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THE trial of the murderers of Cavendish and Burke occupied but a short time in the Dublin courts, and when compared with Giteau, and Star Route trials, conducted under the auspices of the department of justice as administered by Brewster, attorney general, is enough to make sensitive Americans blush for our credit and fair name.

ILLINOIS politicians are giving Senator John A. Logan quite a boom just now; the sentiment seems to prevail among all classes and parties irrespective of political affiliation that Senator Logan would make a president who would do honor to the republic. There is one thing quite sure, and that is, that in the great west there is a grand army of the boys who used to wear the blue who would rally to the banner of any party that makes John A. Logan its standard bearer for 1884.

Senator Logan has always been the consistent friend and champion of the soldier element in the halls of the American congress.

THERE is one thing that Governor Butler and the republican legislature of Massachusetts can agree upon, and that is the acknowledgment of woman's fitness for public position in the service of the state or nation. On the 11th of April, Gov. Butler made three very important nominations to the executive council—two prominent men and one woman. Miss Clara Barton, the famous lady of the Red Cross, was appointed superintendent of the woman's prison at Sherborn. Miss Barton's name was taken up, and she was confirmed at once. The other names names were laid over. The world moves, and this is an evidence of it.

WHAT of it if the governor of Kansas did use the proclamation of the governor of Nebraska? It has been a custom from time immemorial for the governor of one state to, in some way, recognize the governor of the other state. Now then Kansas being a prohibition state and the old time immemorial practice of exchanging civilities between Governor Glick and Daves being out of the question, the HERALD thinks the Kansas executive perfectly justifiable in indulging in something exulting and of a pleasant character to the honor of Nebraska's chief executive, and if no one else is going to acknowledge the courtesy the HERALD will do so by saying to the democratic executive of our sister republican state, "Here's a double health to thee," Glick.

THE HERALD noticed a few days since the fact that the great Burlington interest had secured its through line to Salt Lake City via the Denver & Rio Grande's new line, to Ogden and Salt Lake City. This is a fact, and no sooner than heralded to the world, by the Burlington interest, does the "Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe" issue its cut on rates from the Missouri river to Salt Lake City and intermediate points on the Denver and Rio Grande in Utah. This will slash and cut rates, and raise the "old Harry" generally, until a pool is had on Utah business. Such are the mysterious—past finding out—ways of the thoroughbred railway of today. First a slugging match with hard gloves, and then the hippodrome business. You pay "your money and you take your choice."

SOME one argues that while Nihilism or resort to dynamite and nitroglycerine in England is not to be tolerated for a moment, that the same methods are excusable in Russia because there must be a tearing down there before there can be any progress. This is the worst sort of sophistry. Hideous crime in Russia is just as heinous and just as detestable as in England, and it is an open question whether Russia has not treated her peasantry better than England has the tenantry and peasantry in Ireland, or to put it another way, the Irish peasant has as good cause for stooping to destructive methods as the Russian farmer. And there is no more discontent among the poorer classes in Ireland than there is among the poorer classes in Russia. The Nihilist and anarchist, whether they plot in Russia, France, Germany, or England, or whether they sneak about among the worst classes in this country, are the enemies of society, and sympathy for them cannot be manufactured to order. The threats about what the Nihilists will do at Moscow come from what Count Bessents called little Commercial Grewell's sorts of Nihilists—peddling cheap threats as a means of acquiring notoriety. Does any one suppose that if these fellows meant to do what they threaten that they would boast of it? The Nihilists who did real work never boasted, and so far as these men who snarl and bark at the rear from the safe distance of thousands of miles are concerned the coronation ceremonies will never be interrupted.—[Inter-Ocean.]

## Temperance Department

Under the auspices of the Plattsmouth W. C. T. U.

—CONDUCTED BY MRS. J. N. WISE—  
To whom all communications for this department should be addressed.

**Jimmy's Lecture.**  
BY LOUISA M. ALCOTT.

"Jimmy, throw that jug into the pig-pen. Smash it first, and be sure you don't taste a drop of the vile stuff," said an anxious looking woman as she handed her little son the brown jug which she had found hidden in the shed.

"Father won't like it," began the boy, eyeing the ugly thing with a look of fear and hate; for it made mother miserable, and father a brute. "I said I'd make way with it the next time I found it, and I will! It's full, and I don't feel as if I could live through another dreadful time like the last. If we put it out of sight, maybe father will keep sober for another month. Go quick, before he comes home!" And the poor woman pushed the boy to the door as if she could not wait a minute till the curse of her life was destroyed.

Glad to comfort her, and have the fun of smashing anything, Jimmy ran off, and giving the jug a good bang on the post, let the whisky run where it would as he flung the pieces into the pig-pen and went back to his work.

He was only eleven, but he struggled manfully with the old saw, and the tough apple tree boughs he had collected for fuel. It was father's work, but he neglected it, and Jimmy wouldn't see his mother suffer from cold, so he trimmed the trees, and did his best to keep the fire going. He stopped often to rest, and in these pauses he talked to himself, having no other company.

Not long after the destruction of the jug, he heard a great commotion in the pen, and, looking in, saw the two pigs capering about in a curious way. They ran up and down, skipped, squealed, and bumped against one another as if they didn't see straight, and had no control of their legs.

Jimmy was much amused for a few minutes, but when one staggered to the trough and began to lap something there, and the other tumbled down and could not get up, he understood the cause of their antics.

"Oh, dear! I let the whisky run into the trough, and those bad pigs are tipsy! What shall I do?"

He watched them an instant, and added in a sober way, as he shook his head sadly, "That's just the way father does, lively first, then cross, then stupid. They don't look funny now, and I'm sorry for 'em. They will be dreadfully ashamed when they sober up. I'm glad there isn't any wife and little son to be scared and mortified and sorry ever 'em. I'll talk to 'em and tell 'em what the man said in the temperance lecture we went to last night. Maybe it will do 'em good."

So Jimmy mounted the chopping block and repeated all he could remember, making a funny jumble, but being very much in earnest, and quite unconscious that he had another hearer beside the pigs:—

"My friends, rum is an awful thing. People who drink are slaves. They are worse than dumb beasts who don't drink. (Yes they do; but that was my fault.) Half the sin and sorrow in the world comes from rum. Men waste their money, neglect their families, break their wives' hearts, and set bad example to their children. People better die than drink, and make brutes of themselves. Lots of money is wasted. Folks kill other folks when drunk, and lie, and do every bad thing. Now, my friends (I mean you pigs), turn from your evil ways, and drink no more. (I'll smash the jug behind the barn next time, where even the hens can't find it.) Rise in your manhood and free yourselves from this awful slavery. (They are both fast asleep, but I'll help 'em up when they wake.) Lead better lives, and don't let those who love you suffer shame and fear and grief for your weakness. (I do love you old fellows, and I am sorry to see you make such pigs of yourselves.) Here is the pledge; come and sign it. Keep it all your lives, and be good men. (I mean pigs.)"

Here Jimmy smiled, but he meant what he said, and pulling out of his pocket a piece of paper and a pencil, he jumped down to use the block as a desk, saying, as he wrote in big letters, "They shall have a pledge, and they can make a mark as people do who can't write. I'll make it short, so they can understand it, and I know they will keep it, for I shall help them."

So busy was the boy with his work that he never saw a man steal up from behind the pen where he had been listening, and laughing at Jimmy's lecture, till something seemed to change the smiles to tears, for, as he peeped over the lad's shoulder, he saw how worn the little jacket was, how bruised and blistered the poor hands were with too hard work, and how he stood on one foot, because his toes were out of the old shoes.

A month's wages were in the man's pocket, and he meant to spend them in more whiskey when his jug was empty. Now the money seemed all too little to make his son tidy, and he couldn't bear to think how much he had wasted on low pleasures that made a worse brute of him than the pigs.

"There!" said Jimmy, "I guess that will do. We, Tom and Jerry, do solemn-

ly promise never to touch, taste or handle anything that can make us drunk." Now for the names. Which shall mark first?"

"I will!" said the man, starting Jimmy so much that he nearly tumbled into the pen as he was climbing up. The paper fluttered down inside, and both forgot it as the boy looked up at the man saying, half ashamed, half glad—

"Why, father, did you hear me? I was only sort of playing."

"I am in earnest, for your lecture was a very good one; and I'm not going to be a beast any longer. Here's money for new shoes and jacket. Give me the saw. I'll do my own work now, and you go tell mother what I say."

Jimmy was about to race away, when the sight of Tom and Jerry eating up the paper made him clap his hands, exclaiming joyfully—

"They've taken the pledge really and truly. I'm so glad!"

It was impossible to help laughing; but the man was very sober again as he said slowly, with his hand on Jimmy's shoulder,—

"You shall write another for me. I'll sign it and keep it to, if you will help me, my good little son."

"I will, father, I will!" cried Jimmy with all his heart, and then ran in to carry the good news to his mother.

That was his first lecture but not his last; for he delivered many more when he was a man, because the work begun that day prospered well, and those pledges were truly kept.

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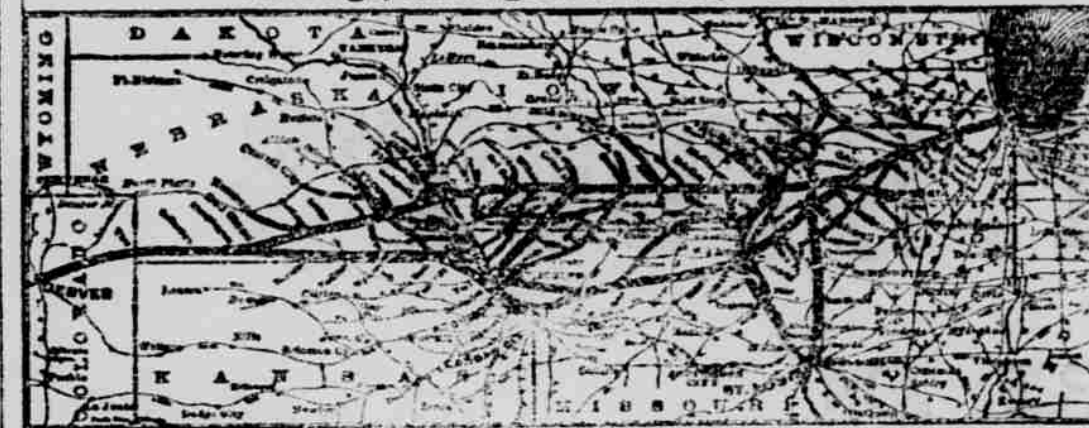
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