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**Cook County Corruption.**

An investigation of affairs at the Cook county, Illinois, insane asylum reveals the fact that Chicago and Cook county are still blessed with a few unsavory racials. It will be remembered that only a few years ago several of the County Commissioners, together with the keeper of the county poor house and other interested parties, were sentenced to the penitentiary for a misapplication of county funds. One preferred Canada and was allowed to go there by a bribed sheriff. A story more sickening or horrible than the one which comes from the Cook county insane asylum could hardly be outdone by Andersonville itself. Dr. Clevenger, a former attendant at the asylum, was recently on the witness stand and told the following plausible story:

"In 1886," said the doctor, "the physicians who secured bodies at the asylum for dissection at the Rush medical college told me that the bodies were so covered with vermin that they had to be scorched before being placed on the dissecting table. Once in 1885 I heard screams of pain, and running from my office found two attendants standing over a patient who was bleeding profusely. I knew there was no use making any complaint, as these attendants were supported by the influence of the county board. Soon after they refused to obey my orders. They secreted bodies on which I desired to hold a post mortem examination and I could not get them for two or three days after they were buried. I published a statement and the following night one of the attendants abused me. A few minutes later a shot was fired down stairs. The bullet crashed through the door and lodged in my book case." Soon after the doctor resigned.

"What is the matter with the institution now?" asked the attorney.  
"It is under the influence of boodlerism. It is in a bad place, on unsalubrious ground. There should be two new buildings, one for male and one for female patients. Then the county board should be kicked out and the asylum put into the hands of a state commission."

Dr. Clevenger told how boodlerism had prevented an investigation. Even ministers of the gospel were afraid of the boodlers who occupied seats in their churches. He said there has been repeated testimony that vermin abounded in the wards and Dr. Kohler, an assistant physician, found maggots in the wounds of neglected patients in 1884. Bedbugs would torture the patients under their straight jackets and rats would mutilate the bodies of those who had died unattended through the night, and male attendants were usually appointed by the county commissioners for their fighting abilities at the polls at election time. The brawls, drunkenness, oaths, incessant alarms, pistol shootings, immorality, stealing, etc., exerted a very depressing influence upon decent officials and caused them to waste much of their energy in keeping out of the rows. The county board's financial reports were falsified and confused in a variety of ways, and often the expression, "General expenses," would cover \$1,000 or more of unaccounted for bills. Everything was done to make an apparent showing of external cleanliness, but the whitewashing and the flowers and well kept lawn constitute the place but a whitened sepulchre.

**Interest in Flax.**

WASHINGTON, MAY 23.—Since the recent publication in these dispatches of a letter by the assistant secretary of agriculture respecting the existence of a machine that will take flax fibre from the stock without wetting, the mail of the agricultural department has been burdened with letters on the subject, showing national interest. One of the letters received was from a manufacturer in the northwest, who has invested nearly \$100,000 in the business of flax manufacturing. The writer says he has made two trips to Ireland and Belgium and has seen the operations of the machine referred to and confirms all that is claimed. He further agrees with the original writer that the country is on the verge of a great revolution in the production and manufacture of flax. Considerable interest is shown in correspondence in the success of the experiment of growing flax more abundantly as a solution of the difficulties and burdens which it is said are forced upon the farmers of the northwest by the twine trust. The department is considering, in connection with the flax question, the whole subject of the growth of fibrous plants, especially ramie, hemp and jute.—State Journal

The editor is now building a house on the claim he recently purchased of Wm. Christensen and will be ready in a short time to negotiate with good looking young ladies who are matrimonially inclined. No applications will be entertained until further notice.

**For God, and Home, and Native Land.**  
Contributions by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the school house on Wednesday, June 5th, at 4 o'clock P. M.

The report of the Iowa State Temperance Alliance shows that eighty-three counties reported the prohibitory law a success and benefit. Seventy-three reported decrease in crime varying from twenty to sixty per cent, a decrease of twenty-five per cent, in number of convicts in state prison, and that over one-half of the jails have been empty the last year.

The State Treasurer of Iowa has redeemed \$415,000 of outstanding warrants within the past six weeks, thus reducing the floating indebtedness of the state to less than \$75,000, all of which will be wiped out by January 1st, 1890. The prosperous condition of Iowa's exchequer is in marked contrast to the financial embarrassment of several neighboring high license states.

The second annual report of the Commissioner of Labor shows that in 1886 there were 64,340 convicts in the United States, or one to every 300 persons employed in mechanical, agriculture or mining pursuits. Of these Illinois and Massachusetts, under license furnished respectively 3,306 and 4,591; while Iowa and Maine under prohibition furnished respectively 1,110 and 279.

Philips Brooks says: "If we could sweep intemperance out of the country there would be hardly poverty enough left to give healthy exercise to the charitable impulses."

**Boggy Items.**

Mr. Brumbo has returned from Dawes county to his claim near War Bonnet and brought quite a bunch of cattle with him composed chiefly of cows and calves.

Still they come. Mr. Cassel and Son and families arrived in the valley the first of the week from Buffalo county, seeking land.

Mrs. Conley has returned to her claim in the valley. She arrived the 28th.

Miss Eliza Armstrong had a birthday party recently. Several of the young ladies called on her and passed the day with music by violin and organ with vocal accompaniment, and finished up by a splendid dinner.

Mr. Kendall intends to shut down his mill for a week or two. Look out! We will hear of him in the hills next.

Mr. Storey has broke some twenty acres of land for corn. When his best girl comes they will have some roasting ears.

**Estray Notice.**

Taken up by me at my residence on sec. 32, Tp. 33, R. 55, on May 1st, 1890; two dark bay geldings. One branded with diamond on left hip, and the other with L O, Q L, and H, on left hip, and S with a horizontal P over it on left shoulder. Each supposed to be about 10 years old.

L. RICKARD.

**Contest Notice.**

U. S. Land Office, Chadron, Neb. April 6, 1890.  
Complaint No. 1471 having been entered at this office by Charles L. Tubbs against Henry G. F. Junker for failure to comply with law as to Timber-Culture entry No. 5834 dated March 8th, 1890, upon the northwest quarter of section 27, township 31, range 56, in Sioux county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said claimant has failed to cultivate any part of said tract during the third year after entry, and that he has failed to plant either trees, seeds or cuttings upon said tract during the third year after entry, and has failed to cure the defects up to the date of initiating this contest, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 10th day of June, 1890, at 10 o'clock A. M. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

Testimony of witnesses will be taken before C. C. Jameson, Clerk of the Dist. Court, at his office in Harrison, Nebraska, on the 3rd day of June, 1890, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ALBERT W. CRITES, Receiver.

L. O. HULL,

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