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Lawson Again to the Front

Thomas W. Lawson, some years since a trust magnate of more or less prominence but in recent years a would-be trust buster by means that to the most of us appear visionary, has a page ad in the New York World of Nov. 26, headed "Standard Oil Decision—Industrial Hell." Just what the purpose of the ad is we are unable to say, but certainly it has some sentences that show him to be conversant with current affairs in the political world. The following sentence has a great deal of truth couched in few words:

"The possessors of huge capital, desiring to obtain unwarranted returns, knew that they could not succeed except by device so intricate and so difficult of understanding, that the people, while being oppressed with its working, could be cajoled into believing it was being worked according to law."

The following paragraph also indicates a knowledge of existing conditions in present political affairs, although his prophecy, as to what Congress will do, may miss the mark as to what will happen as far as some other of his recent years' prophecies have:

"As to Congress changing the

present law—the suggestion is a joke. Since the White Housing of good-natured Mr. Taft, our excellent president, who, when lecturing before Labor is for Labor, when in the west is 'agin' the east, who assures the women suffragists he is with them with all his heart—when they succeed—who when in Mississippi speaks of the late Jefferson Davis as a hero, and who when with capital reverently places the halo upon the head of Sugar and Steel Trust Aldrich, and who so thoroughly understands trusts and who is so thoroughly understood by trusts that immediately upon his election all trusts entered upon the most brazen of inflations since the days when an ancient heathen ruler decreed that in the future all necessities and luxuries should be raised by the people, sold to the aristocracy and repurchased from them by the people in pound weights and that the aristocratic pound should consist of sixteen drams (one-sixteenth of an ounce) and the people's pound should consist of sixteen ounces, and the penalty against the people's confusing drams and ounces should be their beheading; and since the passage of good-natured Mr. Taft's tariff; and since the late fall election, the incoming Congress has seen the handwriting and seen it in letters of fire, and instead of changing the laws in the interest of monopoly it will proceed to more and deeper investigation of past crimes and will change the law, if at all, in a way that will make monopoly more dangerous to those who practise it."

Personal Liberty Defined

W. J. Bryan in The Commonwealth:

The liquor dealers, recognizing that their very obvious pecuniary interest would lessen the weight of any argument which they might publicly advance, are making their fight under cover of organizations purporting to

represent those who use liquor. Many well-meaning men have been misled into believing that every attempt to lessen the evils of intemperance is a "fanatical attack" on "personal liberty."

It is time the phrase, "personal liberty" were defined.

What is meant by "personal liberty?"

Does it mean that a person has a right to drink in any quantity, at any time, and in any place, no matter what injury he may inflict upon others?

If not, with whom rests the right to fix limitations?

A drunken man is the menace to the lives and property of those about him; have his neighbors no right to protect themselves?

A drunkard robs his wife and children, and he may finally make his family and himself a charge upon society; has society no right to protect itself?

The saloon is next-of-kin to the brothel and the gambling hall; it is a rendezvous for the criminal element and the willing tool of the corrupt politician; has not the body politic a right to protect itself from the demoralization which the saloon works?

The right to drink does not necessarily include the right to demand the establishment of a saloon. The right to drink is sufficiently protected by an arrangement that permits the reasonable use of liquor under reasonable conditions; and it must be remembered that the right to drink, like any other right, can be forfeited. Nothing is more sacred than the right to life, and yet one may forfeit his right to life if he uses it in such a way as to threaten the life of another. So the man who drinks to excess may forfeit the right to drink; even the moderate drinker may forfeit the right to drink in moderation if, not content with reasonable regulation, he insists that liquor shall be sold under conditions that constitute a menace to the home and the state.

The man who desires to drink moderately ought to join with those who seek to reduce the evils of drink to the lowest possible point, instead of allying himself with those who ignore the evils of intemperance and resist every effort put forth for the protection of society.

Kind of funny, isn't it, how the "leaders" of the local democracy unobtrusively themselves to a leading reactionary editor? Looks funny, too, that they should do so when wishing to criticize the democratic governor or some other democrat.

Neighboring Notes

Mrs. Frank Beeson went to Alliance Thursday. * * * Mr. Dean is still in Alliance working at his carpenter trade, and reports a busy season. Mrs. Dean and her daughter expect to leave soon for their old home in Virginia to spend the winter months.—Minutaire Free Press.

Ben Koller went to Alliance on Monday with engine 2990, going there for heavy repairs. He returned Tuesday morning.—Edgemont Express.

Mrs. Heath returned Monday to Alliance. She was called here on account of the serious illness of her father, C. E. Flower.—Bayard Transcript.

Miss Lena Riddel, a teacher in the Alliance city schools, spent Thanksgiving vacation with the Misses Diestra and Fleming of the Sidney schools. These three ladies taught at David City last year, but the higher salaries paid here and at Alliance induced them to come west.—Sidney Telegraph.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn of Alliance, father and mother of Guy Vaughn of this city, returned to their home Tuesday morning after spending nearly a week here.—Chadron Chronicle.

If he laughs heartily he is probably a coal man or a plumber.—Sheridan Enterprise.

Rev. Frederick Graves with his wife and child arrived Tuesday evening. They are being entertained by Judge C. Dana Sayrs until they get settled in the rectory. We trust that they will like Chadron and that Chadron people will like them.—Chadron Journal.

Gustav Sandoz drove up from Spade Sunday to do some trading, and remained over night in town so as to get an early start for home Monday morning. Gus is a young Kinkaid and practices the habit of making his own bed and frying his own flapjacks which is a foolish habit as there are lots of sandhill birds who would only be too well pleased to do that work for him.—Rushville Standard.

Edward Strasburger and son, Harrison, were Alliance visitors last week. * * * J. B. Strasburger went to Alliance on business last Monday.—Cor. Rushville Standard.

The personal liberty league continues to send out their literature and we are among the favored ones. We have

only one regret to offer the league in not seeing our way to publish their erratic and misleading ideas, and that is that we have never been able to cramp our idea of personal liberty to the extent that they do, whereby liberty degenerates into license. We recognize a higher liberty than that of being allowed to consume unlimited quantities of booze to our own detriment and the danger of our fellow beings, who have as much right to be considered as ourselves.—Rushville Recorder.

They're having a hot time over in Dawes county. Sheriff Louis K. Mote has been ousted from office by District Judge Harrington, being found "guilty of misdemeanors in office, and willful neglect of duty, and of official malfeasance and misconduct in office" as charged in the complaint which was filed by County Attorney Edwin D. Crites.

The leaders in the movement for county division down in Custer county are a persistent lot of fellows. No sooner is an election held and the proposition voted on and defeated than they begin planning for another division election, making some changes in their plans of division. Since the recent general election at which the proposition to divide into four counties was defeated by an overwhelming majority, a convention of interested parties has been held, at which a plan to divide Custer into five counties was decided upon. Custer, Rose, Arbor, Alfalfa and Victoria are the names chosen for the proposed counties.

Reform in Football

A good deal of favorable, and perhaps some unfavorable, news paper comment has been caused by the following letter sent out by Prof. J. W. Crabtree of the Peru State Normal school:

Peru, Nebr., November 30.
"Dear Friend:—The high schools, normal schools and colleges of the state are all anxious for further changes in the game of football. The number of deaths resulting from football injuries during the season is appalling and certainly justifies the press in denouncing the game as a college sport unless its dangerous features can be greatly reduced. The press has done its part in presenting facts to the

public and in creating a general sentiment in favor of football reform. If educational institutions will do their part it ought to be possible to influence a revision of the rules for next year's playing. But we must in some way reach the committee which has the authority to make changes. Let us do it now. Let us strike while the iron is hot and all strike at the same time.

"Our state university is in a position to have influence with this central committee. So the purpose of this letter is to suggest that every college and normal school president and every city superintendent write to Chancellor Avery at once authorizing the university to represent their institution, so that the university may not only voice her own wishes but also the urgent desire of all the educational institutions of the state. The university committee is deserving of much of the credit for changes made in the rules three years ago.

"Permit the further suggestion that later on your athletic board, coaches and football players make suggestions of changes in detail and send to the university committee. But first of all let us write the chancellor, so the university can start the ball rolling at once. The university is not soliciting the authority of the other institutions, so that we can more cheerfully extend the honor to her.

"Yours truly,
"J. W. CRABTREE."

BOARD OFFERS TO BUY SCHOOL

Tries to Secure Wayne Normal Property for Sixty Thousand.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—The state normal board has offered the owners of the Wayne normal school \$60,000 for the buildings and grounds. The offer was refused and it is probable the offer will be raised to \$70,000.

The legislature appropriated \$30,000 with which to buy the school and a committee selected by the legislature investigated the property and reported it worth that amount and more, some placing the value as high as \$150,000.

The state board will start out on its tour of inspection of northwest Nebraska towns Jan. 3, with the idea of selecting a location for the new state normal school. This was decided at the meeting, at which the propositions from five towns were received and read. The towns filing applications for the school were Ainsworth, Crawford, Chadron, Gordon and Alliance.