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PLATTSMOUTH needs water works. Let our incoming city government inquire into the feasibility of this much needed necessity.

PLATTSMOUTH needs manufacturing paper mills, and canning factories, and capitalists looking for a location to establish such enterprises, can receive liberal aid from our people if they will but call upon us.

PLATTSMOUTH needs a good flouring mill. Cannot we induce some practical miller, with means, to establish himself here with such an enterprise. Substantial assistance will be guaranteed by our people to a man of enterprise, thrift, and means in this line.

PLATTSMOUTH needs another rail road to open up the way southwest from this point; not that our city or people are unfriendly to the old reliable B. & M., which has done so much towards making us a city, but because another road would still add to our greatness and future growth.

SAMUEL J. TILDEN is ominously reported, every few days, to be in excellent health. One correspondent describes the sage of Granary hard at work, with rosy cheeks and glittering bright eyes. Evidently Mr. Tilden is not on the supernaturated list yet; but on the contrary, is liable to break a lance with the other ambitious aspirants in the next democratic presidential tournament in a manner that will make the Waterston-Carlisle free trade knights dizzy-headed. Look out for Uncle Sammy.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.
Plattsmouth will, from the evidence we see on hands, experience a healthy, prosperous year during '83. Improvements are springing up on all hands, and our citizens are evidencing a decided disposition toward substantially beautifying and improving their homes. Old fences are being removed and substantial ones placed in their stead; lawns are being leveled, terraced and beautified with scrubbery of all kinds; streets and alleys are being cleaned and put in good passable repairs; residences are being erected of a better class than heretofore, and everything to the observant eye from the business center to the remotest nooks of our outlying additions, bears unmistakable evidence of thrift and prosperity. Much will doubtless be called for by these citizens who are improving their property, in the way of city improvements; and the HERALD wishes to suggest to the incoming city government, the necessity of doing what is necessary to be in the way of city improvements in a durable and thorough manner. In the first place Main street should be thoroughly overhauled; it is a beautiful wide street upon which is to a great extent emptied the water from rain and melting snow, from the high school and north hills. With inferior sidewalks on a level with the street, there is scarcely a perceptible gutter; shallow gutters have been heretofore cleaned out on each side, which with the first rain or two, we notice are all filled up—and especially upon the upper end of this street, the heavy rains flow upon the sidewalks in places and over them, damaging the property of business men. It is a small matter for the city to put in good gutters; but first the sidewalks should be extended some feet further into the street upon both sides, and then our city can make those permanent improvements which we need. The time will come in the near future when this street will be paved; and the city will find that is a very expensive improvement, especially upon very wide streets. Also, certain streets ought to be regulated and opened, both in the additions upon the west and south side of the city. It is due the citizen and tax payer that he be furnished a thoroughfare to and from his residence property to the business portion of the city. Let care and prudence be exercised in making these improvements to the end, that the city gets full value for all moneys expended in these improvements. We are a city of the second class, let us be a city of the very first class, as soon as possible.

Temperance Department
Under the auspices of the Plattsmouth W. T. U.
—CONDUCTED BY MRS. J. N. WISE—
To whom all communications for this department should be addressed.

EFFORT OF BREWERS AND DISTILLERS.
It has been reported and, as we believe, true, that the Association of Brewers and Distillers and circulating for signatures petitions to be presented to the next Legislature of Missouri praying that the question of Prohibition may not be submitted to a popular vote of the people. This indicates alarm on their part. Now let petitions by tens of thousands be sent up on the opposite side, praying that the question may be submitted to the people, submitted on its merits for a special election. Now it is time for vigorous action, and let us see who they

are that are so willing and ready to work, as to baffle out an oft-told tale for the thousandth time—or it may be more. We have had talk in abundance, now for work. And if there be those who will work let them stop their talk and retire to an obscurity that becomes them.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

OUR WORK IN THE SOUTH.
The National Temperance Society has recently secured the services of Rev. C. H. Mead, of New York, and Edward Carswell, of Canada, to visit the Southern States and deliver temperance addresses, mainly among the freedmen, to visit schools and institutions of learning, circulate a literature, and seek to advance the cause generally in that section of country. These men are thoroughly posted upon every phase of the question, and are among the most popular and acceptable lecturers in the land. Mr. Mead started the last of January, and Mr. Carswell will follow in a few weeks. The calls for this kind of work are so numerous and pressing that the society could not refuse to enter the open door of usefulness. The society is also sending large amounts of literature to different portions of the South for free distribution among churches, schools, institutions of learning, and to the people generally. A pamphlet is also to be sent to ministers of colored churches as far and fast as funds will allow. Let the friends of the cause and freedmen send donations for this specific work to the society, 58 Reade street, every dollar of which will be secretly devoted to this special object.—National Temperance Advocate, for February.

HOW TO FORM PUBLIC OPINION.
A recent number of the Christian Union, presented the replies of eight prominent and representative clergy men and civilians to its inquiry, what practical measures they could suggest to reduce the present evils of drunkenness and the liquor traffic. These replies are candid and well considered, and worthy of attention in the important discussion that is to engage the public thought. While most if not all the writers are decided friends of temperance in theory and practice, it is noteworthy that nearly all concur in the conviction that the country is not yet prepared for the adoption of prohibitory measures, as the public sentiment is not thoroughly educated so as to sustain the enforcement of such laws when they are enacted. This opinion, if correct, as it doubtless is, makes the way plain for a diligent use of means for forming a right public opinion. A question that affects society so vitally in all its relations, demands careful thought and investigation. The pulpit and the press should turn their revealing and illuminating light upon it, and clear it from the ignorance and sophistry that cloud so many minds. Taxpayers and voters should see that the men whom they elect to positions of trust are not in league with or intimidated by the powerful distillers, brewers, and saloon keepers, who seek to hold the party leaders subservient to them. They should demand that congress institute a thorough investigation of the effect of the liquor traffic on our material interests, as well as our social and moral welfare. They should prove to the people who protest against high taxes and oppressive monopolies that the groggeries create the pauperism and crime that swell their burdens, and that no monopoly is so intolerant as the liquor trade, which demands seven days of the week for its uninterrupted business, and refuses to requite the damages for which it is directly responsible. Good citizens have a duty, which they cannot evade, of aiding to make a correct public sentiment that will reduce the evils that now afflict society.—Illustrated Christian weekly.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.
Chief-Justice Coleridge, of England, says that four-fifths of the crime that comes into court, results from drink, for which Britishers pay over \$500,000,000 a year.
There are over twenty "teetotal" mayors in England; while Scotland, with a population one-seventh that of England, has eighteen provost (mayors) who are total abstainers.
In the schools of Lincoln, Virginia, three grades of prizes have been offered by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the city, for the best essays on the physiological effect of intoxicants.
The Chautauqua Course of Study has a temperance branch, Miss Willard having bade out the list of books and been chosen secretary of the department. Many ladies are pursuing the course in their homes.
A strong temperance sentiment is beginning to spring up among the foreign inhabitants of Cairo, Egypt, and an urgent request has been sent to England for an experienced worker to organize a temperance society for Egypt.
THE DRUNKARD'S WIFE.
He comes not! I have watched the moon Sink slowly in the dusky west,
And like the fading of her light,
Hath hope died out in my sad breast,
Of midnight, but he comes not yet!
All vainly still I watch and weep—
How long, Oh Father, Oh, how long
Must I these lonely vigils keep?
Oh! for one hour of happiness
Such as I felt when love's deep spell
Was woven first around my heart,
Free from its shining my dear cell,
But now, alas! a fearful doom
Of wretchedness, and woe, and fear,
Is mine—the fate to watch and pray,
With aching heart and bitter tear.
I listen to the ceaseless stroke
Which marks the weary hours go by,
And start and tremble at the sound,
Of even the night-wind's gentle sigh,
I leave upon my children's fair,
And listen to their low, soft breath,
Till, in my broken heart's despair,
I almost wish they sleep were death.

A blight upon the drunkard's child
Rests ever from life's opening morn.
Oh! just my loved ones feel that sting
Of the world's cold, unfeeling scorn?
Dear Savior, Thou whose soul hath felt
Deep sorrow's fearful agony,
Oh! fill my weary, fainting heart
With strength that only comes from Thee.

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