

## Noted Reformers Views on Present Day Tendencies

A leading Alliance business man, who takes a great deal of interest in the welfare of the retail merchant and his relation to the great mail order houses of the big cities, has handed us the following article, which is an extract from an address delivered by John B. Hammond, the noted reformer and purity worker. The connection of the big mail order houses, which are supported and kept up by business sent from the small towns and country, with the white slave traffic, is vividly portrayed. This article is well worth reading.

"After viewing the social evil and white slave conditions as we find them in our country today, our next thought must be as to the causes that are responsible for these conditions. In fact we must establish the cause before we can decide on a prevention or prescribe a remedy.

"A few years ago the retail merchant of the village and cross roads was the commercial schoolmaster of his neighborhood. It was here the boys and girls from the farm, the shops, the mines and the homes, with a natural inclination for a commercial life, received their first instructions in the rules of commerce.

"The village general merchant, hardware and implement dealer, clothier, boot and shoe dealer, etc., were constantly looking for apprentices and help to conduct their business from among the boys and girls of their patrons. The implement man selected a boy here who showed a natural aptitude for machinery, the grocer or general merchant selected another from an adjoining farm, the dry goods dealer selected a bright and clever girl and as likewise did the milliner and dressmaker. As fast as boys and girls could be spared from the farm,

the shop, the mine or the home, who desired to follow a commercial life, they found a place in which to receive practical lessons in the business they desired to follow.

"From these local stores they were finally promoted to positions of trust and importance in the larger cities, or became partners with the local merchant he worked for, or succeeded him. If the young man entered life in the large city, he did so with a valuable knowledge of the arts and trade and the principles of honesty and square dealing instilled into his very heart by his friend, the retail merchant. His character had been formed and developed under the very eyes of parents and boyhood acquaintances.

"This class of recruits for the great centers of population gradually developed into princes of finance, into merchant-kings, into the very bulwarks of the city and nation. This pure, clean blood; firmly established characters, from the country, has ever been the salvation of the city.

"These village stores not only furnished a ready market for the

### Whole Family Benefited By Wonderful Remedy

There are many little things to annoy us, under present conditions of life. The hurry, hard work, noise and strain all tell on us and tend to provoke nervousness and irritability. We are frequently so worn out we can neither eat, sleep nor work with any comfort. We are out of line with ourselves and others as well.

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produce of the farm, but they also furnished a market for the surplus boys and girls, with natural inclinations for other than lives of agriculture, mechanics, etc. I saw many boys, whom I can now recall, admitted into the stores of a small village of not over 300 inhabitants. I saw them behind the counters day after day; I saw them after they had learned their commercial lessons, with their characters established and their habits formed bidding their life-time goodbye, before taking their departure to a distant city to assume new and greater responsibilities for which we all knew they were capable. We were all anxious for each boy's success, and he realized that the greater his success the greater our pride would be in him. In the little store he vacated another promising boy in the neighborhood takes his place. He ever has in mind the success of the boy before him, which is an incentive for him to do his best.

"Today this condition is rapidly changing, but we seem to be almost unconscious of the change. The little village and country store is fast disappearing, or sinking into a nonentity. In many sections the buildings that once were the centers of trade and activity are closed and fast decaying. Annually thousands are either driven into bankruptcy or less desirable occupations. Many of those remaining are so limited in their trade capacity as to not require either hired help or apprentices. No longer is there any envy or jealousy because some boy has procured a position with a local merchant desired by many, as was the case a few years ago. No longer is the local merchant watching for the most promising boy to take into his store, next. No longer is the village or country store the center of social activity. No longer are the streets the schools in which were founded great business characters. Why this change?

"Let us look for the cause. We go to the great centers of population and we find colossal fortunes being accumulated through mammoth retail concerns. We see the orders for the farmers', mechanics' and miners' needs piled high on these mail order desks. We see the business that at one time made the local merchant prosperous now making the great, soulless corporations more prosperous. That the consumer may save a few cents on some manufactured or imported article he has sacrificed dollars, by trading through the mail in the great city. He has not only destroyed his local market for his products, but also destroyed the opportunities for his boys and girls.

"Boys are born with natural inclinations for commerce, transportation, mechanics, agriculture and the higher professions and their highest success lays in the path of their natural inclination. True, schools have been established for the purpose of instructing youth for these various callings. These instructions are all based on theory and but very little of the practical contained in them. All the books in the world on mechanics, committed to memory, would not make a carpenter nor an engineer. He must do the actual work under a master. The same thing can be said of agriculture or any profession, and this principle is doubly true in the great science of commerce. When the farmer, the mechanic, the professional man, by his act of patronizing a great retail corporation of a foreign land instead of his home merchant, thus cripples or destroys the latter, he is robbing the boy or girl of his neighborhood, who wishes to follow a commercial pursuit, of the privilege of acquiring the knowledge and practice which these local institutions alone can afford. What is the result of this change? The boy desiring to follow a commercial pursuit, takes a commercial course in some local school or correspondence school, and without any actual experience in handling goods, of meeting people in a business way, and without a character established, he is once deprived of the influence and restraint of home and friends and finds himself in a great city surrounded by strangers and the city's alluring temptations. The stranger's face has no restraining influence, and his character is not sufficiently developed to assist him in resisting temptation and he falls, and becomes a victim to vicious habits. Instead of the success that a strong, well developed manhood would have insured we have a failure and a menace to our institutions. If he does not fall into evil ways, at the best, he becomes but a cog in a great machine, and is lost to the world. Again we find his sister, being prepared by the same incompetent system of schooling, and provided with a diploma showing her qualifications as a stenographer, bookkeeper, short-story writer or some other profession. Without that practical experience, which should have been afforded her through some prosperous local merchant, she enters the city and takes her place with a great horde of other girls, similarly inefficiently equipped, and struggling for existence. She becomes a victim for white slaves and an early and dishonored grave.

"There are but two alternatives for this dilemma. You must support and maintain your local mer-

## FLOOD IN DRY COUNTRY

Correspondent Writes of Cloud Burst in Mountains of Idaho, Flooding Valley

### MR. LIBBY'S SECOND LETTER

Weiser, Idaho, July 26, 1913.—E-c-se had quite a flood. Water swept down a gulch and spread over twenty-five blocks of the residence section. Cellars were flooded, lawns ruined and sidewalks covered with from two to six inches of mud, caused by a cloudburst in the mountains at the head of what is called Hulte Gulch, which sent a volume of muddy water six feet in height and a block wide into the city at the north end and spread over twenty-five blocks, doing thousands of dollars worth of damage to the residence property in that part of the city. This happened Thursday the 24th. At the same time between Boise and Weiser, in what they call the Willow Creek country, the damage is said to be over \$150,000. The water came down the canyon twelve feet high, one man lost 30 acres of grain, another lost 40 acres of barley and 15 tons of hay in the stack, and his barn and wagons and farm implements. Another lost 7 hogs, 2 wagons, a new buggy, 30 tons of hay and all of his crops. Another lost 50 hogs and all farm machinery and wagons and 70 acres of alfalfa and still others all along the valley suffered more or less. At Weiser we just had a nice rain during the forenoon.

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chant, and through him provide an opportunity for your boys and girls who desire to follow a life of commerce to get this preliminary training and build their character at home, or you may patronize the large, soulless corporations, with all their deceptive and fraudulent advertising, of the great city, and send your boys and girls desiring commerce as a profession, to them, unprepared and unable to meet the desperate questions they must solve. This is the one great cause of our modern commercialized vice, and the basis of white slavery. Every time you write an order to a foreign mail order house instead of patronizing your local merchant you are paving the way for the ruin of some boy, for the destruction of some girl. This, I class as the first great cause of modern commercialized vice and white slavery.

"All investigations into the cause for commercialized vice lays a large proportion of the blame at the door of low wages; wages insufficient to sustain life. The great department mail order houses are largely responsible for this condition. As a result we see the boys of the country districts robbed of their manhood, the girls of their virtue, and the city of its greatest resource, the pure blood and moral courage of the country.

"The patronage of these mail order institutions is nothing more nor less than licensing them to coin the blood of your boys and girls into dollars, and the few pennies you may save in the original purchase is your share of this blood money. Will you continue the partnership?"

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Reported by J. D. Emerick, Bonded Abstractor, Alliance, Nebr.

Albert C. Reynolds to Jennie Reynolds: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ of 21-28-52	1	
Susan J. Holdridge to James Keeler: Lot 8, block 4, Sec. Co. addition, Alliance	1325	
Elizabeth A. Scribner to James Butler: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 10-25-51	200	
Edwin G. Kirk to M. C. Hubbell: Lots 6 and 7, block 9, original town, Alliance	1	
George S. Miller to William Haper, Lot 1, block 3, South Alliance	359	
Sophia Weimer to Peter Weimer: Lots 5 and 6, block 1, Johnston's addition, Alliance	1	
Lyman B. Cornell to A. Diebolt, Jr., NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-26-49	3500	
Dierks' Lumber Company to Oscar O'Bannon, tract 2, of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 35-25-48	275	
Thomas S. Leith to Albert Underwood: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 26-24-51	4500	
Guy O. Sprowls to William Fosket: Lots 17 and 18, block 35, original town, Hemingford	1400	
Clare O. Marks to William King: Lot 3, block 1, sec. co. addition, Alliance	600	
Hattie Wheeler Johnson to Mary A. Ward: Lot 18, blk. 17, orig. town, Hemingford	1000	
C. A. Burlew, Exe. to William Wilken: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-27-49	4800	
Lincoln Land Company to H. T. Carey: Lot 8, block "E", Sheridan addition to Alliance	225	
Katie A. Mackey Peabody to Fannie Shanklin: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 24-24-49	1600	
Wm. Roy Shanklin to Fannie Shanklin: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 34, all in 24-49	1200	
United States to Jesper Jespersen: Section 32-26-50	Patent	
United States to Samuel J. Dutton: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 27-24-50, patent	United States to Henry Brus, Lots 1, 2, 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 6-25-51	Patent
United States to Benjamin F. Elsea: 7-25-51	Patent	
United States to Stephen Dolan, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 27, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-25-51	Patent	

### New State Veterinarian

Governor Morehead has appointed Dr. Lawrence A. Kigin of Lincoln as state veterinarian to succeed Dr. A. Bostrom of Minden who occupied the position under appointment of Governor Aldrich. Dr. Kigin is a graduate of the Indiana Veterinary college and has been practicing four years, the last year in Lincoln. He is spoken of as a veterinarian of

ability. Dr. Bostrom, the retiring veterinarian, says he is "above the average" and commends the appointment.

### WILL FEED CATTLE IN TEXAS

John Murphy writes from San Juan, Texas, requesting that his address for The Herald be changed

to that place from Lakeside, Nebr. He says: "Just got back from a trip over to Mexico where I bought a bunch of cattle which I am going to put on feed down here. This country has got the world beat for raising crops. We have corn that is going one hundred bushels to the acre and alfalfa eight to ten tons, besides we will get a winter crop."

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