the curse of the

old woman from whose hands it had been snatched by a thief in Bordeaux shortly after it left its maker's hands had nothing to do with the case whatever.

In the South Kensington museum, London, there is an object catalogued 22,459. It is a cast of a woman's face and was found in an excavation not far from Luxor, in Egypt. The cast is that of a beautiful woman, but the face wears an expression of sinister evil. The man who found the cast died within twenty-four hours after he had touched it, and the two workers who handled it died within a few weeks. Three of the carriers who handled it on the Nile boat died within a short space of time, and the man who reshipped it at Cairo also died within less than a week after he had played his part in the work of getting it to its destination. All these were seemingly natural deaths, but it is odd that all the men whose fingers touched the cast in Egypt should have died so soon after the handling.

Then there is the ring of which Girouard, the French detective, has told us and which now is in one of the museums of Paris. It is odd in that it is flexible, slightly so, for it is formed like a twisted serpent in closely woven gold links with an opal on the top of the head, two tiny emeralds for eyes and a ruby in its mouth. Seven such rings are not apt to be in existence in any one city, yet seven times during the twenty-nine years Girouard served the Parisian police in a position which brought him to the morgue daily he found this ring on the bodies of suicides. Four times it had been claimed by relatives of the dead, and twice had it been sold. The seventh time Girouard saw it that it went through the usual red tape channels to a place where it could no longer be worn.—New York Press.

Oldest of British Sports.

Hawking is the oldest of all British sports. To the uninitiated the most marvelous feature of hawking is the manner in which the hawks themselves, naturally the wildest and wariest of the feathered tribe, have been trained to surrender voluntarily their liberty and return literally like a bolt from the blue in obedience to the will of the falconer. This indeed seems the more remarkable when one learns that the best birds are those which have attained maturity in a wild state.—London Ladies' Field.

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