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W. C. T. U. Department

Mrs. J. J. Vance, Press Supt.

Speech of Congressman Hobson.

The annual Sunday evening address before the national W. C. T. U. convention, at their late meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, was delivered by Hon. Richmond P. Hobson, hero of the Merrimac during the Spanish-American war, and is present a member of Congress from the state of Alabama. He took for his subject "The Great Destroyer", and brought statistics to show that alcohol is a more destructive force than war. The facts showing the destructiveness of war were secured through the War College at Washington. War officers have gathered statistics concerning all the wars of the world from the year 500 B.C. up to the recent Russo-Japanese conflict. The total sum of killed and wounded which was reported in all these wars was 2,800,000, a little over one-fourth killed and a little less than three-fourths wounded, making, approximately, 700,000 killed in battles and 2,100,000 wounded. Captain Hobson further stated that his statistics relative to the destructiveness of alcohol were gathered from a report given to the British government by the Register General of England. He stated that out of every 61,000 of the population there will be about 1,000 deaths annually. Out of the same number of total abstainers there will be only 560 deaths. He concludes, therefore, that out of every 1,000 deaths, 440 are on account of alcoholic poison. In applying this ratio to the United States, he says, "440 deaths out of every 61,000 of our population every year means 720,000 deaths in our land every year. Seven hundred and twenty thousand men are killed in America alone every year, and but 700,000 men have been killed in battle in all the wars of all the world for 2,300 years. That gives us an accurate, scientific, mathematical measure."

Using the same proportion he further reasons thus: "It amounts to 3,500,000 white men killed every year by alcoholic poisoning which is more than five times as many men killed every year by alcoholic poisoning as have been killed by war in 2,300 years. That means that alcohol is 11,500 times as destructive as all wars."

Referring to the wounded, he again takes as his authority the British government. From a report compiled by life insurance companies he makes the following statement: "If a young man at the age of twenty is a total abstainer and remains a total abstainer, his prospect of life is, and will be, forty-four years. He will live, on the average, to the age of sixty-four."

On the other hand, he is a temperate, regular drinker of alcoholic beverages, his prospect of life is and will be about thirty-one years, and he will die at the age, on the average, of fifty-one, having lost thirteen years out of his life. If he is a heavy drinker, his prospect of life is and will be fifteen years. He will spend twelve years becoming a confirmed drunkard and then will live for three years longer and die at the age of thirty-five, having lost twenty-nine years out of his life. If a soldier was wounded in battle and lost as much as ten years out of his life, he would be considered seriously wounded. It is further estimated that about twenty-five per cent of all the people in the United States drink alcoholic beverages in some form. This means that there are from 23,000,000 to 24,000,000 temperate regular drinkers. Of these have cut out, on the average, thirteen years out of their lives. They are more than seriously wounded. Add to this the number of the confirmed drinkers, 4,000,000, and we have a grand total of 27,000,000 to 28,000,000 Americans that are seriously and more than seriously wounded, and there have only been 2,100,000 of men seriously wounded enough to be reported in all the wars of all the world since the dawn of history. Applying the same ratio to the rest of the nations of the white race we find that today there are more than 120,000,000 of white men seriously wounded. Estimating that within less than twenty years they will have given place to 120,000,000 more, we have the appalling figures that there are more than 600,000,000 of white men seriously wounded by this poison every century; and there have been only 2,100,000 wounded in all the wars of the past twenty-three centuries, and by that ratio, in the matter of wounded, the liquor poison is 6,900 times as destructive as war, and 11,500 times as destructive in the matter of killing. In other words in mathematical statement, alcoholic poison is, roughly speaking, 10,000

times as destructive as all war." In explaining why alcoholic poison is the more destructive force, Captain Hobson has examined into the nature of this powerful drug. He says, "It has been found upon pathological and microscopical research that alcohol is the toxin of the yeast or ferment germ, that is, the waste product, the liquid excretion; and it is a great law of biology that the toxin is a deadly poison to all forms of life of a higher order. Now the yeast germ is one of the lowest forms of life, consequently, broadly speaking, alcohol, the toxin of the yeast germ, must be pronounced as poisonous to all life and so it has been stated."

Last year the greatest scientists were sent by their governments to a conference in London to examine into investigations made in all countries during the last five or ten years. From these investigations they drew up the following statement which defines the true nature of alcohol: "Exact laboratory, clinical and pathological research has demonstrated that alcohol is a protoplasmic poison and its use as a beverage is destructive and degenerating to the human organisms. Its effect upon the cells and tissues of the body is depressing, narcotic, anaesthetic and therefore, therapeutically, its use should be limited and restricted in the same way as the use of other poisonous drugs." In referring to some of the facts that were brought out in this investigation, Captain Hobson said, "The most appalling and astounding fact that came out in this investigation was that the effect was greatest upon those cells that are associated with evolution; that the wound inflicted upon those cells is like a wound by a hot iron. In the human family evolution is not along physical lines. Nature is not trying to build up a race of physical giants, but to develop those things associated with moral sense. Very clearly nature's purpose is to produce a high order of men, not only to have the power of brain developed, but a high conception of justice, a true feeling of charity and love in the heart, a noble race of men. It (To be continued.)"

KITCHEN SHOWER

Last Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock while both Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rousseau were busily engaged in washing windows in their new home at 823 Toluca avenue, they were pleasantly surprised by about fifty ladies who made them a beautiful shower of kitchen utensils of all descriptions.

Mrs. W. W. Wood made a very appropriate presentation speech. There were 79 different pieces of kitchen ware, which were appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Rousseau.

BRAKEMAN SHOT

F. W. Fritz, a brakeman on the west end, was shot by a tramp shortly after leaving Edgemont, while putting two tramps off the train. The tramp who shot him was left-handed and is supposed to have been a former brakeman on the C. & S. He was taken to Newcastle for treatment. A posse went after the tramps who headed for the Black Hills.

W. H. Thomas, who was in Lincoln recently, states that Geo. W. Young and family, former residents of Alliance, expect to leave for New York state in March, Mr. Young having purchased a dairy farm about fifty miles from New York City and will devote his time to operating the same. He offers his fine residence in Lincoln for sale.

L. Sampy, a well known farmer from near Hemingford, spent a couple of days in the city this week.

MARLATT-WILSON

A quiet little wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Watson, Sabbath afternoon, January 29th, at 2 o'clock, when Miss Allie Wilson was united in marriage to Charles Marlatt of Sterling, Colo. The ceremony was performed in a most pleasing manner by Dr. J. L. B. Jones, of the M. E. church. Immediately after congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Watson escorted their guests to Dismer's cafe where they were served in his inimitable style. The bride who has grown to a noble womanhood in our midst is the youngest daughter of Mr. Hiram Wilson, one of Box Butte county's very early settlers. The latter's erect form and stately bearing, notwithstanding the weight of over eighty years, added dignity to the occasion. The groom, a former Alliance railroad man, is now employed at Sterling, which will be their future home. The happy pair left on the night train for a honeymoon trip to the east.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Deila M. Reed, County Supt.

The Teacher's Reading Circle will meet at the Alliance High school building Saturday, February 11th.

Miss Bessie Brown closed a successful four month's term of school in district number 79, at Burns, last Friday and returned to her home in Alliance on Saturday.

Miss Minnie Brown began teaching February 1st in district number 45, northwest of Alliance. She is an experienced teacher, coming here from Herman, Nebraska, and we speak success for her in this county.

District number 25 gave a box social and Christmas program, the money that was raised being used for a library fund. Miss Merle Welliver is teacher and although this is her first school she is reported to be doing real good work.

A new library has been purchased by district number 34, Miss Nettie Nation, teacher. A box social was held before Christmas and \$17 was raised as a nucleus for a library fund. The teachers and school officers who take an interest in the school library proposition show commendable enterprise, and their efforts ought to be appreciated and encouraged by the patrons.

Superintendent A. L. Caviness of Fairbury, will hold a conference of county superintendents, teachers and school boards at the court house in Alliance on Saturday, February 4th. Supt. Caviness is a representative of the state department of public instruction and this conference, which will be attended by teachers, school board members and county superintendents from other counties in addition to this, is to discuss and find out the needs of the schools of northwestern Nebraska.

It is desired that all who possibly can will attend this conference.

Eighth Grade Examinations and Requirements for Free High School Certificates.

The free High school certificates may be issued only to pupils who pass the state eighth grade examinations in accordance with the rules and regulations of the state department of public instruction and who in addition thereto are entitled to the privileges of the free High school law. (See sections 5 and 6 of subdivision 6, school laws 1909.) The teacher and superintendent should make sure that a pupil is entitled to this certificate before issuing the same.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The examination shall be held in each county at the county seat and at other central places in the county as directed by the county superintendent.
2. No pupil shall be admitted to the final examination except on the written recommendation of the teacher.
3. No pupil shall be admitted to the final examination who has not completed the full work as outlined in the course of study. Provided, that on the recommendation of the teacher, pupils may take the examinations in particular subjects and such grades may be retained at the discretion of the county superintendent until the completion of the final examination.
4. No pupil shall leave the examination room after the opening of the examination until the close of the quarter concerned.
5. Pupils are not permitted to communicate with each other during the examination nor to give or receive aid of any kind.
6. The county superintendent should cancel the grades of any pupil who violates rule 5.
7. The examination papers should be marked by the county superintendent or by a committee appointed by him. Under no circumstances shall the paper be marked by the pupil's teacher.
8. The average passing grade shall be 75 per cent with a minimum passing grade of 60 per cent in any subject.
9. For the year 1910-1911 there shall be three examination dates, as follows: Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24; Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21; Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12. The county superintendent may hold the examination at his option on any or all of the above dates. He is required to hold at least one examination.
10. The examination program shall be exactly as follows:
Thursday Forenoon
9:00-10:30 Grammar
10:30-12 U. S. History
Thursday Afternoon
1:00-2:30 Orthography, Writing
2:30-4:00 Physiology
Friday Forenoon
9:00-10:30 Arithmetic
10:30-12:00 Reading
Friday Afternoon
1:00-2:00 Mental Arithmetic
2:00-3:30 Geography and Agriculture.
11. Examination questions will be sent from the office of the state superintendent in such quantities as will prepare for each central point the number of sets of examination questions needed and send the same in sealed envelopes, a separate envelope for each half day's examinations, to the person appointed to conduct the examinations at each point. The envelope shall not be opened until the time announced on the examination schedule for each half day.

SUGGESTIONS

The Nebraska course of study for elementary schools is the course of study prescribed for the first eight grades. Care should be taken to recommend or this examination only those pupils who are well prepared to do good work in the high schools. All such pupils should be encouraged to take the test. Every pupil entitled to a free High school certificate should be notified, and his parents also should be notified, that application for this cer-

tificate must be made in writing to the county superintendent of the proper county on or before the second day in June. Very truly yours, J. W. CRABTREE, State Supt.

WESTERN NEBRASKA

Interesting Items Taken From This End of the State for Herald Readers.

A \$5,000 school house is being built at Seneca.

Chadron wants a Farmer's Institute for Dawes county next year.

A citizen's club has been organized at Theford, for the advancement of the town.

Henry Cashman, living seven miles from Broken Bow, had both feet severely frozen recently. They had to be amputated.

During 1910 there were 39 final proofs made on Kinkaid homesteads in Cheyenne county, a total acreage of 13,125 acres.

A. B. Wood, publisher of the Gering Courier, has been re-appointed postmaster of that flourishing little city.

We admire the Rushville Standard. It is full of good, newsy locals every issue and makes a very interesting paper. Its editor deserves success.

Mrs. Philip Kuntz, of Scottsbluff, was burned so badly by an explosion of gasoline that she died in a few hours. She had tried to fill a stove while lighted.

The winter ice harvest on the Northwestern has been completed. Over 10,000 tons were put up for use during the coming summer at Valentine.

According to the Thomas County Herald, a young man by the name of William Kirkman was arrested at British Valley, near Theford, last Sunday. He was charged with grand larceny.

George McCawley, treasurer of Thomas county, has resigned and will be succeeded by J. N. Neely, deputy treasurer. Mr. McCawley will enter the mercantile business at Seneca.

Contracts are now being let by the Union Pacific for the construction of its new extension up the Platte valley as far as Gering. It is stated that trains will run into Gering by July 1st.

Crawford wants the Firemen's convention for 1912. The towns along the Northwestern have pledged Crawford their support and it is altogether probable that this city will make a big fight for it at the Kearney convention next year.

Police Judge Thompson of Crawford and the police force of that city are at outs. It appears that the police take most of the cases to the county court at Chadron instead of bringing them before the police judge. He complains and wants things changed.

Policemen Hand and Kirby of Crawford arrested five colored people last week, one man and four women. Three of the women were charged with adultery, taken to the county court at Chadron and fined. The man and wife were charged with selling liquor without a license.

The city council of McCook has ordered the electric light company of that city to put in meters for every user of electric current, as it has been charged that discrimination was being practiced, some customers being furnished with a flat rate much cheaper than others. The company will comply with the order.

Bulletins are being sent out by the state engineer showing that the snowfall in the North Platte watersheds is very light again this winter and that there will undoubtedly be a shortage of water as last year. He advises the farmers to begin wetting their ground as early as possible so as to need little water in the dry season.

The Sidney Real Estate Men's Association has been organized. Its purpose is to promote good feeling among the real estate men and to advance the interests of Sidney and Cheyenne county. R. W. DeVore is president; D. A. Fitch, secretary; and W. E. Swatzlander, treasurer. Each firm belonging to the association has one vote and the affairs are governed by the entire membership.

Warrants were issued in county court Monday for the arrest of Levert J. Bacon and Jennie Boiles, both of Atkinson. The woman's brother John Boiles, swears to the warrant for the arrest of his sister for a statutory offense and Bacon's wife swears to the other warrant for the arrest of her husband.

It seems, according to the complaint, that the pair have been unduly familiar and Saturday or Sunday left Atkinson together and are over somewhere in the vicinity of Alliance. Bacon's wife was in O'Neill Monday enlisting the aid of the county authorities to apprehend her fleeing husband and his affinity, who is a young unmarried woman. She will have him arrested if caught on the grounds of desertion, while the formal charge against the Boiles woman is of a statutory nature. They were traced to Crawford and thence down to Alliance but have not been arrested yet.—O'Neill Frontier.

John Mabin, whose ranch is near Hemingford, returned Tuesday from South Omaha where he marketed two cars of cattle.

The Knights of Columbus held the initiation of officers last Tuesday evening, after which light refreshments were served at the hall.

Dr. Miller returned Tuesday from a trip to the gulf coast of Texas and seems well pleased with that country.

A classified advertisement is a tireless work-horse and seldom fails.

"IT'S A GOOD THING"

That is what our trade said of the last deal we had on assorted cases of GAIETY Canned Fruits and Vegetable; so here is another bunch of moneysavers. Remember that the GAIETY line of goods is PREPARED FOR PARTICULAR PEOPLE.

- 6 Cans Gaiety Pears.....@35c each 2.10
- 6 Cans Gaiety Black Cherries.....@35c each 2.10
- 6 Cans Gaiety Sliced Peaches.....@35c each 2.10
- 6 Cans Gaiety Apricots.....@30c each 1.80

Total.....\$8.10

At \$7.40 for this case of California Fruit assorted, shows a saving of 70c.

- 6 Cans Gaiety Strawberries.....@35c each 2.10
- 6 Cans Gaiety Shredded Pineapple...@25c each 1.50
- 6 Cans Red Raspberries.....@35c each 2.10
- 6 Cans Gaiety Black Blackberries...@30c each 1.80

Total.....\$7.50

Save \$1.10 by ordering a case of this assorted fruit for \$6.40.

- 4 Cans Gaiety Golden Wax Beans...@17½c each .70
- 4 Cans Gaiety Lima Beans.....@17½c each .70
- 4 Cans Gaiety Red Kidney Beans...@15 each .60
- 4 Cans Gaiety Strawberry Beets...@17½c each .70
- 4 Cans Gaiety Green Asparagus Tips...35c each 1.40
- 4 Cans Gaiety Backed Beans.....@17½c each .70

Total.....\$4.80

This case of assorted vegetables for \$4.05 is a money saver. Remember the Phone No. 56

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Bring your old harness in and have them oiled before it's too late.

GEO. A. HILLS

Rev. J. L. B. Jones, pastor of the Alliance M. E. church, is a musician of considerable renown and takes a great interest in anything pertaining to music. For many years he has taken orders for the best grade of musical instruments, without interfering with his ministerial work. By his request an agency has been established in Alliance for the sale of the celebrated Lyon & Healy pianos, as will be seen by the advertisement appearing in this issue of The Herald. Mr. Jones believes that persons who wish this grade of pianos can save a hundred dollars on each instrument purchased at the Alliance agency of Lyon & Healy.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

Charles Brower was arrested today for breaking into the pool hall of W. F. Crane of this city and taking some money and merchandise. He was arraigned before Police Judge Zurn. The theft occurred about the 18th of January. He pleaded guilty and his bond was placed at one thousand dollars. His case will be tried in the next district court.

John H. Curtis was arrested and brought before Judge Zurn today for assaulting Nels Pederson. He pleaded not guilty, but on talking with his attorney, Judge Berry, reversed his plea and declared himself guilty. He was fined fifty dollars and costs which he did not pay. He will resume his case in district court.