

TEMPERANCE COLUMN

Conducted by the McCook W. C. T. U.

PROGRESS OF FOUR YEARS.

At the prohibition national convention Charles R. Jones, chairman of the prohibition national committee, presented a report showing the progress of the prohibition idea in the four years from 1904 to 1908.

During the four years the amount of prohibition territory has been doubled, and 20,000,000 people added to those living in prohibition cities, counties and states, making an aggregate of over 40,000,000 now in saloon free districts.

A farewell reception was held at the home of Mrs. Viola Austin on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Bertha Berry, who, with her children, left for her new home at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Wednesday evening.

We are rejoicing over the victory of county option at the recent primary election.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

During the months of June, July, and August, the library has had visitors to the number of 1874.

Books loaned during the same period, 2439, distributed among the classes as follows: Philosophy, 5; Religion, 16; Sociology, 7; Philology, 1; Natural Science, 3; Useful Arts, 9; Fine Arts, 1; Literature, 70; History, Biography, and Travel, 41; Fiction, 1186; Juvenile, 1100; total 2439.

A "good book" is often so adjudged because of its worn, fringed, bedraggled appearance, telling eloquently of its use, but by no means a safe criterion for estimating its usefulness.

Compare the appearance of most of the five dollar bills which come into your possession, with that of the twenty dollar bill which occasionally finds its way into your purse. You would never place a higher value upon the much worn, much soiled, much circulated five dollar bill because it bears the marks of greater use.

It is true of the feast of books as of the feast of the table, we get from them in the measure of the appetite we take to them; and each reader must make his own discoveries, and train his mind to a right estimate of what is "good" to him.

What Ten Ears Will Win.

Advance sheets of the premium list of the National Corn Exposition, which is to be held in Omaha during December, show that a 10-ear sample of corn will win \$1,000 in gold on the ground of champion sweepstakes award and in addition the sample will also win the Grand Premier Commonwealth Trophy, valued at \$1,000.

THE TRIBUNE—all home print.

Initial Clerk-Carrier Examination.

Information from the postoffice department announces the initial clerk-carrier examination for McCook to be held on September 26th, 1908, for which a suitable room in the new high school building has been secured.

Clerks and carriers in second class offices are divided into four grades: First grade, salary \$600; second grade, salary \$500; third grade, salary \$400; fourth grade, salary \$300.

Promotions are made successively to the higher grades after a year's service, provided satisfactory service has been given.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below, and weighted as indicated:

- 1. Spelling (twenty words of average difficulty in common use).....10
2. Arithmetic (simple tests in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, common and decimal fractions, and United States money).....20
3. Letter writing (a letter of not less than 125 words on some subject of general interest. Competitors will be permitted to select one of two subjects given).....20
4. Penmanship (the handwriting of the competitor in the subject of copying from plain copy will be considered with special reference to the elements of legibility, rapidity, neatness, general appearance etc.).....20
5. Copying from plain copy (a test in copying accurately a few printed lines in the competitor's handwriting).....10
6. United States geography (relative to the boundaries of states, and to capitals, largest cities, rivers and other bodies of water, and the location by states of prominent cities etc.).....10
7. Reading addresses (test in noting with pen or pencil on a printed sheet of addresses differences between the printed addresses and the written of which they are copy).....10

Age limit, 18 to 45. The age limit is waived, however, in the cases of persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty.

Male applicants must be at least 5 feet and 4 inches high in bare feet, and 125 pounds in weight without overcoat and hat.

Applicants must be physically sound and in good health. Hunchbacks; persons having defective hearing, sight or speech; persons blind in one eye; one-armed, one-handed, or one-legged persons, or those having crippled arms or legs or those suffering from asthma or hernia. Applicants having above-mentioned physical defects will be rejected, unless such persons are honorably discharged United States soldiers or sailors.

For application blanks, instructions and further information applications should be made to Edward J. Brady at the McCook postoffice or to J. M. Shoemaker, secretary of 8th civil service district, St. Paul, Minn.

No application will be accepted unless properly executed and filed with Mr. Shoemaker prior to the hour of closing business on September 22, 1908.

Real Estate Filings.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last report.

Table listing real estate transactions including names like Samuel J. Fitzgibbons et ux, Paula Dobson, Edward P. Daharsh et ux, William Uerling, etc., with amounts and dates.

DIDN'T NEED IT.

Why a Scotch Farmer Refused a Portion of Dessert.

Could the funny sayings and incidents at the tenants' dinners in Scotland be collected they would make an unrivaled book of humor. Mistakes of amusing and sometimes embarrassing nature occur frequently at such functions.

At another Scottish affair of the kind a good old farmer was seated next to the hostess. She served him a bit of savory omelet, which seemed to cause the old man deep disappointment.

The late Duke of Buccleuch told a story of a tenant at one of the farmers' dinners on his estates who was asked by the duchess if he would take some rhabarb, a dish she was fond of.

FINDINGS NOT KEEPINGS.

Lost Articles Are Always Crying Out For Their Owners.

When one is on the public thoroughfare or in the street car or train or boat and picks up an object that is valuable, is it his?

True, he may find something which is too small and trifling to warrant searching to find the owner, such as a handkerchief, a pair of gloves, etc.

The street railways and trains are so systematized today that if, when one finds an object of value, he returns it to the company's representative it is almost sure to catch up with its owner.

When, however, one is on the street and finds something which, if he lost it himself, he would very much like to have returned, there are the columns of a newspaper in which to advertise.

If he fails to find the owner after this, then he can rightfully call it his own and have a clear conscience, but if he avoids looking over the lost and found columns and fails to do his part toward finding the owner he is almost as dishonest as if he took the goods.

Serious For Once.

An army captain on returning home from India brought with him a goodly stock of souvenirs. Among them was a pair of laughing jackasses, which he entrusted to one of the sailors, Tom Finch.

Alas! The unaccustomed shipboard life did not agree with the creatures, and in spite of all Tom's care they pined and finally died.

When he discovered the catastrophe, Tom was in despair.

"I don't tell the captain!" "Don't shirk it, mate," said his pal.

"Break it to him gently. You'll find it'll be all right."

The advice seemed sound, and Tom sought the gallant captain.

"Scuse me, sir," he said, "you know them things below—what you call larin' jackasses? Well, sir, they ain't got nuffin to lart at this morning!"

London Scraps.

His Choice of Weapons. M. Victor Noir, an illiterate bully of the time of the second empire, for no real reason whatever sent a French statesman a challenge to fight a duel.

Noir was a densely ignorant man, and nearly every word in the challenge was misspelled. The statesman responded with the following letter:

"Dear Sir—You have called me out without any good reasons. I have therefore the choice of weapons. I choose the spelling book, and you are a dead man." The duel was never fought.

Counting It Up. There is a son of Erin in Newton, Mass., who is quite a character.

He has a number of children and was asked one day how long he had been married. "Well," he said, "there's Eugene is forty and Nora thirty-five, that makes seventy-five, and Lizzie is thirty-two, and how many do that make?"

The Wise One. Thin Border—I don't see how you manage to live so well at this boarding house. I have industriously earned the landlady and all her daughters, but I'm half starved.

Arrangements Complete. "Arrangements for the wedding are all complete." "Everything attended to?" "Yes; we have even made a dent with a photographer to have his camera smashed."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Cards Are Out. "Ysobel, do you think you could learn to love me?" "Learn to love you? Oh, Reginald, I could give lessons in loving you."—St. Louis Republic.

Fortune brings in some boats that are not steered.—Shakespeare.

MRS. PHILIP N. MOORE.

The New President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore, the new president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was chosen to that office as successor to Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker at the recent ninth biennial session of the federation in Boston.

Mrs. Moore defeated Mrs. May Allen Ward of Boston, the candidate named by the nominating committee, receiving 516 of the 906 votes cast.



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Queer Virginia Oysters. But, sure enough, did you know there were some oysters, and Virginia oysters at that, which cannot live always under sheets of water?

The Roast. "To judge woman by her looks is to court error," said a well known woman. "I know a man who while carving at a dinner wished to say something that would please the pale, deep eyed, spirituelle girl at his side."

A Difficult Case. A physician received late one evening a note from three of his fellow practitioners:

Brides and Wet Weather. A Breton bride rather likes to have a wet wedding. It is held to signify that all her tears are now shed and that she will therefore have a happy married life.

The Omniscient Rose. Every continent on the globe, with the exception of Australia, produces wild roses. There can be little doubt that the rose is one of the oldest flowers in the world, perhaps grown from the wind blown seeds in paradise.

Truthful Cholly. "Cholly, have you ever loved before?" "My dear girl, I will be honest with you. I have been engaged so many times that my ex-fiancées have perfected an organization and adopted a yell."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Must Have Been a Prize. "But how could you tell, darling, that I had never proposed to any other girl?" "Because you were not married," she murmured rapturously and admiringly.—Judge.

WHAT IS A DAY?

You Probably Think It is Twenty-four Hours, but It Isn't.

Nine persons out of ten—yes, 999 out of every 1,000—if asked how long it takes the earth to turn once on its axis would answer twenty-four hours, and to the question, How many times does it turn on its axis in the course of the year? the answer would be 365 1/4 times. Both answers are wrong.

It requires but twenty-three hours and fifty-six minutes for the earth to make one complete turn, and it makes 366 1/4 turns during the year. The error springs from a wrong idea of what is meant by a day.

The day is not, as is commonly supposed, the time required by the earth to make one turn on its axis, but the interval between two successive passages of the sun across the meridian—that is to say, the time which elapses after the sun is seen exactly south in its diurnal course through the heavens before it is again seen in that position.

Now, in consequence of the earth's revolution in its orbit or path round the sun, the sun has the appearance of moving very slowly in the heavens in a direction from east to west. At noon tomorrow the sun will be a short distance to the east of the point in the heavens at which it is seen at noon today, so that when the earth has made one complete turn it will still have to turn four minutes longer before the sun can again be seen exactly south.

THE ANCIENT SPARTANS.

They Flogged Men Who Grew Too Fat For Military Service.

Among the ancient Spartans everything was considered secondary to military efficiency, and with a view to securing this the boys and men were by law kept in a continual state of "training."

Those who dared to grow too fat or too soft for military service and exercise were sometimes soundly flogged. Aelian in his history relates that Naucles, son of Polytus, was brought before the ephors (magistrates) and the whole assembly of Sparta, and "his unlawful fatness" was publicly exposed, and he was threatened with perpetual banishment if he did not bring his body within the regular Spartan compass and give up the culpable mode of living, which was declared to be more worthy of an Ionian than a Spartan.

Clock and Watch Freaks. "A watch isn't exactly dirty when it requires cleaning," says a watchmaker. "It may need cleaning when it hasn't even been worn."

"A common cause of this is that the oil in the works has dried up and become sticky, causing the watch to go slow or even to stop. In this case it not only wants cleaning, but also the addition of fresh oil.

"The best oil for this purpose is obtained from the jawbone of a porpoise or kindred fish. Many watchmakers mix their own oil from various kinds.

"Clocks also stop for no apparent reason. During a thunderstorm, for instance, a clock may stop, only resuming work when minutes, days or even weeks have passed.

"Thunderstorms, again, have been responsible for the restarting of old clocks which have apparently retired altogether from active service."—London Answers.

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