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A Fable For Critics

Once there was an Ox. He was a fine, hefty Ox. He could pull a big load. He never balked, but always liked to go straight ahead. But the Ox had enemies.

There was the Flea and his whole big Family. "We don't care whether this Ox travels or not," said the Flea and his Folks. "All we want is some of his blood." Whereupon the Fleas eternally pestered the Ox and gave him That Tired Feeling.

Then there was the Tom Cat and his brothers-the



Doubting Thomases. "We don't know whether this Ox is going the right way or not," said the Thomases. "Anyhow, we'll scratch his back for Whereupon the him." Felines jumped on the back of the Ox and scratched him for fair, which made the Ox exceedingly sorrowful.

Then there was the Fiste Pup and his Fellow Fistes—a whole litter of Fistes. "We don't care how slow the Ox goes," said the Fistes; "the

how much of it; what they wear and how much of it; what they wear and how, when and where they wear it; situated in a no-license city. forehand for the unborn brats—all license regime three years.—Fitchburg their fulsome, nauseous stuff drooled (Mass.) Sentinel. out daily in the big papers, by the column and by the whole page—a sort

These very requirements are to be met at the close of the school, and invariably on entering higher courses or training than our public school, and Shea of Cambridge, gave figures to seeking to get married, and manager it is unjust to make such a demand, show the effect of no-license upon the the Eleventh hour. The demand is all finances of Cambridge, which has been right, but the neglecting of early trainances of the control of th ing for it is absolutely wrong. It that the taxes on the increase in prop-should begin in the lowest grade by erty valuation in 10 years under noleading the child to express in its own license over the increase in valuation in 10 license years yielded four times and continued in every department, the amount in taxes that would have and most thoroughly drilled through- been derived from liquor licenses in that time. The average tax rate in 10 no-license years was \$15.71 cents, and THE rods of rancid rot daily printed the average rate in 10 license years, in the big city papers about the vulgar \$16.45. Mr. Shea said that President rich, their sayings and doings; their Eliot, of Harvard College, once opposed comings and goings; what they eat and to no-license, was now in favor of it how they eat it; what they drink and and had said that it was of great adminute write-ups, with pictorial illus- Russell, once opposed to no-license minute write-ups, with pictorial illustrations of every-dud worn by brainless wemen, full description of every license in an inaugural address when garment, including the embroidered and hemstitched clothes prepared between the control of the con

column and by the whole page—a sort of gross pandering to riches—a service worship of snobacracy; a putting of the forehead to the ground when the money molech passes down the street.

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SAFE-GUARDING MARRIAGE.

"It is entirely too easy for young

Somerset county, Pa., to Cumberland, by a set of conscienceless vagabone achers who are out for the fees, regardless of results. It is said upon good authority that some of the prin-cipal offenders in this respect have even gone so far as to offer a rake-off from their fees to news agents and other trainmen to direct such couples to those ministerial dens of infamy where few questions are asked and all

These strictures are not aimed at the many able, conscientious clergymen who are in the ministry from hones motives and a desire to do the greates possible good to humanity, but at the charlatan, fee-grabbing class of mere pretenders in the pulpit, the class which is a disgrace to the profession and a menace to society, and which

we regret to say, is entirely too large We do not agree with the Classis Visitor that secret marriages should be forbidden, although in the great majority of cases we can see no good reason why a marriage should be per-

money moloch passes down the street, cents buys a large roll of them. tf The proclamation of the marriage

bans as practiced in the Catholic church is a thing that we take no stock

good woman were betrothed and after-wards became estranged to one another We Chairmen Political Organizations—
Jonas M. Cook, Republican; Alex B.
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We know which side was in the majority on Election day. We did banking before there was a bank in Grantswille.

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You see the situation, and I hope been nipped in the bud by the neighbors learning of them in advance.

A law that would compel the publication of your matrimonial intentions to the neighbors, would furnish much

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GUILTY OF COUNTERFEITING.

List of Cases for Special Civil Court.

A special term of court, for the trial of civil cases, will be held the week commencing January 11, 1909. The following cases have been set for trial:

Coffroth & Ruppel vs. Dr. J. A.
Louther.

F. W. Beisecker vs. Dr. J. A. Louther.

Annie E. Stoke vs. Babcock Lumber Company.

Lavina Koontz vs. B. & O. Railroad

Company.
C. M. R. Boyts vs. E. H. Reid.

C. M. R. Boyts vs. Connellsville & Ursina Coal and Coke Company. G. A. Dentzel vs. Island Park Association.

Demetrius Compton vs. Lee F. Hoff-Monumental Automobile Company vs. T. W. Gurley.

J. D. Mandevill, manager, vs. Josiah Specht. W. B. Sembower vs. Samuel C. Fech-

tig, Jr. John L. Dunn vs. Justus Volk.

CAN THIS BE POSSIBLE?

bans as practiced in the Catholic church is a thing that we take no stock in. Marriage is a civil contract and ought to be a strictly personal affair, safe-guarded, of course, by prudent legalrestrictions. The church, in our opinion, has no right to meddle in the properly personal affairs of its members, and the matter of getting married is, or at least ought to be, a personal affair for those of full age and sound mind, when safe-guarded by proper legislation of the various commonwealths.

If the laws were so amended as to take a sterner and firmer hold on matters ago deal less to do with marriages, we think it would be infinitely better all around.

The Classis Visitor's suggestion of a law that would require all persons in tending to get married to make their intentions publicly known to their friends and neighbors at least 50 days before the ceremony is to be performed, is such inane rot as to be unworthy of the least consideration of any law-making body.

Many a good match has been broken off by the lying tongues of neighbors.

We know of more than one instance where a very good man and an equally good woman were betrothed and afterwards decreased and one where a very good man and an equally good woman were betrothed and afterwards decreased and the color of the bank should be influenced by the booze element, which wants to act mark, the other people might turn the tables, and do their banking in another wards became estranged to one another wards

We know which side was in the ma-

You see the situation, and I hope you may have something to say of the injustice Mr. Baker's enemies are seek-

who know them. The whiskeyites who are condemning them for coming out on the side of right, are doing a great of logic or common sense can the native of logic or comm and roar; let the pernicious, pessing out, persimmon-pated pessimists pout fare? To all of these quotients of the persimple o plain that the booze business must go, and all the hordes of hell can't stem the on-rushing tide that has set in all over the country to wipe out the greatest curse of the age.

And all this shall come to pass because these sayings are true, even as they are recorded in The Somerser COUNTY STAR, the 15th volume and 48th put away its peanuts and sing that ood old hymn-

We rebels yet are much alive, And much we yet rebel

Against the bar-room and the dive, Those agencies of hell.

STRENUOUS "TEDDY."

skeery way, 'you'll hab to git down

MORAL SUASION.

Finally the Ox, peakered contantly with EPless and the Filtes got to looking sickly. He mournfulnes.

First TY TO THE SITUATION: The town is the Ox, got pulling in the right direction.

MORAL: Give the Ox a channe to pull. Everybody boller, "Git up!"

What Prevident Bills had to say do more town trigger to have treated and many is performed. The two artificial town to be about the billing of the words and many is performed. The two more trained by the content of the Moral suasion means coax me. "Coax me," says the blear-eyed toper, whose family is destitute. "Yes, coax him," says the saloon-keeper. "You have no

the respect and honor of all good men for the common defense and promote

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs. Elk Lick Pharmacy, E. H. Miller, proprietor.

on the side of right, are doing a great deal more against themselves and the liquor traffic than they could possibly do in any other way. They are only helping to dig their own graves, as it were, by their efforts at persecution. But let them go ahead; "let the galled form a more perfect union? Does it help establish justice or insure domestic tranquility? Does it help to process come home; let them rave, rant vide for the gomeon defence? Does cows come home; let them rave, rant vide for the common defence? Does it help to promote the general welfare? To all of these questions an devilment they can now devise will discontent; it is the hatchery of trea-come back to haunt them in their son, the breeder of law-breakers, the saloon is the creator of misery and dying moments. And, furthermore, destroyer of domestic tranquility. It the hand writing on the wall makes it does not help promote the general

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