

McKinley's Canteens

Editor Independent:—Much has been said and written in sundry religious and temperance papers regarding President McKinley's peculiar article toward the "army canteen," or in plainer terms the military groggery.

I have heard many good people, and among them a few prominent ministers of the different branches of the Christian church, try to defend the president by using a weakest kind of sophistry, with the evident purpose of covering from view the real facts of the case. I believe military men will agree that as a matter of fact there never has been a time in the history of our government when the president as commander-in-chief could not have banished the army saloon by a simple military order.

It is, and always has been a matter wholly under the control of the commanding officer. (Instance, of 3d Neb. regiment had no army canteen) but as each president had in turn neglected to issue such an order, congress passed a law abolishing it.

On the grounds that the attorney-general has declared this law unconstitutional some of our covered friends told us that Brother McKinley had taken this matter under advisement and that we would not hear from him later. Well, in fact he did consider the matter not whether he could act but whether he must.

From the knowledge and experience of a soldier, I wish to tell your readers that no law was ever needed to banish the "canteen" and but for the liquor interests it would have been done long ago. When a president refuses to do a religious thing, for fear of losing the whiskey vote, and on the other hand good men vote for him because he belongs to a large and influential church, it looks as though he was pretty well fortified in his position. It remains to be seen what the Christian church will do next fall.

B. Roosa,
Lincoln, Neb.

NOTHING HEARD FROM HIM

Strange Disappearance of Hamilton Stafford Unexplained.

The strange disappearance of Hamilton Stafford of Cortland from Lincoln on the afternoon of January 3 still furnishes considerable cause for speculation among those most interested. Mr. Stafford came to this city to transact some business on that day. He was last seen on the streets, so far as current knowledge goes, at about 1:30 in the afternoon by Elmer Salisbury, a young man who worked for him when he was farming near Raymond two years ago. Since that time nothing has been heard from or of him and he has dropped completely out of sight. The efforts of the friends of the family to get trace of him have not been successful, and Mrs. Stafford says that she knows no more about him or his whereabouts now than the day he disappeared. She suspects foul play.

A BABY ABANDONED

Depot Police in Omaha Makes a Find of Boy Infant.

When Depot Master Simpson went on duty at the union depot in Omaha he noticed an old looking bundle stored away in one corner of the basement. It looked like an old overcoat which some one had tied up in a bundle and cast aside, but when he picked up the strange package a plaintive cry issued forth. He hurriedly investigated. After unwrapping several rolls of clothing the depot master brought to light an infant—a little boy—apparently four or five days old.

Simpson made known his discovery to the police and Sergeant Hudson was sent to bring the little stranger to the station where he was placed in charge of Matron Tiedeman. During the morning several persons called and offered to give the baby a home. It was finally taken in charge by Mrs. Ida Baldwin, 1712 California street, who desires to keep it.

The police have no clue whatever as to who left the babe in the depot.

Havana Customs Receipts.

The war department has given out for publication a statement for the receipts from customs at the port of Havana, Cuba, for the month of December, 1899. The total receipts for the month were \$1,103,180. Attention is invited to the fact that though there were only twenty-six working days in the month of December, the total collections exceeded those in any other month of the past year.

Forty-five Year Sentence.

A Carbonade, Ill., dispatch says: In the trial of Frank Davis, charged with the killing of his wife and sixteen year old girl near Murphysboro, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at forty-five years in the penitentiary. Davis is thirty years old.

A negro named Anderson Gause was found hanging to a limb of a tree near Henning, Tenn. It is supposed he was lynched for aiding in the escape of the Ginery brothers, colored, who recently murdered two officers near Ripley, Tenn.

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A DUEL IN A HOTEL

Kentucky Feud Ends in a Fearful Tragedy.

THREE LIVES WERE WIPED OUT

Former Congressman Plays a Principal Part—Non-Participating Bystander Killed and Another Mortally Wounded—War the Cause.

A Frankfort, Ky., January 17 special says: A shocking tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs on a slender thread, while two others miraculously escaped with painful injuries occurred here at 1 o'clock yesterday. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David M. Colson of Middleboro and Lieutenant Ethelbert Scott of Somerset. Scott was shot six times by Colson and almost instantly killed. Luther W. Demaree, assistant postmaster at Shelbyville, an innocent bystander, was shot three times and died instantly. Charles Julian, another bystander, was shot and died a half hour later, and Captain B. B. Golden of Barbourville, commonwealth attorney of the Twenty-seventh judicial district, was shot in the back and is not expected to survive the night.

Colonel Colson himself was shot twice in the arm. Harry McEwing of Louisville was shot in the foot and W. O. Ridpath of Chicago sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott, falling against him as it rolled down the stairway. The tragedy is one of the most sensational in the history of "the dark and bloody ground."

The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capital hotel, the principal hostelry of the state capital, the room being well filled at the time with politicians and others who are here attending the contest for state offices before the legislature. Colonel Colson is in jail tonight charged with murder, but he claims self-defense.

The witnesses to the affair were taken so much by surprise when the shooting began that most of them were almost panic-stricken, and there are many conflicting stories as to how the fight began.

Colonel Colson, who killed Scott and who is charged with the killing of both Demaree and Julian, and with shooting Golden, has long been a prominent figure in Kentucky politics. He was elected to congress in 1896, but resigned to accept a commission as colonel of a regiment during the Spanish war, in which Scott was a lieutenant. Colson and Golden was captain of a cavalry troop, and the trouble which led to the tragedy began then.

THE MARKETS.

Kansas City.

CATTLE—Best beefs..... 5 50 @ 6 30
Stockers..... 4 85 @ 5 75
Native cows..... 3 00 @ 4 00
Feeders..... 4 00 @ 4 50
Western steers..... 4 75 @ 5 40
Texas and Indian steers..... 2 50 @ 3 15
HOGS—Choice to heavy..... 4 75 @ 5 00
SHEEP—Fair to choice..... 4 50 @ 5 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 62 @ 72
No. 2 hard..... 62 @ 62 1/2
No. 2 mixed..... 30 @ 30 1/2
OATS—No. 2..... 22 @ 22 1/2
RYE—No. 2..... 35 @ 35 1/2
FLOUR—Patent, per barrel..... 3 35 @ 3 45
Fancy..... 3 70 @ 3 80
HAY—Choice timothy..... 9 00 @ 9 30
Fancy prairie..... 7 00 @ 7 50
BRAN—(sacked)..... 62
BUTTER—Choice creamery..... 23
EGGS—Choice..... 14
POTATOES..... 35 @ 45

Chicago.

CATTLE—Common to prime..... 4 40 @ 4 60
HOGS—Packing and shipping..... 4 80 @ 4 75
SHEEP—Fair to choice..... 5 25 @ 5 10
FLOUR—Winter wheat..... 3 80 @ 3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 63 @ 63 1/2
No. 2 hard..... 63 @ 63 1/2
No. 2 mixed..... 30 @ 30 1/2
OATS—No. 2..... 22 @ 22 1/2
RYE—No. 2..... 35 @ 35 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery..... 19 @ 21
LARD—Western mess..... 12 1/2 @ 12 1/4
PORK..... 9 00 @ 9 35

St. Louis.

CATTLE—Native and shipping..... 3 75 @ 4 05
Texas..... 3 40 @ 4 30
HOGS—Heavy..... 4 50 @ 4 60
SHEEP—Fair to choice..... 5 00 @ 5 50
FLOUR—Choice..... 3 30 @ 3 35
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 62 1/2 @ 68 1/4
No. 2 mixed..... 30 @ 30 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed..... 24 @ 24 1/2
RYE—No. 2..... 35 @ 35 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery..... 19 @ 21
LARD—Western mess..... 12 1/2 @ 12 1/4
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Horses—Choice heavy draft, \$125 to \$175; fancy saddlehorses, \$100 to \$200; coach horses, \$50 to \$100; choice chucks, \$35 to \$45; choice Southern horses, \$50 to \$75.

Mules—Best prices range from \$25 to \$150 according to size.

St. Louis Found Guilty.

Fred Sibbey was convicted at Taylorville, Ill., of complicity in the murder of Mrs. Jane Brunot, near Paris, last summer, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. His counsel has made a motion for a new trial. Henry Brunot, a nephew of the murdered woman, has also been sentenced to hang for life. Neither of the youths was over nineteen years of age. Each was the other of the actual murder.

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RARE EXPERIENCE.

Of a Man Who Won Against a "Brace" Faro Game.

New Orleans Times-Democrat: "It isn't many men who have beaten a brace faro game," said an old steamboat captain, "but I enjoyed that experience in Memphis one night, at the time gambling was wide open everywhere along the river. I was steered into the place by a pleasant-spoken chap, who had scraped acquaintance at the hotel, and I saw immediately that I was against a lot of robbers. I realized, however, that I would probably get sandbagged if I raised a row, so I concluded to sit down at the faro table, lose a few dollars, and then make some excuse to go out. I bought a stack of chips, and had just started to play when two new men came in, one of them evidently a "capper" for the house and the other a drunken planter. From the significant glances of all hands it was plain that a rice prize had been landed, and as they made room for the poor dupe at the table, the dealer asked me very courteously to cash in my chips and quit. You see, they wanted to get rid of me so as to devote their entire attention to plucking the planter, and the dealer gave as a reason that 'Col.' was an old friend and liked to have the game to himself." That gave me my cue, and I told him pretty shortly that I intended to remain where I was. 'Oh, let 'em stay,' grunted the planter, good naturedly, and the chap behind the table, growling like mad, resumed the deal. The drunken man slapped down \$50 at a time and I followed him with \$5 a shot, playing opposite. In other words, when his bet was open mine was 'copped,' and vice versa. It was impossible for them to win from him without losing to me, and I could hear the whole crowd gritting their teeth every time I gathered in the chips. They wanted my gore, sure, but didn't dare molest me for fear of alarming the planter. I kept it up until I had won about \$100, and then I cashed in and sauntered out, leaving the victim at the game. I yearned to give him a tip, but that would have meant certain death; his presence and lack of suspicion were the only things that saved me. I never heard how much he lost."

Want Island Admission.

Among the passengers who arrived in New York recently by the steamer Philadelphia from Ponce and San Juan, Puerto Rico, were members of a delegation of Puerto Rican merchant's and citizens en route for Washington to consult with President and present to congress the needs of the island of Puerto Rico. The delegates are strongly in favor of the island being made a territory of the United States. They also favor a modification of tariff laws and other reforms.

Only Five Cases.

Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital has received a cablegram from Passed Assistant Surgeon Perry in charge of the marine hospital service at Manila stating that five cases of plague have occurred there. This is taken to mean that there have been but five cases there since the outbreak of the plague.

Internal Revenue Receipts.

The receipts from internal revenue for the month of November last were \$25,457,365, an increase as compared with the corresponding month in the preceding year of \$2,032,495. The receipts for the five months ending November, 1899, show an increase of \$11,431,267 compared with the corresponding five months in the preceding year.

The Independent in clubs of five from now until January 1, 1901 (nearly a year) for 50 cents each. Invite your neighbor to subscribe.

Steamer Sinkings.

A dispatch from Gallipoli, O., says: The fine passenger steamer Lexington, owned by the Carr line of Charleston, W. Va., while racing with the opposition packet Argard, struck the look wall near Scary, breaking in two and sinking immediately. The Argard went to its assistance and took off the passengers and crew. The Lexington will be a total wreck.

Aged Lady Severely Injured.

Mrs. Kiser, an old lady of seventy years, who resides at Mynard, while leaving the dental parlors in the Rhyger block at night, slipped and fell down a flight of stairs sustaining a severe fracture of her right thigh. She was conveyed to the home of some friends and the fracture repaired.

Gift of a Lincoln Woman.

The ladies of St. Mary's Episcopal church at Nebraska City for some time past have been creating a fund to purchase a pipe organ and have about \$500 on hand. They have been most agreeably surprised by Mrs. A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln, who has sent them a fine reed organ of the best make, which will be placed in position and used for the first time on the 28th inst. The gift is highly appreciated by the members of the church.

Saratoga a Training Ship.

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RETAIN OLD HANDS

State Board of Agriculture Adjourns Its Meeting.

BOARD ACCEPTS THE OLD GROUNDS

President Bassett Announces Personnel of New Board of Managers—Session of State Farmers' Institute—Other Nebraska News.

The meetings of the state board of agriculture were sandwiched in with meetings of the state farmers' institute Wednesday. The board of agriculture met in the morning and elected officers, deferring the business session relating to the state fair till evening. The state farmers' institute held a morning, afternoon and evening session, at which many topics were discussed.

The board of agriculture re-elected all the officers. The list for the next year is: President, S. C. Bassett, Gibbon; first vice president, L. A. Beecher, Neligh; second vice president, E. McIntyre, Seward; secretary, Robert W. Furness, Brownville. A. C. Peterson of Ashland was elected as member of the board to take the place of Senator M. L. Hayward.

President Bassett said that he believed the society would get the \$4,000 appropriation from the state which the society needs to pay premiums. Arrangements were completed for state fair grounds and the old grounds were accepted.

The state fair will be held the first week in September. An interesting session of the farmers' institute followed the board meeting.

THE MISSING MAN FOUND

Hamilton Stafford said to be in a Pennsylvania Town.

Mrs. Hamilton Stafford of Cortland has received a letter from her sister-in-law in Erie, Pa., dated January 13, saying that Mr. Stafford arrived there that day. He had been nine days on the road to Erie, and was out of money when he arrived. The letter does not state how he came to be out of money, as he started from Lincoln with something over \$75. It says nothing either regarding his physical or mental condition.

Stafford left Lincoln on January 3, and since that time and until the letter was received nothing had been heard of him. It was believed that he had met with foul play. He was in Lincoln that day transacting some business. He paid a note of \$24 to one man and was known to have more than \$100 with him when he left home. He left his team in Smith's barn on R street. His disappearance was a sensation in police circles, and the suspicions of the officers might have led to an arrest within a day or two.

RIOT IN SCHOOL ROOM

Teacher at Cortland Defends Himself Vigorously.

A riot between the boys in the grammar room of the Cortland public schools and the teacher, J. G. Ludlam, occurred just after the morning recess Wednesday. There has for weeks been bad feelings between teacher and pupils. It seems to be mutually understood that this was the day hostilities were to be declared. Fred Young, a boy sixteen years old and the teacher had trouble, and a fight ensued. The scholar was badly whipped, first by the teacher's fist and later by a rawhide. Other scholars joined, as the teacher expected, but the pedagogues fought manfully and held his own with the aid of the rawhide. A number of the patrons have withdrawn their children. Arrests may follow.

No Place Like Home.

Lured from their homes by the blandishments of two tramps who promised them money, and with visions of the pleasures of a great city, Frank and James Brown, two brothers, aged twelve and ten years respectively, appeared at the police station in Omaha and asked to be sent to their home near Deloit, Ia. The little fellows were cold and hungry, having walked the streets the greater part of one night, and they had come to the decision that running away from home was not so much fun after all.

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THEY WANT MORE POWER

Interstate Commerce Commission Appeals to Congress.

The interstate commerce commission has made public its thirteenth annual report. The feature of the report is the strong plea made that congress uphold the hands of the commission by amendments making the interstate commerce law more effective. The report says that the commission a year ago called attention to the fact that in vital respects the present law has proved defective and inadequate and that until further legislation is provided the best efforts at regulation must be feeble and disappointing. The requests of the commission for needful amendments have been supported by petitions and memorials from agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests throughout the country, yet, says the report, not a line of the statute has been changed and none of the burdensome conditions which call for relief has been removed or modified. The existing situation, and the developments of the past year, it is added, render more imperative than ever before the necessity for speedy and suitable legislation. Nine-tenths of the people know that any railroad company can charge for its service whatever it pleases, without any real power in this commission or any other tribunal or court to limit the amount of such charge when complaint is made by the aggrieved shipper, and they are substantially of one mind in desiring that this and other defects in the statute be promptly remedied. Shippers generally also have been practically unanimous in favor of a single classification of freights, one that will be uniform for all roads and all sections of the country and reasonably stable when established.

FLOODS IN WEST RECEDING

Trains Tied Up, But No Further Known Loss of Life.

A dispatch from Spokane, Wash., says: The floods in the Potlach and Clearwater rivers are receding. The wires to Kendrick and Juliaetta are down, hence meagre information comes from there, but enough to show that no further damage has been done. Lewiston has mail for the first time in three days. All traveling in that vicinity is by wagons. Trains are everywhere tied up in the valleys on account of damage to the roadbeds.

The weather has suddenly turned cold in the vicinity of Tacoma, and the waters of the rivers which have been causing damage by floods in the valley have gone down. In the mountains the streams are all reported to be frozen up and the meltings of snow has stopped. The Northern Pacific has cleared its tracks and fears no more trouble.

KILLED BY TWO PRISONERS

Missouri County Jailer Overpowered by Desperadoes.

County Jailer Fred Henry, while feeding the prisoners in the Howell county jail at West Plains, Mo., was overpowered and killed by two prisoners, Ben Richardson and Ed Gray. Richardson was under sentence to the penitentiary for burglary, and is an escaped convict from the Tennessee penitentiary. A posse has been organized and is scouring the woods. A reward of \$1,000 is offered for their capture. Intense excitement prevails and talk of lynching is freely indulged in.

WANT THE DISPUTED STRIP

Missouri Seeks Land that is Claimed by Nebraska.

Governor Lon V. Stephens and Attorney General Crow of Missouri, have left here for Washington where the latter will institute proceedings in the United States supreme court against the city of Chicago and the trustees of the Chicago drainage canal to restrain them from turning the sevice of Chicago into the Mississippi river. They expect to remain in the national capital for several days and the attorney general will also institute suit for a strip of land between Nemaha county, Nebraska, and Atchison county, Missouri, which it is believed belongs to Missouri.

Urge Building of Cable.

Secretary Long and Rear Admiral Bradford appeared before the committee on naval affairs in advocacy of the construction of a Pacific cable by the government. The secretary's statements were general and related to the feasibility of the plan and its advantages over doing the work by private enterprise. Rear Admiral Bradford detailed the operation of the collier Nero and said that, according to the report made of the preliminary work the proposed cable was entirely practicable.

Electricity in Cripple Creek Mines.

Cripple Creek is perhaps the only gold mining district in the world where a miner can go to his work in an electric street car, descend the mine in an electric hoist, keep his mine dry by an electric pump, do his work by an electric lamp, run drills operated by electric air compressors (possibly in time, to be superseded by direct electric drills), and fire his shots by electricity from a switchboard remote from the point of explosion. It is estimated that in the Cripple Creek district the use as above of electric power, as compared with steam power, effects a saving of from 15 to 50 per cent, according to the location and circumstances of the mine. Electrical power is revolutionizing the mining industry at Cripple Creek in reducing expenses, increasing profits and making available lower grade ore, hitherto discarded or ignored as incapable of being mined and treated at a profit—Engineering Magazine.

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75c and \$1 black sateen, \$1.25 and \$1.50 suits, this sale..... \$5
Another lot of suits, assorted colors, this sale, HALF OFF.
All children's jackets, new styles, HALF OFF.
50 Breakfast Shawls, \$1.00 value, this sale..... 15c
25 Silk and Wool Crepon Skirts, \$7.50 values, this sale, each..... \$5
Heavy all-wool cheviot skirts, taffeta silk and tailor stitches down from \$7.50 values, each..... \$5
\$5.00 silk waists in black to match trimming on above skirts, this sale, each..... \$3.45
Children's Cashmere Dresses, all lined, sizes 1 to 5 years, were \$1, this sale, each.....