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A Mild Protest.

The Saturday night dance seems to be quite the style in the vicinity of Fort McPherson and attracts people from long distances. The writer has no more objection to Saturday night dances than any other, but in most communities the hour of midnight is regarded, but not so in this community. The participants seem to have no respect for law or morals, God nor man, but their disregard for the Lord's Day would not be so regretful to the writer and I dare say many of the other parents of the community of the same sort, if that palatial fluid, alcohol, did not perform such an important part, but when the boys yet in their teens, and some scarcely started in them, come under its influence until they have to be put in "cold storage" and their boys and girls not yet in their teens witnessing such debauchery, and seeing it sanctioned by parents of the "would be respectable sort", what can parents hope for or expect when their boys and girls reach that period in life when they naturally will seek associations of their acquaintances and perhaps be allured by the beguiling influences of the "Bull Room", there to be enthralled by society's greatest enemy "Intemperance", whiskey, the ball room's partner and agent of the devil.

Parents, and some whose boys have been touched by that blight of manhood, and others who may be, will we sit and see all that is good in man, his moral nature, taken from him and given our sons and daughters to fill the ranks without a protest? "Quit you like men, be strong." S. S. REYNOLDS.

A distinguished European professor who has sojourned in this country about ninety days has arrived at the critical and analytical conclusion that Americans are much given to chasing the dollar. That is true in one sense, that Americans want dollars and then more dollars mainly for the delight of playing the game and demonstrating what dollars will do in making more dollars. Europeans who settle here and Americanize are just as eager for the dollar as the native-born, with the difference that they stick closer to the dollar than the native American. Another foreign class comes to the United States to chase the dollar in a different way. In order to get the dollar they take the millionaire's daughter with it and bestow upon her a worm-eaten title that is of no account on this earth or hereafter.—Kearney Hub.

Lawson of Boston is now trying to arouse the country against the "dastardly conspiracy of reckless gamblers" in wheat. He proposes mass meetings, and predicts that the streets of American cities will be given over to riot and bloodshed unless something is done to suppress the "ravenous gamblers". Apparently Lawson's own gambling agency, Bay State gas, does not speculate in wheat or was short of that market.—Springfield Republican.

The will of the late Charles E. Ellis, together with the generosity of his widow and daughter, leaves a fund of \$2,500,000 for the founding of a college and industrial school in Philadelphia for fatherless girls. The widow waived her claim to the third of the estate and the daughter voluntarily takes only a small bequest, leaving practically the entire fortune for the purpose designated.

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A Best Seller.

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"Did you ever hear," asked the publisher, "how 'A Hand in the Dark' was boomed? It was not only the best seller of its season, but it sold 300 per cent better than any other novel published in five years."

"I was just starting into the business then and mighty anxious to make a strike that would put me well on my feet, especially as to capital. I read a hundred manuscript novels selected from a thousand read by my assistants and out of the hundred selected three that I concluded to take a risk on. They were all dead failures. They weren't high grade literary works either. I knew enough not to put out that kind of stuff to make money on; but, even with stories on the 'ground floor,' I couldn't make it go."

"One day a mealy looking chap came into my office and said he wished me to go into a scheme with him for publishing a novel. I told him that if he had a manuscript to submit I would have it read."

"You're beginning at the wrong end," he said. "The story isn't of any importance. It's making a market for it that counts. Make your market first and you can select your novel with your eyes shut."

"There was something so brassy about this that it attracted my attention. I called for his plan, and he gave it. He admitted that he ran a risk of arrest, and I agreed with him, but neither of us thought his arrest would be a very serious matter or injure the sale of his novel. I took a week to consider it, then told him that he might go ahead, but my part would depend upon whether he succeeded in attracting the attention of the public to his book before it was issued. He consented to this, and the deal was made."

"It wasn't long before I began to receive orders from dealers in various places for one or two copies each of a novel I was to issue called 'A Hand in the Dark.' I knew that this was the name of the novel I had agreed to publish, but had never seen the manuscript. I put the orders on file, paying no more attention to them. Very soon many of them were increased, new ones also coming in. I began to get letters from people—mostly women—asking when 'A Hand in the Dark' was to be published and a request to send a copy as soon as it was issued. These orders also kept growing till I had received a sufficient number of them to pay all the expense of publication."

"I now began to think of getting out the book. Calling for the manuscript, I read it and hadn't gone over fifty pages before I regretted my contract. I couldn't back out, for the fellow had fulfilled his only condition of making a market. The stuff was the worst I ever read. I delayed having the plates made, hoping for some way out of the trap. But the orders continued to come in. I noticed they were more scattered than those pertaining to any book I had ever published. The individual orders were enormous. But I saw at once that trouble was brewing for me as well as for the author, though I had nothing whatever to do with his scheme for making a market. Some of the letters were covert threats, but most of them indicated anxiety in greater or less degree to get a copy of the novel."

"At last I made a date of publication. On the morning of the day announced an enormous crowd of people waited before the store till the doors should open. I was obliged to push my way through a struggling mass of humanity to get into my own office. The binders had disappointed me, and I was unable to furnish the book. I had a notice tacked up outside to that effect and that it would be ready the next day. How many people went away on seeing the notice I don't know. From a window I saw a number of men approach, smile and leave, but most of the women stayed till the notice was put up, some muttering, some melancholy. I learned afterward that the dealers all over the country were besieged in a similar manner, though the smaller the town the less the demand."

"I hurried my binders, desiring to get the book out as soon as possible. I expected every day to hear of the author's arrest, and if he were arrested I feared I would be enjoined by court process from publishing the book. I wouldn't have cared to be stopped from issuing it had it not been for the fact that there was now a small fortune in it."

"Well, the next day I got it out. Clerks were kept busy all day selling single copies over the counter besides those shipped to the dealers. In three days we had sold 300,000 copies. Then there was a lull, a slight increase, and the sales died down to nothing. But they commenced again when it was announced that 'A Hand in the Dark' was a 'best seller,' and, taking all the sales together, both I and the author made a mighty good thing. Some disappointed persons threatened to prosecute both me and him, but thought better of it before taking action. The scheme put me in bad odor with my fellow customers for awhile, but I'd added largely to my capital and went into de luxe editions of eminently respectable books."

"The scheme? Oh, that was simple. The author wrote several hundred thousand letters, each with an illegible signature, blinding at some secret of the person addressed or some one near and dear which was revealed in 'A Hand in the Dark.'"

"I have done it. Mollie is to be my wife. I don't know how my congregation will like the match, but if they don't I fancy I can get another church. It will not be necessary for her to earn a living by dealing an old woman good hands at cards."

"I am not well satisfied with myself for my interest in Mollie Jenkins. In the first place, she is but seventeen; I am thirty. In the second place, she hadn't a cent in the world, being dependent upon her aunt, Miss Amell-Southworth. In the third place, I have a notion that she is a trifle too smart. Miss Southworth has a little income which will die with her. I wonder if Mollie isn't trying to get all she can of it into her own possession against the day of her aunt's demise. Lastly, it is to my interest as a clergyman that I shall marry, and my congregation are looking for me to take a suitable helpmeet. I shudder at the thought of announcing an engagement to them to a little chit like Mollie."

Miss Southworth is a maiden of seventy. Mollie lives with her, and Mollie's method of earning her living is to amuse her aunt. The aunt is only to be amused evenings by playing bridge, of which she is very fond. She was in her younger days an influential member of my congregation and is still an important member from the fact of her age and long connection with the church. Since it is necessary that I show her due attention I show it in playing bridge with her. It is in this way that I have become interested in Mollie, who always has a hand and sometimes plays dummy."

Miss Southworth is a native of England, where old ladies don't think it a sin to play cards for money. She insists that bridge is but a poor game without a small stake, and on sitting down to the game I found myself in a position either to offend her or do what is with us in America an unclerical act—play for a tenth of a cent a point. Being expected to play with one of the oldest and most respected members of my congregation, I yielded."

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How She Earned Her Living.

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"Go upstairs!" Mollie turned red as a beet, rose from the table and without a word left the room. Her aunt sat fanning herself angrily. I waited developments. They came in time.

"Did you see what she was doing?" she asked me.

"No."

"Cheating."

"Good gracious!"

"Only seventeen, and she can deal a pack of cards to put a good hand wherever she likes."

"But what was her object? She was having splendid hands."

"H'm! She dealt them to herself."

I settled up my score, paying 34 cents, and bade my hostess good evening.

"You won't say anything about this?" she said.

"Certainly not."

Nor was I likely to tell that I had been playing cards for money and one of the players had cheated. For the next week or two I lived in dread lest the matter should leak out. I suffered in another way. Somewhere down in my heart there was a disappointment.

One day I met Mollie on the street. If the act wouldn't have been noticeable I should have crossed before meeting her. She spoke to me smilingly and said:

"Auntie is waiting for you to come in again and play bridge."

"H'm!" I stammered. "Who is to take the other hands?"

"I am the only one unless some one happens in."

"Have you and your aunt made up that?"

"Oh, yes. She has forgiven me."

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Change Road 311. The commissioner appointed to view for the purpose of making change in road 311, across section 10, town 9, range 29, as follows: Commencing where new road now crosses east and west half section line of said section 10 and follow said half section line as near as practicable west across canyon till it intersects with old road now traveled, then follow said old road up canyon till it intersects with said new road going west up said pocket, and the vacation of that part of road 311 between points to be covered by the above petition, has reported in favor of the above petition with the following changes, the road should all be north of the east and west half section line and continue to the west bank of canyon then follow west bank of canyon to where it intersects old road as now traveled, (about 20 rods north of said half section line) then to follow old road as petitioned. All objection thereto or claims for damage must be filed in the County clerk's office on or before noon on the 23rd day of June, 1909, or such road will be established without reference thereto. Dated North Platte, Nebr., April 20, 1909. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

NOTICE OF SALE BY GUARDIAN. In the District Court in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska. In the matter of the application of Anna Altenbern, Guardian of the estate of Carl E. Altenbern, Benjamin E. Altenbern, Elsie L. Altenbern and David W. Altenbern, minors, for license to sell real estate. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order made by H. M. Grimes, Judge of the District Court of the 13th Judicial District of Nebraska, in and for Lincoln county, in the state of Nebraska, and made on the 18th day of February, 1909, for the sale of real estate hereinafter described, I will sell at the east front door of the court house in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of May, 1909, beginning at the hour 1 o'clock p. m., central time the following described real estate to-wit:—south-west quarter (sw⁴) of section thirty-one (31) in township thirteen (13) north of range thirty-three (33), west of the 5th P. M., situated in Lincoln county, Nebraska, to the highest bidder upon the following terms, to-wit: all cash in hand. Said sale will be called at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., central time and will be held open for the period of one hour thereafter. Dated this 20th day of April, 1909. Anna Altenbern, Guardian of the Estate of Carl E. Altenbern, Benjamin E. Altenbern, Elsie L. Altenbern and David W. Altenbern, Minors. By L. E. ROACH and E. H. EVANS, Attorneys.

Baker Perfect Barb Wire Painted, per hundred \$3.15 Wilcox Department Store

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR. State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, ss: In the county court, April 19th, 1909. In the matter of the estate of Asa P. Lowe, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of L. E. ROACH, praying that the administration of said estate may be granted to some suitable person as administrator. Ordered, That May 12th, 1909, at 9 o'clock A. M., be assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted. This order to be published in the North Platte Tribune for six successive publications prior to May 12th, 1909. W. C. ELDER, County Judge. s 20-6

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION. In the county court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, April 19th, 1909. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before the county judge of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 15th day of May, 1909, and on the 15th day of November, 1909, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims, and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 6th day of March, 1909. This notice to be published for eight successive publications in the North Platte Tribune prior to May 15th, 1909. W. C. ELDER, County Judge. s 20-6

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. Matter of application of J. C. Den for liquor license. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that J. C. Den did upon the 8th day of March, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquors on east half of lot 1, block 103 in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Monday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said license will be granted. J. C. DEN, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. Matter of application of A. E. Timmerman for liquor license. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that A. E. Timmerman did upon the 7th day of April, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquors on east half of lot 1, block 103 in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said license will be granted. A. E. TIMMERMAN, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. Matter of application of Luke F. Haley for Liquor License. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Luke F. Haley did upon the 8th day of April, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquors on east 22 feet, lot 8 in block 115 in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday in May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said license will be granted. LUKE F. HALLEY, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. Matter of application of Charles T. Whelan for Liquor License. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Charles T. Whelan did upon the 8th day of March, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquors on east 22 feet of lot 4 and west 22 feet of lot 3 in block 103 on Front street in the City of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said license will be granted. CHARLES T. WHELAN, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. Matter of application of H. J. Rehhausen for Liquor License. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that H. J. Rehhausen did upon the 23d day of March, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquors on 6th Dewey street in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said license will be granted. H. J. REHHAUSEN, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR DRUGGIST PERMIT. Matter of application of Alonzo D. McDonnell for Druggist Permit. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Alonzo D. McDonnell did upon the 15th day of April, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for Druggist Permit to sell retail, spirituous and vinous liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes only on 6th north Dewey street in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said permit will be granted. ALONZO D. McDONNELL, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR DRUGGIST PERMIT. Matter of application of Edgar Schiller for Druggist Permit. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that Edgar Schiller did upon the 8th day of April, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for Druggist Permit to sell retail, spirituous and vinous liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes only on 6th north Dewey street in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said permit will be granted. EDGAR SCHILLER, Applicant.

APPLICATION FOR DRUGGIST PERMIT. Matter of application of J. H. Stone for druggist permit. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that J. H. Stone did upon the 17th day of April, A. D. 1909, file his application to the city council of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes only on 6th north Dewey street in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, from the first Tuesday of May, 1909, to the first Tuesday of May, 1910. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from April 20th, A. D. 1909, said permit will be granted. J. H. STONE, Applicant.