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John T. Wood, the socialist mayor of Coeur D'Alene, proposes a municipal saloon. A dispatch to the New York World says: Mayor Wood plans to lease a building at \$500 a month, hire a manager at \$2,000 a year, two cashiers at \$85 a month each, as many bartenders as necessary at \$100 a month each, a house policeman at \$85 a month and two janitors at \$75. If the plans of the mayor and councilmen are carried out the attaches will be placed under bonds and the place run in strict adherence to the city ordinances. The saloon will be required to pay the state and federal license fee of \$775 a year. The county recently voted "wet," and men who had arranged to open saloons oppose the mayor's plan.

A Milwaukee dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: Contracts held by actors for work on Sunday are not legal, according to a decision of Judge Halsey in the suit of Robert Warwick, an actor, against Sherman Brown, manager of the Davidson theater. Warwick alleges that in December, 1908, he contracted with Brown for ten performances for ten weeks at a salary of \$250 a week, but that after seven weeks he was discharged. He asked \$750 for the remaining three weeks. Brown contended that as Warwick's contract provided for Sunday work that the instrument was not valid.

Independent steel manufacturers aired before the house "steel trust" investigating committee complaints that freight rates charged by roads owned by the United States Steel corporation discriminated against them.

Burt H. Franklin, an investigator employed by the defense in the McNamara trial, was held to the superior court at Los Angeles to answer to charges of bribing a juror.

The total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1911-12 will amount to 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight. This exceeds the record crop of 1904 by 1,447,000 bales.

James B. McCreary was inaugurated governor of Kentucky.

Theodore Roosevelt visited Boston and was greeted by a crowd of 6,000 people.

The Nobel peace prize has been awarded jointly to Prof. T. M. Asser, of the Netherlands, and Alfred Fried, of Vienna.

A petition is being circulated in Charleston requesting the legislature to pass a law prohibiting racetrack betting in South Carolina.

John J. and James B. McNamara have been taken to the California prison, the one to serve for life and the other to serve for 15 years.

Albinus Nance, former governor of Nebraska, died at his home in Chicago.

For several months the army camp at Fort Riley has been greatly disturbed by a series of incendiary fires and explosions. It is estimated that the government has sustained a loss of \$1,000,000 through these affairs. Several arrests have been made and

a former soldier has written to the officers that he can supply some sensational facts showing a great conspiracy.

A remarkable situation in Judge Withrow's court attracted the attention of lawyers everywhere. The court had instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant in the McDermott will case. The jury refused, saying it preferred to return a verdict for the plaintiff. The judge sent the jury back to its room with new instructions to return a verdict for the defendant. After being locked up for several hours the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, still persisting in violating the instructions of the court. The Associated Press report of the proceedings says: "Judge Withrow finally accepted the verdict. He announced, however, that on the motion of either side the verdict should be set aside."

"A slight change in the judge's language in sending the jury back to deliberate opened the way for a verdict."

"The judge had kept asking us if we had signed a verdict," said Foreman H. C. Hartman after the jury was discharged.

"He told us to go back and deliberate until we reached a verdict. We did."

"Mrs. Mary Farrington had sued the Rev. Father John White, executor of the estate of her mother, Bridget McDermott, charging that he had exercised undue influence over Mrs. McDermott. The court held that insufficient evidence had been introduced by the plaintiff, and directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. This the twelve men refused to do, saying that they 'would stand on their rights as American citizens.'"

"The jury at 2:20 p. m., today came into court, and the following finding was handed to Judge Withrow:

"We, the jury, find in favor of the plaintiff for the reason that, from the circumstantial evidence of witnesses, we believe there was undue influence exerted over Bridget McDermott prior to and at the time she executed the testament in question when it was not her last will and testament."

"The judge sent for law books and, with the foreman of the jury, looked at them and said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, although your verdict is in violation of the orders of this court, under the rulings of the supreme court it becomes my duty to accept it. Upon motion of either party—the plaintiff or the defendant—the verdict will be set aside and a new trial ordered. The jury is discharged."

"The jurors went to the county clerk's office, where each man received a warrant for \$7.50 as his pay. They didn't know where to cash the warrants, and when a deputy told them they might take the warrants either to a bank or to a saloon across the street, Juror Reynolds, the soloist of the party, said: "We'll go to the saloon, and we'll all go together. Remember, we all stick together, boys."

"When the jury reported later Judge Withrow's court room was packed and the corridors of the dingy old court house held a throng awaiting 'news from the jury.' In the same court house the celebrated