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PLATTSMOUTH, MARCH 17, 1883.

Says the Chicago Times: Once a year, and still more every second year, there is presented for solution in the city of Chicago one of the most difficult problems of any age.

How about Plattsmouth city? We have heard it hinted that there was no such trouble one year ago in this city.

Dr. Gov. WM. SPRAGUE, of Rhode Island, has been nominated by the Independent party of that State for Governor. Governor Sprague, at one time, owing to the aristocratic wealth of the Sprague family, had some national reputation; but so far as his ever having any brains or manhood, the country has never been informed.

Waterworks are a positive necessity for a city of any pretensions. Plattsmouth can now establish this enterprise upon her business street, to be extended to the residence portion of the city as it is demanded.

VERY cautiously and timidly, the managers of the democratic party are putting out their feelers on the presidential question. The bright noonday sun that shone so warmly and so gladly for the party of obstruction, just after the last Fall elections, has a great portion of the time, since then, been obscured with clouds and tempests.

DECREASE OF BEER DRINKING. In his last speech as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gladstone uttered the following sentence: "The growth of the revenue is sensibly retarded by a cause which must in itself be regarded with satisfaction; I refer to the diminution in the receipts of the Exchequer from the duties on intoxicating liquors."

commanding the party to declare against protection; while the action of its representatives in the congress which has just adjourned, where the real brain of democracy was congregated, fully demonstrated that such a course was simply an impossibility as a national measure.

Our dispatches today, announce Mr. Samuel J. Tilden to be in excellent health, this is, "devilish sly," as Joe Bagstock would say; but from the manner in which one Benj. F. Butler is bucking the blue blood legislature down in the old Bay State, one would imagine there is another democratic war horse on the turf, and in training, who is in "excellent health" also.

Temperance Department

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Dr. Ois, who compiled the medical records of the Union army, said on the subject of using liquor medicinally: "A few years ago I shouldn't have agreed with you on that point but now I do. Since I have compared in this office the health records of regiments where the surgeon refused to give whiskey, with those of regiments where whiskey was given freely, I am so impressed with the proof of gain from total abstinence that I wonder how so many of our soldiers lived through our whiskey treatment of them."

Opponents of the use of spirits and tobacco in any form, as well as students of political economy, will find food for argument in the statistics laid down before the senate by the secretary of the treasury. There are now 25,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits in the hands of dealers in this country, on which \$22,500,000 in taxes has been paid; and over 40,000,000 pounds of tobacco, and about 8,000,000 cigars and cigarettas.

Chicago dram-shops are making up their accounts for the year. It is said that the total sales for the year amount to \$10,000,000, of which \$6,000, or three-fifths is clear profit. Subtract this last sum from our tax bill, and it will represent just what the liquor traffic of the city costs the hard-working, sober citizens. Are you so benevolent then, good business men of Chicago? Do you voluntarily throw into the tills of 4,000 saloon-keepers \$6,000,000? There are charities designed for the shelter and maintenance of the unfortunate, the poor and the helpless which are languishing for your benefactions. Do you deliberately prefer to minister to that institution which, as Mr. Gladstone says, brings more evil in its train than the combined distresses of war, pestilence and famine?

The Boston correspondent of the Christian Union says that the manager of a popular lecture bureau in that city recently stated that the most "taking" topic now before the public is unquestionably the temperance reform, and that the largest audiences of today are those of the popular temperance speakers when they appear on the temperance platform. Couple this with the fact so well stated by our Boston correspondent this week, that there were gathered together in Boston, on the 22d of February, 25,000 people to listen to, and honor Governor St. John, and the statement seems far from absurd or wild.

drinker, argues this humorist, is a great patriot, and has saved a good many pence on the income tax of more "respectable" people.

Most people will, however, agree with Mr. Gladstone that the diminution of this particular part of the revenue is a cause for rejoicing. They believe that a nation of sober men would accumulate wealth so much more rapidly than a nation composed in part of drunkards, as to be able easily to raise by other forms of taxation the revenue now derived from the excise. What will interest them to know is what cause is at the root of this sudden diminution in the consumption of beer. A reduction of six per cent. in the space of a single year is a phenomenon of some note, and the cause is certainly worth inquiring into. Several explanations have been proposed. The labors of the Salvation Army among the lowest classes, and the influence of various temperance organizations among the upper classes, are said to have a great effect in promoting sobriety. Doubtless this is true, and a part of the result is to be accounted for by the growth of teetotalism. But six per cent. in a single year is too great a falling off to be credibly ascribed to this cause.

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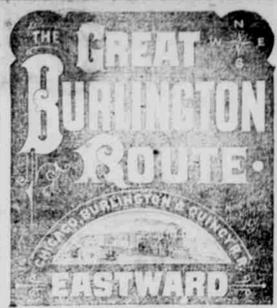
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