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Prohibition in Maine.

President Lillian N. M. Stevens,
N. W. C. T. U., Writes About
It—Not a Failure.

To the Editor of The State:

The conditions of affairs in South Carolina relative to the liquor problem, together with the often heard remark, "Prohibition does not prohibit in Maine," led me to write the president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose home is in Portland, for facts concerning the success of the Maine law in suppressing the sale of liquor in that State. The article which follows is her reply.

Brewers' and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' President of the South Carolina W. C. T. U.

"I have seen articles in papers saying that prohibition in Maine is a failure. Men have come to our State who talk this way, and if this statement is untrue I want some word of refutation straight from the battleground." I quote these words from a letter received lately from a South Carolina friend. The question is similar to hundreds that come to me in the course of a few months. Undoubtedly there are papers in every State that make statements like the one referred to. The "Wine and Spirit News," the "Criterion," "Bonfort's Circular" and every other liquor paper that is published make such statements. "The Liberal," a comparatively new paper, which is the official organ of the Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association of Oregon, in common with all the other liquor papers, fills its advertising columns with liquor advertisements, and its reading columns it devotes largely to the condemnation of prohibition. Usually the value placed upon a statement depends upon the reliability of its source. There are, to be sure, papers that publish articles tending to show that prohibition does not prohibit; that it tends to increase drunkards, to make hypocrites of men, etc. We are told that in some instances the publication of these articles is paid for by the liquor fraternity. The liquor drinkers, the liquor sympathizers all despise prohibition, and declare it is a failure.

Maine prohibition has not failed to stop the manufacture of alcoholic liquor within the State. It has not failed to reduce the sale of liquor to such an extent that it is regarded by the liquor trade as the most pernicious law ever enacted.

It has not failed to receive a large majority (three to one) in its favor or wherever submitted to the voters of Maine.

It has not failed to receive the support and approbation of the best elements in Maine.

It has not failed to receive the condemnation and hatred of the criminal classes and their sympathizers.

It has not failed to receive the endorsement of the largest daily papers of the State.

It has not failed to receive the endorsement of the leading statesmen of Maine.

It did not fail to elect the present governor of the State by a majority of 26,800, a larger number than one-half of the entire votes cast for the candidates who stood on the license platform.

It does not fail to be enforced throughout the State at the present time, and this enforcement is likely to continue even in those localities where the sheriff attempts to be wiser and more powerful than the constitutional law, for the enforcement commission, appointed by the governor have power over the above unfaithful officials.

We admit that it has failed to exterminate the liquor traffic in Maine. No law exterminates the evil against which it is aimed. Well disposed but illogical people sometimes compare conditions in Maine as they now exist with what they would be if the liquor traffic were exterminated, instead of comparing the conditions with what they might be under any form of license. Such failures to fail as I have named are not likely to lead very speedily to the overthrow of the "Maine law." We are all the more confident that there will be no failure to hold and uphold prohibition because of the mingling of the gospel with the law. The attitude of the churches in Maine, especially as represented by their pastors and by their convention and conference declarations, is overwhelmingly on the side of prohibition.

Would there might come into every community everywhere that evangelizing power which would cast out that which is impure and unholy. Real consecration, which is true love to Christ, always opens the heart and fills it with a desire to help the poor, the weak, and the unfortunate. Such consecration must inevitably lead to an interest in all laws which tend to benefit mankind, and especially those laws which are plainly in harmony with divine law. The W. C. T. U. everywhere should work and pray for a revival, a regeneration and baptism, such as would not alone inspire our hearts and quicken our zeal, but lead to the cleansing of civic conditions as they exist today in many a so-called Christian community.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens,
President of the National Woman's
Christian Temperance Union,
Portland, Maine, July 1, 1905.

Closing Hotel Dispensaries.

In accordance with a determination of the board of dispensary directors, the dispensaries in the hotels Argyle, St. John's and Charleston, in Charleston, will soon be closed. These have "tourist" hotel privileges and it is presumed they are to be restricted to the tourist season. The order does not affect hotels on the Isle of Palms, which have summer privileges.—Columbia Record.

A GRIM TRAGEDY

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists. Trial bottle free.

News Of The State.

Specials to The State.

1,000 Gallons of Beer and all the
Outfit Captured.

Greenville, Aug. 2.—Deputy Collector E. A. Aiken, accompanied by Constables H. L. Bell and G. L. Cooley, returned from the upper section of the county yesterday afternoon, where a very large illicit distillery was discovered and destroyed near Highland postoffice.

The outfit was cleverly concealed in a ravine by a brush arbor, and had been in operation a short while before the discovery was made. The still was almost new and had a capacity of 120 gallons. More than 1,000 gallons of beer were destroyed, together with the fermenters and all the other paraphernalia used by the moonshiner.

Only Two Acquitted.

Laurens, Aug. 2.—The summer term of the court of general sessions was adjourned yesterday and today cases in equity are being heard.

An unusually heavy docket was disposed of and it is a fact of much comment that out of the 18 or 20 cases tried only two got off with an acquittal. Ten negroes were tried on the charge of murder. Two of these were convicted with a mere recommendation while the rest were given verdicts of manslaughter.

After Nineteen Years Cabe Surrendered.

Greenville, August 2.—Will Cabe, a middle aged white man, who killed another white man named Plumley in the upper section of this county in 1886, surrendered to Sheriff Gilreath yesterday and was lodged in the county jail.

Cabe was indicted for the murder of Plumley immediately after the crime was committed, but the grand jury found "no bill" in his case when presented before that body and up till a few weeks ago nothing more had been said about the connection of Cabe with the crime.

There seems to have arisen some talk in the neighborhood of Cabe's home recently about the tragedy and another warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Sheriff Gilreath for his arrest. Cabe has been in North Carolina for some time and he refused to be brought back to this county without requisition papers, which were secured by Sheriff Gilreath. Deputy Sheriff Ballenger on his return from Hendersonville yesterday stopped at Tryon to serve the warrant, but Cabe was not to be found. He quietly walked into the office of the sheriff this morning and surrendered.

Under the law the act of the grand jury in finding "no bill" in the former indictment against Cabe has nothing whatever to do with a subsequent indictment and arrest for the same crime. Trial by jury alone in the charge of murder determines a man's innocence.

If there were half as much determination in officialdom to investigate the dispensary as there is to defend it the investigation would amount to something.—Newberry Observer.

No One Allowed To Joke About Yellow Fever.

Charleston City Council Passes Ordinance Providing Severe Penalty for Offenders.

Special to The State.

Charleston, Aug. 2.—The yellow fever law is to be made to suffer in Charleston, as he is punished in other communities, the board of health having today memorialized city council to pass an ordinance meting out severe penalty to those who think that there is something funny in joking about the fever. There is no yellow fever or even the most slightly suspicious case, and the board of health does not propose to have the jokers joke about it. There is a class of people in every community ready and disposed to joke on matters of serious moment, but time is to be called on the fever jokers in Charleston, for it is not intended that they should be allowed to jest about a matter of such concern to the city. The board made provision for a more generous distribution of disinfectants and also decided that all cisterns, whether covered or not, shall be screened and dosed with oil, as will be all barrels, vaults and other receptacles containing water. The matter of the placing of inspectors at the junction points of Branchville, Lane and Yemassee to watch out for passengers from the fever districts, the board decided to take no action at present, leaving the matter in the hands of the special committee.

Mr. Tatum Not the Man Who Made Threats in Editor McEhan's Presence.

Mr. W. O. Tatum, commissioner of the State dispensary, requests the announcement to be made that he is not the party referred to in the following paragraph published editorially in the Carolina Citizen of Cheraw and reprinted in The State of yesterday:

"In Columbia two weeks ago we heard a dispensary inspector, or commissioner, or something, say, in the presence of several newspaper men, that he would kill the first damned editor that published anything about him that wasn't so. We wish, begosh, that we knew some of the things against him which are so, and which he is evidently so afraid to have published. We were introduced to him, but forgot his name, else we would publish it so that the poor editors might be on their guard."—The State.

Get After Grafters.

If you want to stop graft in South Carolina before it gets scandalous start at the Legislature, choke the growing lobby to death first thing then it will be easier to handle the county officials who might be looking out for what is in politics for them.—Florence Times.

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From Bad Whiskey to Standard Oil.

New York, Aug. 2.—Comparing the American and European types of aristocracy, Col. Henry Watterson, who returned today on the steamer Oceanic from a trip to Europe, said:

"I observed European aristocracy pretty closely while I was over there and I have arrived at the conclusion that foreign aristocracy is of a much better grade than the American article. There aristocracy means lineage and brains. Here—well, it ranges chiefly from bad whiskey to Standard Oil."

Mr. Watterson said that he had read the accounts of the scandal in the department of agriculture, and added:

"I have often wondered how so many scientific men connected with the government at comparatively small salaries could live so well. It only goes to show that the college man is not a success in politics."

Guilty Of Another's Ruin.

Mrs. Evered Poole, of England, has told a moving story of the tragic end of a promising young officer. She said:

A fine young officer, of magnificent physique, but unfortunately greatly given to drink, found himself in the front row of a Gospel temperance meeting, when he was brought face to face, as it were, with his terrible position as a drunkard, and manfully resolved to reform. He had the courage to take the blue ribbon. After that he had no place among his brother officers. They made him at their mess the subject of scoffs and jeers, considering that he had let down a crack regiment by adopting a badge which was at times seen on the breast of those who had once been low, demoralized outcasts of society.

"The young man stood out for three months most manfully against the derision of his so-called friends; but at last, like an animal at bay, he turned round on his tormentors, 'Will any one,' he exclaimed, for the sake of common humanity, stand by me? There was no response. Seeing she could scorn on the lips of his companions, he shouted with desperation, 'Here goes!' and, faking up a glass of brandy, he gulped it down. Another three months passed. Those men were then following their comrade to his grave. His untimely end was due to drink. He was buried with what they call military honors—the band solemnly playing, the coffin borne on a gun-carriage, and with the usual firing over the grave. But what were these? I tell you that that man was murdered; and that his both officers were guilty of his death.—Ex.

Advice should be well shaken before being taken.

Time may be money, but doing time in jail isn't a remunerative occupation.

Some men drink too much because they are afraid they may drink too little.

When it comes to having good opinions of themselves most people overdo the thing.

Rather than wear one or both of his eyes in mourning the wise man proceeds to forgive an enemy.

Weather and Crops

Washington, August 1.—Crop conditions are summarized as follows in the bulletin issued by the weather bureau:

Rains interfered with farm work in the east gulf coast district, while rain is needed in Georgia, portions of Florida and northern Mississippi. Except some damage to harvested oats in Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia, oat crop reports are highly favorable.

In Alabama the cotton crop has generally deteriorated; in Georgia it is fruiting rapidly where sufficient rains have occurred, but in other localities of the State rain is badly needed, and shedding, rust and black root are prevalent. Too rank growth and shedding are also reported from Tennessee, the Carolinas and Florida, where no improvement is indicated, except on clay lands in South Carolina, while on sandy lands in that State that crop has deteriorated.

Three Killed; 20 Injured.

Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 1.—Word reached here this evening that one white and two negro boys were killed outright and 20 other persons were more or less seriously injured in a heavy wind storm which struck Beaumont late this afternoon. The town is situated in a forest of pine timber, the wind uprooting several trees, which fell on houses, killing and injuring the occupants. Telegraph and telephone communication is prostrated.

BRONCHITIS FOR TWENTY YEARS.
Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years, and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar, which is a sure cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy. Also C. O. Floyd, Kershaw.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of J. A. Miller, Dec'd.

All persons having claims against the estate of John A. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to
L. C. Lazenby,
Administrator.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of B. F. Miller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of B. F. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to
L. C. Lazenby,
Administrator.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 1905, the undersigned as Administratrix of the estate of Jerro M. Knight deceased, will make her final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administratrix.

Laura J. Knight,
Administratrix.

Dated July 26th, 1905.

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