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The Edgefield Advertiser,

Temperance

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BAN ON MODERATE DRINKING

Employers of Prominent Railway System Prohibit Employees From Touching Alcoholic Liquor.

The use of alcohol is receiving some hard knocks these days. A prominent railway system, not contented with the general rule heretofore in force on railways forbidding employees to drink while on duty, now forbids employees to indulge at all in drinking out of employment hours, or in any other conduct which will impair their health or make them less alert and less capable while on duty. The owner of one of the nation's pets—a prominent baseball team—announced that moderation in drinking is not sufficient; the players on his team must leave alcohol entirely alone and abandon cigars. The justification for such rules may be found not only in the difficulty of being moderate in indulgence, but also in the cumulative and after-effects of dissipation. The world is moving; the old fetish of "personal liberty" at whatever cost of danger to the public at large seems to be losing its power. The time may come when every man to whom the life and safety of others are entrusted may be expected or even required to be as abstemious as the ball players and railway employees just mentioned.—Journal American Medical Association.

INTEMPERANCE AS A DISEASE

Dr. Maxmillian Grossman Declares the Question Is One to Be Handled by the Doctors.

In an address before the last International Congress of Hygiene in Washington, D. C., Dr. Maxmillian Grossman, director of the National Association for the Study and Education of Exceptional Children, declared that intemperance was a disease and a question to be handled by the doctors. The utterance has been widely quoted in the liquor press as bolstering up the arguments of the anti-prohibitionists. What all thinking, common sense people ask is that the manufacture and sale of that which directly causes this disease of intemperance be forbidden by law. "Our national health is physically our greatest asset," wrote Theodore Roosevelt, when president of the United States. "To prevent any possible deterioration of the American stock should be a national ambition. The preservation of national vigor should be a matter of patriotism."

The alcohol question is therefore a national issue.

WHAT HIS FAMILY RECEIVED

In Making Temperance Speech English Workingman Makes Startling Illustration With Bread.

In Manchester, England, a workingman was making a temperance speech. He held in his hands a knife and also a loaf of bread. Drawing the knife across the loaf and taking off a slice of moderate size, he said, "This is what you give to the city government." He made another and larger section, and added, "And this is what you give to the general government." He now made a tremendous slash with his knife that cut away a quantity of bread equal to three-quarters of the entire loaf. "This," he said, "you give to the brewer." The remnant after all this amputation was only a thin slice. The larger fraction of this he allotted to the public-house, and of the few crumbs left he said, "And this you keep to support yourself, and your family." The drunkard's children know this well.

What is Wanted.

What the temperance men want is not the regulation of the liquor traffic, but its destruction; not that its destruction; not its evils should be circumscribed (idle fancy), but that they should, to the full extent of the state's ability, be utterly eradicated. No shilly-shally legislature can endure, and it would be good for nothing if it could. Stave in the heads of the distilleries, confiscate the demijohns, bottles and glasses that have been polluted by the infernal traffic.—Horace Greeley.

What Temperance Brings.

More of good than we can tell; More to buy with, more to sell; More of comfort, less of care; More to eat and more to wear; Happier homes with faces brighter; All our burdens rendered lighter; Conscience clean and minds much stronger; Debts much shorter, purses longer; Hopes that drive away all sorrow; And something laid up for tomorrow.

Before and After.

There are now hundreds of children in Knoxville with clothes and shoes to wear and something to eat who went naked and hungry when saloons were here.—W. P. Chandler, Chief of Police of Knoxville, Tenn.

Great Barrier.

"I can desire nothing better for this great country than that a barrier, high as Heaven, should be raised between the unpolluted lips of the children and the intoxicating cup."—John B. Gough.

Home Town Helps

ALONG THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Magnificent Idea Would Be to Plant Fruit or Nut Trees on Each Side of the Road.

Away back in 1769 the Bavarian government issued a decree requiring all land owners to plant fruit trees along the public highways bordering their estates, and the work was systematically under way about the middle of the last century.

And now it is said that Bavaria has a wealth of fruit trees, amounting to something like \$170,000,000.

Such a requirement might impose something of a hardship upon small estates and farm lands in America, but one wishes that public sentiment might have influenced the establishment of so gracious a custom a hundred years ago, apportioning the burden wherever it belonged. Fancy the pleasure of a walk or a drive along public highways in the gala spring-time of the year, with trees just bursting into blossoming glory! Our grandfathers and our great-grandfathers failed to leave us the beautiful and valuable heritage, but it is never too late for a beginning. And without any consideration of the practical end of it, its feasibility or otherwise, why could not such a movement be started in America, just a movement, based upon pride rather than compulsion?

We have our dreams of the country beautiful and we expect that sometime we shall have reason to grow glad and proud of the wonderful stretches of land that can hold their own throughout the world. And in those dreams nut trees are just as riotously abundant as the more luscious, but not more tempting, fruit trees.

FOR THE LAWN OR PARKWAY

The Canna, as an Ornament, May Truly Be Considered as Absolutely Indispensable.

As an ornament in the lawn or parkway the canna has become indispensable. It is noted for its endurance of the hot sun. Its leathery foliage always looks fresh and green; the hotter the sun the more abundantly the cannas flower.

Cannas also do well in the shade, although they flower far less freely under such conditions. Cannas should be planted in very rich garden soil, which should be mixed if possible in equal proportions with well rotted manure.

When the plants are growing freely they should be watered freely. Set the plants 18 inches apart each way and if more than one kind is used be careful to plant the taller varieties in the center of the bed—if it be circular—with the dwarf varieties outside or in front. Varieties may be obtained which will reach the height desired. Canna beds as a rule should be planted to a single color. An excellent border for a canna bed is salvia.

There are hundreds of named varieties of cannas, with large flowers and with small, tall and dwarf growing. A large variety in color both of blossoms and foliage may be obtained.

Should plants which have been started in a greenhouse be set out, they should not be transplanted until all danger of frost is passed.

Artistic Park Building.

In small cities and towns we find but one park, as a rule, and this of very limited extent. Scientific planning and planting will make this area appear several times as great and possess at the same time the highest artistic value. Gracefully winding roads and paths, with changing views and vegetation at each new turn will make a very small park or garden seem of unusual interest and extent.

It must not be thought from the foregoing that the very best effects may be gained in this way or that the fundamental elements of a fair sized park are its roads, paths, and other accessories, for these are really its necessary evils. The essential element in an ideal park is its natural landscape beauty, the undulations of surface; canyons, hills, long level stretches, or water, etc. All these, in proper combinations and modifications work the ceaseless change and give a fresh charm to every part. After this comes the vegetation, and last of all those most distinctly man-made things, as: walks, drives, bridges, buildings, etc.

Don't Expect Too Much.

Though this is the land of big things, of marvelous growth and development, even in plant life, we must not expect to have a finished garden in a day. An attractive picture of a park or home grounds cannot be built in a day, week, month or year. Properly to plant—the proper stuff, in proper place and at proper distance apart—requires much knowledge, experience and study, with not a little ingenuity or genius; also an artistic taste. Now that we have all of it put down on paper, it must appear that this work should be done only by one experienced in the work. The work in too many gardens is absolutely meaningless; there is no good reason why the plants are placed where they are. Such places have no character.—Los Angeles Herald.

FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIPS.

Open to Competitive Examinations—Application Must Be Filed By June 20.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs offers the following scholarships: one at Winthrop College, value \$104.00 and free tuition; one at Confederate Home College, value \$100.00; one at Limestone College, value \$50.00; one at Coker College, value \$50.00; one at Training School for Kindergarten, given by The South Carolina Kindergarten Association, value \$100.00. These scholarships are for four years, with the exception of the one at the Training School for Kindergarten, which is for two years.

These scholarships are awarded by competitive examination, and are not open to any one who has attended college before, unless there is no other applicant. Applicants must be over fifteen years of age.

Applicants must have the endorsement of the President or some officer of a club belonging to the Federation. No application will be received after June 20.

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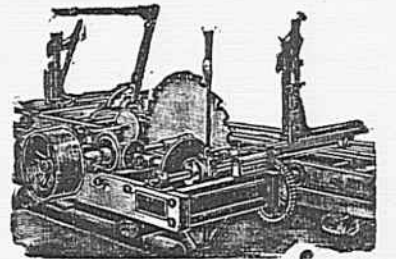
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