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A beautifully illustrated 32 page booklet will be mailed absolutely free to every reader of this paper who is interested in the problem of mining gold and silver. I am seeking this means to get acquainted with you. Just a postal card is all that is necessary. Address, G. MCCLELLAND, 1033 17th St., Denver, Col.

The following may not be orthodox religion, but it is truly one of the best brands ever advocated in this country by any sect, and it even comes from Kansas: "I don't want a member of this congregation to give to home missions or any other cause," said a Hiawatha clergyman, the other Sunday, in his sermon, "if he owes the butcher, the grocer, the general dealer or the printer. Pay your debts at home before you pay the debts you owe the heathens." That preacher's head is level, for deadbeats all go to the devil, and giving to the heathens will not save them.

ACCORDING to President John Mitchell's speech at the Indianapolis convention, this week, the membership of the United Mine Workers has dropped off nearly 25,000 during the past year. President Mitchell's speech was very despondent in tone, and Secretary Wilson sprung a surprise when he advocated an increase in the per capita tax from 10 to 25 cents. Wilson stated further that it must soon be increased to 50 cents a month, as during the past year the organization paid out a half-million dollars more than it received.

Upon the whole, the outlook for the U. M. W. of A. is not very bright for the future, as miners everywhere are beginning to realize that the union has proven more of a disappointment than a benefit.

Much noise is being made these days concerning the "Oleo Trust," and most of it is mere buncombe. As for us and our house, we would prefer to see the unfair Groat law repealed, and furthermore, we would like to see all taxation, licenses, etc., removed from the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. It is all right to have a law compelling the manufacturers and dealers to sell their product for what it really is, but it is not right to pass laws calculated to make oleomargarine as expensive as possible. Oleomargarine is the poor man's butter, and the manufacturers should be allowed the same rights and privileges as are extended to the manufacturers of dairy butter, who can color their product with impunity and sell old, stinking, partly decomposed jar butter that the selling of should be made a crime punishable by a fine and imprisonment. Half of the country butter sold in Salisbury is so rank as to be detrimental to the public health, and yet we must pay top-notch prices for such decomposed animal matter, simply because oleo, which tastes good and is not injurious to health, cannot be handled profitably in a town of this size, owing to the high license required for its sale. Away with class legislation. Give us oleo free from taxation, which will be a benefit to the many, and which will drive bad dairy butter out of the market, but will never be able to reduce the price of good, clean, sweet dairy butter a particle. The present oleo laws are a detriment to the poor and a help only to those who are thus enabled to sell rotten dairy butter for as high a price as the manufacturer of good dairy butter gets for his product. Give us more and cheaper oleo, and less of the kind of axle grease that isn't half as good.

WONDERFUL NERVE.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c. at E. H. Miller's Drug Store.

Silly Action of a Ministerial Association.

By a resolution adopted by the Ministerial Association of Wilkesbarre, Pa., the members of that organization voted to boycott all newspapers printing liquor advertisements. A committee was appointed to call upon the editors, demanding the suppression of such advertisements.—Oakland Republican.

The action of the aforesaid ministerial association is silly in the extreme, and the wonder is that such a fool resolution could ever be adopted by a body of which a majority, at least, ought to be composed of reasonable, sensible and intelligent men. If the preachers in the aforesaid association carry out their resolution, they will have to boycott nearly every high class newspaper and magazine in the United States, for nearly every one of them carries liquor advertisements at times, and most of them carry such advertisements all the time. Such advertisements serve a right good purpose, too, for they keep many an old deacon, class leader and even preachers out of the saloons, where their presence would have a bad effect on the morals of a community. Many pious old fellows like to take a "snifter" once in a while or oftener, and for that class the liquor advertisements are a good thing, for they enable old Mr. Deacon or old Mr. Elder to get his booze without attracting any attention from the common herd. The pious man has only to send a mail order, and the advertiser usually instructs him just how to go about it to receive his booze in a plain, sealed package, with no marks to show the contents. Now, isn't that handy? And isn't it much better than for a pious man to sneak around to a saloon, like a skulking poltroon, or to send a friend to the inn to buy him gin?

Anyway, the Wilkesbarre preachers ought to undertake something that they can do, for all the boycotting they can do will not keep intelligent and up-to-date people from patronizing the newspapers and magazines, whether they contain liquor advertisements or not. In fact most people would rather patronize the press than the pulpit, these days, and there are reasons for it. One reason is because there is not enough attention paid to preaching the Simon-pure, old-fashioned gospel, and too much to church merchandising and the petty affairs of life that the Christian ministry should steer clear of. Another reason is the fact that too many preachers (for revenue only) preach to their members not enough of the things they ought to hear, but tickle their ears principally with the light stuff that they like to hear.

TO OUR PATRONS.

Beginning of Volume No. 11—A Glance at the Past and the Future.

Friends and patrons, with this issue of THE STAR we begin volume No. 11, and we deem it in order to take a glance backward as well as forward at this time, commenting on our past labors in this community as well as the outlook for the paper's career in the future.

As we look back over the ten years of our newspaper career in this town, we look back over ten years of exceedingly hard labor, drudgery and toil that tried hard our mind, soul and body. They have been ten years of hustle and sleepless nights, and many were the obstacles and aggravations in our way that had to be overcome if the paper was to be kept alive and made to yield a fair profit on the investment.

While we have not made a fortune out of the business, nor even as much as we believe we could have made in many other avenues of trade with half the amount of energy expended, yet we have done fairly well; and it affords us much pleasure to state that we enter upon the eleventh year of our work with much brighter prospects for profitable returns than any previous year of the paper's existence. We also feel proud to state that the year just ended has been the most profitable year the paper has yet passed through. This, in spite of the fact that it has been our most trying year, owing to the great coal strike in this region, together with its many unpleasant and unavoidable antagonisms, we regard as phenomenal.

Owing to the strike, THE STAR and its editor have been confronted with many unpleasant and difficult problems during the past year—problems which could not be ignored by any self-respecting, fearless newspaper that has the greatest good to the greatest number of people at heart, and that believes in law and order, the protection of life and property, and the peaceful pursuit of men in quest of happiness and their daily bread.

In dealing with these trying issues, THE STAR has been outspoken, and we have no apology to offer for being on the side of law and order at all times. We have spoken our sentiments, we have done our duty as we understood it, and we have taken neither orders nor bribe from any man.

Of course, we have been criticised and abused by people who can see but one side of a question at a time; but the Saviour of mankind also had criticism to contend with. Some of our enemies have even threatened to kill us, but that does not discourage us in the least, for bad men killed the Saviour, and we should not shrink from death, of which Christ has tasted for us all.

Owing to a spirit of narrow-mindedness and intolerance, some of the strikers have had their subscriptions canceled; but in spite of that fact our subscription list has been more than holding its own, right along, and today THE STAR has a larger number of bonafide subscribers than ever before. Most of the men who quit us have paid all they owed us, thus quitting like honorable men, and we hear them no ill will whatever. New men have been moving into the region and adding their names to our list, and those taken off have never yet been missed. The quitters, in some cases, at least, have lost more than we have by their course. Besides, they all read the paper, anyway, which puts them to the inconvenience of borrowing, and who goes borrowing goes sorrowing.

THE STAR was loyal to the strikers when the strike was declared, and its influence and support was on their side as long as the law was respected and obeyed by all its members. But when company houses began to go up in smoke, when men were shot and beaten for going to work, when boycotts were threatened and all sorts of intimidation made use of, then THE STAR felt that it was time to forsake the sinking ship of unionism in this region and get on the side of law and order. And we are not sorry that we did so, either, and we have neither apologies nor regrets to offer. We did the right thing for the sake of right, and we are thoroughly convinced that it was the best stroke of business policy we ever made. We find that we have the great bulk of the solid, substantial, debt-paying, property-owning citizens with us more solidly than we ever dreamed of a year ago.

THE STAR is not an enemy to the miners, and it does not charge all the depredations committed by the strikers to all of their number. Some of them are as good citizens as one would wish to meet. The only trouble is, the good ones have not been able to hold the

bad and foolish ones in check, and as a natural consequence the guilty ones have been causing the innocent ones to suffer with them. Furthermore, the whole of them have been cursed with worthless and unprincipled leaders from abroad. Had good sense, good conduct and good counsel prevailed, this whole region today would be working for the same price paid to the George's Creek miners. But the beer-guzzlers from other states, who had charge of the strike, didn't want a settlement and a resumption of work as much as they wanted a strike. It has been a fine thing for McCullough, Morgan, Mark Smith and a few others, but it has been very hard on the poor miners, out of whose pockets it must all be paid for.

While the present strike has long ago been lost, hopelessly lost, let us hope that during the coming year there will be a closer brotherhood between employer and employe. Let us hope that labor conditions will improve, that wages will advance, that peace, good will and prosperity will return to all who by their good principle and good conduct shall deserve it. THE STAR is a friend of labor; a warm, true, staunch friend. It has been more loyal to the laboring men of this region, and has treated them much more fairly and squarely than it has ever been treated by the majority of the union miners who have been and are still patronizing the paper. If all of them would pay us what they owe us, it would amount to the price of many, many cars of coal. They want their pay every two weeks, and always get it, too, when they work; but many of them want us to wait years and years for our money, get "huffy" when asked for it, and then have the impudence to call around and tell us just what we must print, what we dare not print, whom we may talk to and whom we must not talk to.

Had we complied with all the fool suggestions, demands and commands laid down to us during the past year by union miners, our business would today be a wreck and THE STAR completely out of business. But as matters are, we are still doing business at the old stand, thanks to having acted on our own best judgment and the dictates of our own conscience, which is perfectly clear.

We feel very thankful to the business men who have been giving us their advertising and job printing patronage, and we feel that we have served them well and patronized them very liberally in return. Some have not advertised as liberally as they should advertise, but that has been a loss to them as well as to us.

As to THE STAR's loyalty to Salisbury and vicinity, and its loyalty to its true and valued friends, we feel that we have done our whole duty, as we understood it, or as our ability enabled us to perform it.

May the year 1905 be a most prosperous one for our whole community, and may we all so live that when we quit life's fitful scenes forever, that we may lay down our burdens "Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Still Jumping on Parker.

Some of Parker's old newspaper supporters are still jumping on that unfortunate person. One of them points out that in the "thirteen Southern states, including Maryland, in which Parker electors were chosen, the total vote was 2,033,228" while in the "thirty-two states, excluding Maryland, in which Roosevelt electors were chosen, the total vote was 11,475,270." Thus, while Parker got 34 per cent. of the electors, his states was only 15 per cent. of the total popular vote. Parker's aggregate plurality in the thirteen Southern states was only 25,000 more than Roosevelt's plurality in Pennsylvania.

This is a bad showing for Parker. It would be still worse if Maryland had been counted for the Republicans as a plurality of its voters intended it should be.

TONIC TO THE SYSTEM.

For liver troubles and constipation there is nothing better than DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. They do not weaken the stomach. Their action upon the system is mild, pleasant and harmless. Bob Moore, of LaFayette, Ind., says, "No use talking, DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work. All other pills I have used gripe and make me sick in the stomach and never cure me. DeWitt's Little Early Risers proved to be the long sought relief. They are simply perfect." Persons traveling find Little Early Risers the most reliable remedy to carry with them. Sold by E. H. Miller.