

TEMPERANCE COLUMN

Conducted by the McCook W. C. T. U.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON PROHIBITION. The liquor traffic is a cancer in society...

If the prohibition of slavery is good for the black man, the prohibition of the liquor traffic is equally good and constitutional for the white man.

These must be no more attempts to regulate the cancer (liquor traffic); it must be eradicated; for until this is done, all classes must continue exposed, to become the victims of strong drink.

The most effectual remedy would be the passage of a law altogether abolishing the liquor traffic.

After reconstruction, the next great question will be the overthrow of the liquor traffic, April 13, 1865.

Law must protect and conserve right things and if there is any evil in the land that threatens society or individuals more than another, it is the liquor traffic. 1853.

Under the license system the saloons multiply drunkards.

At the last meeting of the W.C.T.U., September 14th, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. M. J. Stevens, president; Mrs. Wimer, vice president; Mrs. C. McBride, recording secretary; Mrs. H. A. Kouch, treasurer.

The ladies of our union have undertaken to supply the city of McCook with a drinking fountain. Contributions will be gladly received from any who may desire to aid in this cause.

W. C. T. U. Press Sec.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. C. E. at 7 p. m. All are welcome.

R. M. AINSWORTH, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at St. Alban's church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are welcome to these services.

E. R. EARLE, Rector.

CATHOLIC—Order of services: Mass, 7 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:00 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday.

WM. J. KIRWIN, O. M. I.

BAPTIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.

E. BURTON, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Services, Sunday at 11 a. m., and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Meetings held in the Morris block. Room open all the time. Science literature on sale. Subject for next Sunday, "Substance."

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 and 8. Labor Day sermon. Epworth League at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8. A cordial welcome to all.

M. B. CARMAN, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN—Regular German preaching services in the court room of the McCook court house every Sunday morning at 10:30. All Germans and Russians cordially invited.

REV. WM. BRUEGEMAN.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by pastor. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Senior C. E. at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these services.

G. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTES. Miss Ethel Glandon departed, last Saturday, for Lincoln, Neb., where she will visit friends for a week and then go on to Chicago to enter the Chicago Training School for a two years' course, for Christian work. Miss Ethel has been a great church and Epworth League worker here and will be greatly missed, but she felt the call to a wider field and goes to prepare for it. A farewell reception and shower was given by the league in her honor. Miss Glandon possesses a genial and beautiful Christian character and a host of friends bid her God-speed.

Mr. M. E. Culbertson will lead Epworth League at the M. E. church, Sunday night, the 13th, at 7 o'clock sharp. The subject is, "The Christian's Path to Fame." All are cordially invited.

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Bought the Pastime.

Last Saturday, W. H. Harmon closed the deal for the purchase of the Pastime theatre in the Fahrenbruch building on West B street. The Pastime was opened up a few weeks since by Mrs. Linnie Abbott of Sheridan, Wyoming, and managed by H. O. Woodbeck.

PRIMARY ELECTION, SEPT. 1, 1908.

Following We Give the Official Totals of the Votes Cast, Last Week.

Below and following we give the result in totals of the primary election held in Red Willow county, September 1, 1908:

FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE INVESTMENT OF THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

Republican 389 Democrat 152 People's Independent 6 Prohibition 7 Socialist 5

AGAINST PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE INVESTMENT OF THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

Republican 48 Democrat 37 People's Independent 3 Prohibition 0 Socialist 4

FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO JUDICIAL POWERS.

Republican 335 Democrat 137 People's Independent 5 Prohibition 5 Socialist 4

AGAINST PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO JUDICIAL POWERS.

Republican 55 Democrat 44 People's Independent 2 Prohibition 1 Socialist 5

ELECTORS AT LARGE.

Bell, R. 691 Langer, R. 578 Gering, D. 252 Harrington, D. 231 Smith, D. 108 Gering, P. I. 9 Harrington, P. I. 10 Potts, P. I. 5 Harrington, P. I. 1 Potts, P. I. 1 Patton, Soc. 20 Phillips, Soc. 20

ELECTORS—FIFTH DISTRICT.

Luce, R. 712 Swanson, D. 314 Swanson, P. I. 10 Lafferton, Pro. 4 Nichol, Pro. 4 Legler, Soc. 22

GOVERNOR.

Sheldon, R. 823 Shallenberger, D. 252 Dahlman, D. 24 Berge, D. 72 Berge, P. I. 4 Shallenberger, P. I. 8 Teeter, Pro. 9 Harbaugh, Soc. 13 Walker, Soc. 7

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Hopewell, R. 724 Garrett, D. 152 Grimson, D. 53 Tibbetts, D. 121 Garrett, P. I. 11 Linch, Pro. 10 Jorgenson, Soc. 16 Rodgers, Soc. 4

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Junkin, R. 710 Gatewood, D. 242 Mattes, Jr., D. 82 Gatewood, P. I. 9 Mattes, Jr., P. I. 3 Hockenberger, Pro. 7 Aberly, Soc. 21

AUDITOR.

Alden, R. 192 Allen, R. 78 Antles, R. 27 Barton, R. 262 Cook, R. 55 Haynes, R. 32 McKesson, R. 43 Pierce, R. 53 Luikart, D. 153 Price, D. 177 Luikart, P. I. 8

STATE TREASURER.

Brian, R. 707 Mackey, D. 315 Mackey, P. I. 12

SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Bishop, R. 420 Carrington, R. 118 Delzell, R. 95 Martin, R. 80 Abbott, D. 298 Abbott, P. I. 12 Schell, Soc. 19

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Thompson, R. 690 Fleharty, D. 111 Quackenbush, D. 91 Terry, D. 116 Fleharty, P. I. 3 Quackenbush, P. I. 4 Terry, P. I. 5 Tracey, Soc. 15 Nye, Soc. 4

LAND COMMISSIONER.

Cowles, R. 392 Husenetter, R. 63 Sams, R. 54 Shively, R. 192 Eastham, D. 231 Manuel, D. 74 Eastham, P. I. 9 Manuel, P. I. 3 Thompson, Pro. 8

RAILWAY COMMISSIONER.

Aarons, R. 133 Abbott, R. 74 Hedlund, R. 168 Karr, R. 105 Van Wagener, R. 5 Wallace, R. 76 Williams, R. 175 Brophy, D. 79 Cowgill, D. 244 Brophy, P. I. 4 Cowgill, P. I. 7 Finkeneller, Soc. 19

CONGRESSMAN, FIFTH DISTRICT.

Norris, R. 737 Ashton, D. 327 Ashton, P. I. 16 Larkey, Soc. 18

STATE SENATOR, TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

Cordeal, R. 516 Gammill, R. 314 Hasty, R. 50 Matthews, D. 163 Sheridan, P. I. 158 Sheridan, P. I. 6 Wicks, Soc. 6

REPRESENTATIVE, SIXTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

Moore, R. 460 Pennington, R. 396

Hoppe, D. 174 Lehn, D. 154 Hoppe, P. I. 3 Simonsen, Soc. 7 Falden, Soc. 3

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Reeder, R. 511 Smith, R. 396 Dodge, D. 267

COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Kelley, R. 692 Barber, D. 8

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Gockley, R. 26 Lofton, R. 123 Miller, R. 50 Morgan, R. 106 Reed, D. 25

RED WILLOW FIRST THIS TIME.

Added a First, This Year, to the Second Prize Carried Off, Last Year.

It will be more than gratifying news to the people of Red Willow county to learn that the county exhibit made, last week, at the state fair in Lincoln, secured and was awarded the first prize in county exhibits in the Western section of the state—the state being divided into sections in this contest.

It will be remembered that Red Willow was awarded the second prize, last year, when it was attacked to the Central section in the separation.

This year, as last, the exhibit was prepared by Messrs. Stephen Bollen and William Hiesekorn, and to these gentlemen is due the credit for both prizes, and for an exhibition prepared and arranged in such an artistic and harmonious scheme as to call for favorable comment from both the Lincoln Journal and the Omaha Bee.

We congratulate both of the gentlemen, and Red Willow county at the same time.

VOODOO DOCTORS.

Belief of Negroes in Their Ability to Work "Spells."

A well educated and clever negro in Philadelphia related, with obvious sincerity, an experience of his own with a famous voodoo "doctor" of that city who had grown rich from his wizardry.

"Once a person had a writ out against me," this negro said. "The constable had it. The magistrate was set against me. I went and got a charm from the 'doctor.' I met my enemy, but I was not seen. I met the constable, and he walked by and never noticed me. The magistrate did what he had never done before—forgot all about it. The voodoo stopped it all."

This same negro related another incident of his experience: "Once I was nearly killed by a voodoo black cat, which used to come into the house. I threw a stick and hit it. It was a witch. It tormented me. I was ridden in dreams like a horse. I suffered terribly. I was dying. I went to the voodoo 'doctor.' I paid him \$5 for a spell. That night I awoke. The window was open; the moon was shining. I saw the little black witch hovering up and down there. She was smaller than in her own body. She wore a very big, old fashioned bonnet. Her face was like that of the cat. But she did not come any closer to me. Then she faded away. That ended it."

The belief is prevalent among the negroes that witches have power to assume the forms of various animals. In South Carolina a means employed to guard against such visitations is to scatter rice or similar small grains thickly over the floor in the form of a cross. Before the witch can approach her victim she must devour every grain. This task is too tedious for her patience, and she takes herself off.—Marvin Dana in Metropolitan Magazine.

The Silver Rabbit.

There is a kind of rabbit which abounds in Lincolnshire, England, and is called the "silver rabbit." Its fur is of a delicate silvery gray. Although it is little prized in England, its skins are shipped in enormous numbers to different parts of Asia, especially Tartary and China, where the fur is considered the fittest thing for monarchs to wear. Only the richest can afford it there, so heavy is the price demanded.

The Daring Pike.

The boldness of a pike is very extraordinary. I have seen one follow a bait within a foot of the spot where I have been standing, and the head keeper of Richmond park assured me that he was once washing his hand at the side of a boat in the great pond in that park when a pike made a dart at it and he had but just time to withdraw it.

A gentleman now residing in Weybridge, in Surrey, informed me that, walking one day by the side of the river Wey near that town, he saw a large pike in a shallow creek. He immediately pulled off his coat, tucked up his shirt sleeves and went into the water to intercept the return of the fish to the river and to endeavor to throw it upon the bank by getting his hands under it.

During this attempt the pike, finding he could not make his escape, seized one of the arms of the gentleman and lacerated it so much that the wound took a month to heal.—London Fishing Gazette.

The Eastern Question.

"Paw, have you ever been east?" "Yes. I spent a year in New York city when I was considerably younger than I am now." "Well, what is the 'eastern question?'" "The only one I ever heard was, 'How much is he worth?'"—Chicago Tribune.

MYSTERY OF THOUGHT.

Try to Concentrate Your Mind on One Theme For Five Minutes.

A St. Louis physician who has given much attention to the study of mental disease in its various phases, though, as he says himself, not enough to qualify as an alienist, has a curious theory with regard to concentration of thought on any particular subject.

His idea is that no human can so fix his mind on any special topic as to avoid even for a moment the errant thoughts that come and go, not only without our volition, but in spite of our most earnest efforts at mental application.

He goes so far as to maintain that nobody but a monomaniac can think of one subject continuously for five minutes and even believes that the ability to do so is one evidence of something wrong in the upper story.

"I once heard the subject discussed by a party of intelligent men, and one of the number was so confident of his ability to think of one subject an indefinite length of time that he roused his opponents to the point of making a test."

"If you can repeat the Lord's Prayer and then declare upon your word of honor that you have not thought of anything else while doing it, I'll make you a present of a horse and saddle and bridle."

"The confident one took up the challenge and in order to fix his mind requested the company to keep still until he got through. Then, with frowning brows and tightly drawn face, he began aloud and went slowly and apparently with the most determined attention straight through the prayer."

"After he said 'amen' and opened his eyes he was asked how he had got along with his task."

"It's a failure, gentlemen. I didn't get to the end of 'hallowed be thy name' before I wondered what kind of a horse it was going to be, and before I reached 'thy will be done' I thought about black saddles and white saddles and about the horse again; then of the bridle and the rein, whether they would be of light or dark leather; then of old Pete, a horse my father had and how he threw me over his head when I switched him with a locust thorn branch; then of a mare that kicked old Pete in the ribs while they were in the pasture together and left the imprint of both shoes on his side, and before I reached 'amen' I thought of a drove of wild horses that used to be out on the plains and what a pile of money a man would make by rounding them all up and selling them for farm horses."

"I did think I could fix my mind on one thing for awhile, but when I tried my brains seemed to scatter like an old fashioned shotgun."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

An Eccentric Will.

In the year 1736 a gentleman living in England named Samuel Baldwin died after a somewhat unhappy married life. By his will Mr. Baldwin left his property to his young wife on the condition that she should from time to time dance upon his grave.

The motive for this strange request was evident when the instructions for his interment were read. Mr. Baldwin desired that his remains should be taken by boat to the Needles and then cast in the sea. This singular wish enabled him to revenge himself on his wife for past disagreements, and the widow lost the property, as she could not fulfill the conditions of her husband's bequest.

The Word "Ogre."

Old fashioned etymologists used to say that the word "ogre" commemorated the sufferings of Europe during the ninth and tenth centuries at the hands of the ravaging "Oigours," or Huns. This derivation, however, is now abandoned. "Ogre," which reached the French language by way of Italian and Spanish, is really Orcus, the Latin hell, afterward the god of the underworld. In Romanesque folklore this god became a shaggy, black, man devouring monster, with a particular taste for lost babes in the wood.

One View of the Kiss.

The olfactory kiss is Mongolian. The nutritive affair is European. The Mongolian kiss is with the nose. The European kiss is with the mouth.

The Mongolian kiss indicates that the party sniffed would be an agreeable prey. The European variety indicates that the party embraced would make a delectable meal.

They are but the different forms of the same instinct of preservation—the give and take of wild beasts.—Exchange.

Art of the Superior Smile.

The superior smile is a useful accomplishment for any young man. It is much in vogue at the universities, where it may be studied at its best on young Tom. Many men who learn nothing else at the universities learn this art and find it immeasurably useful in after life. It is an excellent cover for a naked mind and should be sought after by parliamentary candidates.—Oxford Variety.

Flooring Papa.

Five-year-old Tommy was being put through a test in numbers before the admiring family one day at dinner. Finally papa asked him the question that had proved the Waterloo of the older children in past years.

"Now, Tommy," said papa, "how many are two apples and three pears?" "Five fruits!" promptly answered Tommy.—Deflector.

We exaggerate misfortune and happiness alike. We are never either so wretched or so happy as we say we are.—Balzac.

SEA BATHING.

The Effects of Salt Air and Water on the Human Body.

There is a reason why parents have in all times and in all ages endeavored to give their children the benefit of sea air and sea bathing. An Italian physician, Gerosa, tells about it:

It is agreed, he says, that all living organisms began their first existence in salt water and that as a result the human body (and indeed every animal body) is largely made up of salt. If you taste your blood or your tears, which are the extract of blood, you will find that both are quite salt in flavor. More than this, however, every living being possesses within his body, in the cellular stage, all those strange marine organisms which we study so curiously in museums. And, seeing, says Gerosa, that the amount of sea water contained in every body is equal to one-third of that body's weight, it is clear that in the infinitesimally rudimentary form all known marine life must be present in the blood. The result is that when we bathe in the sea or breathe the sea air we replace the amount of essential salt which is constantly decreasing in the system and, all unconsciously to ourselves, weakening it. Salt water, says Gerosa, is really the main principle of life, since it is the first condition of existence which the living organisms knew. It is therefore always good for the body, whether it be enjoyed at the seaside or brought in bottles from the sea. In particular it is very valuable in the case of weakling children, and there is no bodily stimulant so invigorating to the very young as sea water.

THE VOODOO IN HAITI.

Human Sacrifices to the God of the Serpent.

There is ample proof that human beings have been offered as sacrifices to the god of the serpent in Haiti. A French archbishop of the island describes a visit made by one of the priests to a voodoo assembly. The man had disguised himself as a negro, and he was thus able to mingle undetected with the crowd in the obscurity outside the sacred circle. After the white cock and white goat had been slain and offered up and their blood had been sprinkled on the company a burly young negro came forward and prostrated himself before the priestess. Then, still kneeling, he made his prayer:

"O maman, I have a favor to ask of thee."

"What is it, my son?" said the negress encouragingly.

"Will you not give us, to complete the sacrifice, the goat without horns?" The priestess gave a sign of assent. The crowd roundabout separated, and there was revealed a child sitting with its feet bound. The French priest rushed away in search of assistance in preventing the unholy rite, but the authorities on whom he called were strangely stolid. When finally, on the day following, they arrived at the place of assembly, they found the grewsome remains of a sacrifice and a feast, among them the boiled skull of the child.—Marvin Dana in Metropolitan Magazine.

When Men Hurry.

"Singular," said a man waiting for a train on an elevated railroad platform and looking down a street to where a hundred men and boys had gathered around two wagons that had come together in collision, "there are a hundred men standing around those two wagons, apparently with nothing else to do and not in a bit of a hurry, but let any one of those men come up the stairs to this platform when there is a train coming in and he'd rush and hurry and tear himself apart to catch that train and get glum if he missed it, though he knew very well that there'd be another train here in a minute. Let him miss a train by a second and he thinks the world is coming to an end; let him see somebody hoisting a safe up the outside of a building and he will stop and waste half an hour. "How do you account for that?"—New York Sun.

Mme. de Struve's Wit.

Secretary Blaine had said of Mme. de Struve that she was the brightest woman he had ever met, and everybody who knew her agreed with this verdict. Her knowledge of English was remarkable, even for a Russian, and her sallies were famous. For instance, the day when Secretary Bayard was made head of the American diplomatic service his daughter, Miss Kate Bayard, said laughingly to a young secretary of legation, "Remember, I am now daughter of your chief!" to which came, quick as a flash, the retort from Mme. de Struve's lips, "Oh, we all know that you are mischievous!"—Army and Navy Life.

His Terms Varied.

"I give a little reception next Thursday evening, and I should like some music, piano solos particularly. What would be your terms?" Thus a lady to a professional instrumentalist. "Eef I go zero simply as a musician," was the reply, "and may my selections and leave I charge five guineas, but eef I must go as a guest and spend ze whole evenings talking to von pack of fools I charge den guineas!"—London Graphic.

A Sure Thing.

She—Did father say anything about you being too young? He—Well, yes; but he said I'd age pretty rapidly after we were married and I found I had to pay your bills.—Illustrated Bits.

A happiness that is quite undisturbed becomes tiresome; we must have ups and downs.—Mollere.

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