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HOWARD'S "PLAIN TALK."

Under the head of "Time for Plain Talk," Editor Edgar Howard last week threw a bomb shell into the ranks of the local leaders of the Dahlgren faction of the democratic party of Platte county and the Personal Rights League by boldly announcing that the democracy of the state will not stand for the Dahlgren program.

The Telegram further says: "The democratic candidate for governor must be opposed to prohibition, but he must be in favor of existing law."

This "plain talk" from the pen of Mr. Howard, who edits the leading democratic weekly paper of the state and is a man of influence in his party, will have a tendency to strengthen Shallenberger's faction in this county and at the same time widening the gap that divided the two factions.

Section 1 provides that the county board of each county may grant license for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors if deemed expedient, upon the application by petition of thirty of the resident free holders of the town if the county is under township organization.

Section 15 to 23 inclusive define the liability of saloon-keepers for damages sustained by any one in consequence of the traffic and provide the steps necessary to collect such claims.

Section 24 relates to the issuance of druggists' permits.

cratic party on the question of personal rights. The only party that ever took a decided stand on the question of personal rights is the republican party.

The first personal liberty law ever passed was opposed by the democratic party and bitterly denounced by the states that now condemn the personal liberty idea—the old slave states that have enacted prohibition laws.

On June 7, 1888, when the democratic party met in a national convention in St. Louis, an effort was made to secure the adoption of a personal liberty plank in the platform, but the champions of personal liberty were turned down.

The Nebraska delegation to the national convention of 1888 voted for the adoption of the above plank. That plank has never been repudiated and upon that plank every member of the Personal Rights League can find standing room regardless of his present political affiliations.

There is yet a job open for Walter Wellman. The man "who struck Billy Patterson" remains to be discovered.

SLOCUMB LIQUOR LAW.

Below is a brief of the Slocumb liquor law that prohibitionists desire to trade for a state wide prohibition law:

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Section 2 provides for the filling of the application and for publication of the application for at least two weeks before the granting of the license.

Section 13 makes it an offense, punishable by a fine of \$25, for any licensed liquor dealer to sell intoxicating liquors to minors or Indians.

is contained in section 25, the salient part of which reads: "The corporate authorities of all cities and villages shall have power to license, regulate and prohibit the selling or giving away of any intoxicating malt, spirituous and vinous liquors, within the limits of such city or village."

This section also fixes the amount of the license fee, which shall not be less than \$500 in villages and cities having less than 10,000 inhabitants nor less \$1,000 in cities having a population of more than 10,000.

Sections 26 and 27 relate to druggists' registers and penalties for violation of the rules governing the same.

Section 28 makes drunkenness an offense punishable by a fine of \$10 and costs or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

BIRTHPLACE OF DR. COOK.

Callicoon, the birthplace of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, is a picturesque village of 1,200 inhabitants, 48 miles above Port Jarvis.

During the early '50s several hundred German immigrants arriving in New York were advised to go to the beautiful country, where land was cheap and they could make a comfortable living by farming.

Hortonsville, where Dr. Cook went to school, is two and a half miles from Callicoon, along a beautifully wooded road running along side North Branch Creek.

Dr. Cook's father was a German, his original name having been Koch. To anyone acquainted with the country, the fact that young Cook went on exploring expeditions is not surprising.

A PREACHER JOINS THE BARTENDERS.

A total abstainer all of his life, and for many years during his service as a minister, an advocate of strict prohibition laws, the Rev. Wallace M. Short, pastor of the Beacon Hill Congregational church, became a member of the Bartenders' Union No. 420 at a meeting of the organization yesterday afternoon.

While Doctor Short was in the East during the past summer studying the liquor conditions in New York, Massachusetts, Maine and several other states, this local union granted the request he had made several weeks previously and voted favorably on his name for membership.

"I have been censured rather severely for my opposition to the prohibition laws," Doctor Short said. "I have received communications, most of which are anonymous. I think I should be permitted to continue my study of the liquor question in my own way."

The reports of the New York "Committee of Fifty" furnish the basis of arguments presented by Doctor Short in support of his contention that it is contrary to the principles of American liberty to enact prohibition laws and attempt to enforce them.

members of the New York "Committee of Fifty" which he uses are "Substitution for the Saloon," "Physiological Aspect of the Liquor Problem" and "Economic Aspects of the Liquor Problem."

"Men have no sound arguments for the prohibitory laws," Doctor Short said. "There are instances where such laws do good, but in the end they prove detrimental to law enforcement."

"One-half of the people of Kansas City have no clubs to go to when they want to meet a friend; the saloon is the only place open to them. The saloon corresponds to the clubs of the rich and the bartenders are the poor man's butlers."

OPIUM ATTRACTED THE BEES. Suburban Dweller Learns with Sorrow That Busy Insects Can Acquire Bad Habits.

"Numerous honey bees have been for some days puzzling me by their extraordinary conduct in my flower garden," said a suburban dweller, "and now a friend of mine who is wise in the ways of the world has revealed to me the reason for that conduct, and it has pained me deeply."

"I grew a big bed of poppies this summer and they are now in abundant and brilliant bloom. When the poppies first appeared bees were working all about the garden on flowers of various kinds. Then by and by I noticed that they were abandoning these and taking possession of the poppy beds in swarms. They seemed not only to seek the poppies exclusively, but some of them showed an inclination to quit them when once at work among them."

"A peculiar drowsy, droning hum was constant about the bed, making you sleepy to hear it. It was evident from the persistence with which the bees assailed that poppy bed clung to their places or reluctantly now and then gave them up, that whoever it was that owned them wasn't getting much work done in his hives, and knowing the reputation of bees for being busy and improving each shining hour, I wondered more and more at this singular lapse from duty."

Recently one young man bet another that he could not break an egg placed on the floor of their room by hitting it with a barrel. The second young man promptly took the bet.

Thereupon the first young man carefully placed an egg in a corner of the room, just where the walls made a right angle, so that it was impossible for the other to hit the egg with an ordinary barrel.

Effective Persuasion. "Do world sh' oves you a livin', son," said Uncle Eben; "but de chances is dat it ain't g'inter pay up less'n you gives it an argumnt wif a ax or a whitewash brush."

All Can Be Helpers. It is never true that we are not help-ers; where the fervent heart is, there is the servant of God, and unto Him comes ever with work the reward.—Robert Collyer.

The Difference. Women say as mean things of the men as they can think of, in public; but in public, men are always complimenting the women.—Athenaeum Globe.

CITIES BRIGHT WITH COLOR.

Camaguey and Santiago de Cuba are Especially a Delight to the Eye of a Painter.

Not one of the old Spanish towns of Cuba but in a source of inspiration to a painter," writes Mr. Henry Johnston. "Camaguey is nearly 400 years old as a Spanish city, but it was a place of Indian settlement for a long antecedent period. It is the 'all-white' town, where the 60,000 inhabitants are for the most part of pure Spanish descent, and the handsome people in Cuba. No town in Spain is more Spanish or more picturesque. It has narrow streets, projecting balconies screened by carved wood or iron grilles, tiled rooms, thick walls, porticoes glowing with sunlit vegetation, a sixteenth and seventeenth century cathedral, churches, chapels, monasteries and convents. The steeples and doorways of some of those churches (and of a good many Cuban buildings generally) almost suggest the Moorish influence in architecture which prevailed in southern Spain down to the period of Columbus' voyage."

"In Santiago, the eastern capital of Cuba, and now one of the most beautiful places in the world, the edifice constructed houses—the Spaniards, among many great qualities, had that of building appropriately and permanently—were painted in tempera almost every attainable tint, combined with white stappings, window frames, doorways, parapets and shirtings. One house is ultramarine blue and white, another dull mauve and white or pale green, maize yellow, pink, terra cotta, sky blue, green-blue, or apricot hue and gray-brown."

The Folly of Profanity. In the good old times good, old-fashioned mothers were sometimes heard to threaten to wash out the mouths of their boys as a cure against that foolish habit of profanity. It may be that some of them carried the threat into execution and did wash the mouths of the offending boys with soap and water. It would not be a bad thing if some boys were subjected to that sort of treatment now.

Robins' Nest on Wheels. A correspondent sends an account of a robin building in a child's motor car. The toy car stood in the porch of a house at Purley and while there it was noticed that there was a collection of leaves in the hood, but it was not till the motor car was taken to the other end of the garden and put away in the summer house that the robin completed its nest undisturbed, for the car was not used, the children being away from home.

On the Job in Siam. Siam has electricity, and the thoughtful manufacturers of it have provided to the best of their ability for every conceivable accident. For instance, when the lights go out, the remedy is to follow the directions in the notice: "Bangkok—Sir: For the case that your electric light should fall we beg to send you inclosed a postcard, which please send us at once when you find your light out. The company will then send you another postcard. Yours truly, Manager, Siam Electricity Company, Ltd.—Calcutta Times."

Helpful Suggestion. The little darling screamed extremely ill. "Run for a doctor!" cried the frightened mother. "I've been catin' plums," the youngster managed to gasp. "Maybe you'd better run for a plumber."

Adapting Proverbs. He (dogmatically)—Straws show which way the wind blows. She (significantly)—Well, sometimes, in a treating party, they show somebody is raising the wind.

Water Purified by Ozone. Drinking water supplied to Nice, France, and several smaller French cities, is now purified by ozone, in addition to filtration. Nice is a city of 100,000 people.

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