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nized authority on advertis-
ing, after a thorough investi-
gation on this subject, says:
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an ordinary newspaper in
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having 2,000 subscribers is of
more value to the business
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than an ordinary paper with
12,000 subscribers."

WHOLE HOG OR NONE.

The Wagworker's good friend, H.
H. Hardy—than whom no finer
gentleman of the old school is left
with us—continues his warfare on King
Alcohol, and as a sort of side issue
to keep himself in good physical con-
dition, also takes a poke at Prince To-
bacco. Mr. Hardy insists upon the
total prohibition of liquor right now,
and the very near prohibition of to-
bacco.

But why stop with these things?
Why not go right on and by the sim-
ple expedient of enacting a law or
an ordinance make each and every
one of us the proper recipient of an-
gelic wings, and thus save us from
the necessity of moral exertion? It
is just as easy as stumbling over a
broken scantling. All you have to do
is to hitch an enacting clause to hu-
manity, back it up with a constable's
club—and there you are!

But, as we heretofore inquired, why
stop with whisky and tobacco? Why
not prohibit coffee, which contains al-
most as many varieties of poison as
Helmke has pickles? Why not prohibit
the luscious oyster which is loaded to
the gunwales with typhoid germs?
Why not prohibit tea, which has made
nervous wrecks of the good sisters?
Why not prohibit the baking of poor
and sour bread, which has driven
many a husband and father to the
restaurants and thus to his gastrono-
mic doom? Why not cure all the ills
that distress us by legislative enact-
ment?

And having done all these things,
let us proceed further and legislate
good into the minds and hearts of
men. What's the use of wasting an-
other nineteen hundred years trying
to reform the world by preaching the
doctrines of the Man of Nazareth?
Every preacher in the land who is be-
seeching the aid of man-made law is
confessing that the gospel of Jesus
Christ has failed. And having thus
confessed and sought the aid of legis-
lative enactment and the constabul-
ary's club, why not keep right on?
If we have a right to prohibit a man
from doing that which we deem a
moral injury to him, have we not the
right to compel him to do that which
we deem a moral benefit to him? If
we may say that he shall not do this
and that on the Lord's day, have we
not a right to say what he shall do?
And if we say that a man shall not
visit a saloon in an orderly manner
within reasonable hours, shall we not
also say that he must visit the church
of our particular belief at the hours
we deem reasonable? If we may by
law say what a man shall drink, shall
we not also say what he shall eat,
and wear, and think and dream?

joyfully sit and await the dawning
of the millenium which is just around
the legislative corner.

TWO PROPOSITIONS.

Lincoln needs an adequate high
school building—and needs it now.
And there could be no better time than
now to make a move looking towards
acquiring it. In order to build it
bonds must be issued or a heavy levy
made and the money accumulated.
No matter how the money is raised,
it should be raised now. A lot of idle
capital should be taxed into circula-
tion, giving employment to labor.

The park bond proposition should
be pushed. Ninety cents out of every
dollar voted for park purposes will be
expended for labor.

Working men who have children to
educate and must educate them in the
public schools should insist upon a
high school worthy of the name. They
should also insist that the city which
they are making rich and prosperous
provide them with parks in which they
and their children may find rest and
recreation.

The high school matter is not yet
fully mapped out. But the park por-
position can be pushed now. The mode
of procedure is simple. Just sign the
petition that is being circulated, and
then ask your neighbors to sign. The
petition will be filed with the city
clerk and the city council will sub-
mit the proposition under the referen-
dum law. Then the bonds will be
voted and issued.

Let us secure the park bonds now,
and be ready to vote the high school
bonds when the time comes.

By farming out the city prisoners
the city can avoid paying taxes for
the maintenance of a city jail, says
W. A. Woodward. These are not his
exact words, but the convey his mean-
ing. By depriving honest and free
men of a means of livelihood we can
force them to steal, and that will in-
sure an adequate supply of prisoners.
Some of our city statesmen possess
heads so long they have to go to a
vacant lot to turn around.

Brother Batten figures out that Lin-
coln's drink bill amounts to about \$1,
250,000 a year. After carefully con-
sidering the matter we are going to
demand a legislative enactment com-
pelling the men who put it up to di-
vert it into a fund for the furnishing
of dress suits and décollete gowns
for the naked cannibals of the Fiji
islands.

Many homes have been ruined by
liquor, and many homes have been
ruined by too much "club life." We
are going to demand an ordinance
forbidding mothers to attend club
meetings after 6 p. m. The more we
go into this reform by legislative en-
actment the better we like it.

Chief Stone of the Locomotive En-
gineers says the brotherhood will not
consent to a wage reduction. The en-
gineers haven't been doing anything
else for twelve years. To-day they are
rendering 300 per cent more service
than ever before, and their wages have
remained practically stationary.

William J. Bryan has made many
splendid banquet speeches, but the
one he delivered at the banquet of
the New York Economic club was the
prize winner. It was non-partisan,
and every western man, no matter
what is his vocation, should read it
it shows Bryan at his best.

Physicians tell us that throat
trouble is often brought on by leaving
the throat unprotected. We are going
to demand an ordinance requiring all
adults, male and female, to raise chin
whiskers. Reform by ordinance is
such a great thing we are going to
push it to the limit.

We favor an ordinance providing a
jail sentence for every wife who com-
pels her husband to eat sour bread.
The more we look at this matter of
reformation by ordinance the better
we like it.

The Typographical Union made a
good impression on the Nebraska
Press association, and made the
union's silver anniversary an event
long to be remembered with pleasure.

The employer may boycott a union
man, but the union man goes to jail
if he boycotts an employer. And the
court that so decides insists upon be-
ing shown great respect.

And maybe the Musicians' Protec-
tive Union did not do itself proud with
its first annual ball. The Wagworker
is mighty proud of the "baby union."

Having had their "protest" graft
shut off several syhster lawyers see
in prohibition a chance to earn some
more of the same kind of money.

The workingmen who have made
Lincoln should now insist that Lincoln

provide them with adequate park fa-
cilities.

When courts are more respectable
they will be assured of more respect.

George Wilson's article on "The
Labor Skate" should be read and
digested by every union man.

After living for six weeks on water
Noah got so drunk he made a spec-
tacle of himself. That was the prize
tumble from the water wagon.

Watch for the picture of the pro-
posed Labor Temple. It will fire you
with an ambition to have some part
in making it a reality.

The most modern version will doubt-
less read: "Go ye into all the world
with a legislative enactment and a
squad of constables and force the gos-
pel onto every creature."

When the law of gravity will force
a body heavier than the atmosphere to
fall upward then legislative enact-
ment will be able to change human
nature.

We are going to demand an ordi-
nance compelling all men to believe as
we believe. That will insure things
being run to our liking. Say, this re-
form-by-ordinance bug is working
mighty lively!

An Illinois labor exchange suggests
that the democrats of that state nom-
inate John Mitchell for governor.
That's a joke. John Mitchell is a
republican, and besides, the democrats
of Illinois do not think enough of
the labor vote to nominate a union
man for any office.

Ambition is the rooted nettle of the
selfish soul.

A good man and cause is never fi-
nally defeated.

Dullards are born so and not made
by the schools.

Japan, having looked about the
world a bit, knows that cabinet crises
are harmless.

Morocco, having had a taste of gen-
eral disorder, will not be satisfied un-
til it gets the whole jug.

France is buying so many airships
that it looks as if the French govern-
ment desired to start a museum of in-
conclusive inventions.

Cuba may as well begin planning to
celebrate its newest Fourth of July,
for Uncle Sam is going to give it an-
other chance to be good.

Chinese claim to have discovered
"graft" prior to any other nation.
Their political system might well
serve as a horrible example.

No, inquiring reader, the language
talked by grip victims is not Esperan-
to, but it is certainly some kin to
a universal tongue this winter.

The czar may send editors to Si-
beria, but is powerless to prevent an
enormous number of uncensored nov-
els from circulating around the globe.

There are 80,000 more women than
men in Massachusetts. It will be nec-
essary for the leap year girl who ex-
pects to succeed in that state to start
early.

The Mosquito Indians are indulging
in an uprising, and the people who
believed they were harmless individ-
uals will probably feel that they have
been "stung."

Gradually the recalcitrants are be-
coming reconciled to the absence of
the motto that formerly adorned the
new coins. Anyhow, they are making
less fuss about it.

If this money scarcity in Germany
keeps up much longer some peerless
leader over there will be tempted to
propose the free and unlimited coin-
age of frankfurters.

A convention of scientists has an-
other peculiarity. If we mistake not.
You don't have to take up a collec-
tion to defray the expenses in order to
induce it to come here.

Dr. Siebel has discovered how every
human body can make its own elec-
tricity. Now let him show how every-
body can be his own patent medicine
and make us all happy.

A superficial investigation might
lead one to wonder if somebody had
not been making a bunch of graft
from the purchase of hose for the
New York fire department.

Count Witte and Gen. Kuropatkin
are fighting over the war between
Russia and Japan. It is not expected,
however, that either of them will suc-
ceed in taking Manchuria.

A famous Mexican volcano is for
sale. It would not be a bad idea for
some of the fire-eaters in congress to
invest in its sulphurously eruptive
qualities as an aid to their oratory.

A man in New York committed sui-
cide because his wife stayed out late
at night. It is a pretty good thing that
the average woman is not affected to
such an extent by a recreant husband.

"Lord Curzon would like to sit in
the house of lords," says the Chicago
Post. Meanwhile Ireland, which is
expected to assist in the process,
shows some disposition to sit on Lord
Curzon.

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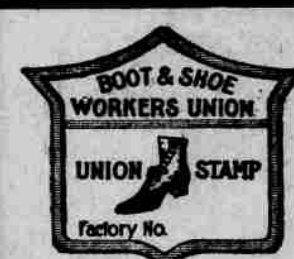
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