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AN INTERNATIONAL MENACE.

Society has no graver fault to answer for than that it permits "white slavery" to flourish. The blame attaches to all nations; the blight of this international curse rests on civilization everywhere.

That much remains to be done, however, is sufficiently clear. Investigations in the United States, official and unofficial, have disclosed the fact that the importation of girls and young women for immoral purposes still thrives.

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK.

The News is not friendly to prohibition and is much less infatuated with the idea of county option. Nebraska has the best liquor law in the United States today, and we are much better off than Kansas and Oklahoma, with their prohibition laws, and their slack methods of enforcement.

If the question must be met now, it would be much better for each political party to incorporate in its platform a plank promising that the legislature at its session next winter will agree to submit to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment providing for statewide prohibition.

IS WOMAN EXTRAVAGANT.

Prof. Munsterburg, writing upon American problems, has come in the course of things to the subject of "The Intemperance of Women." He speaks of the manner in which women have set themselves against the vices of men, and covertly resents, it would seem, the credit which has been accorded to women for resisting vices which have not tempted them.

As the matter stands now, both the leading political parties are split upon the question. In both parties there is a faction trying to secure the nomination of candidates for the legislature pledged to county option, while another faction in either party is endeavoring to elect men opposed to the proposition.

HOBBY RIDERS DO GOOD.

More power to the man who has a hobby. He may often be looked upon as a nuisance, but when we dissect him we find that in his make-up there is much more to praise than to criticize, although it is easy enough to ridicule the hobby rider.

Pioneers are essential in any line of endeavor, the Washington Herald says. Unless they had a hobby they would follow the beaten path of the line of least resistance and the result would be that the world would not have taken a forward step.

Practically all great thinkers, and certainly all great inventors, were hobby riders. Columbus had a hobby, that of getting to the orient by a westward route.

There are a few men versatile enough to have several hobbies. Col. Roosevelt can be classed among these. When a man of unlimited enthusiasm turns his attention to some matter of general importance and forces the remainder of the world to take sides on that question, he has set others to thinking and has been a benefactor to mankind.

DEMOCRATIC DEGENERACY.

Although it is constantly finding fault with nearly everything and everybody on the republican side, Collier's Weekly feels moved in its latest issue to indulge this comment on the democratic membership of the house: It need occasion neither surprise nor resentment to say that the democrats in congress do not measure up in character or ability to the average of the party in power; it is always so; a party out of power and out of responsibility for seventeen years cannot help but degenerate in personnel.

The point sought to be made is that the democrats, if they want to control the next congress, must secure as candidates men of higher quality than they now have in congress. The truth of Collier's assertion is self-evident and can be verified by comparisons as between democratic and republican congressmen from almost any state.

And yet, how are the democrats going to make any improvement? Every below average democrat in congress who wants to go back will have no trouble in getting a renomination. How is the character and ability of congress to be improved by returning all the democratic driftwood now there and adding a few sticks of new timber no better, if not worse?—Omaha Bee.

ATCHISON GLOBE NOTES.

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Possibilities of Corn.

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The Old Order Changeth.

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vice and for art, for a wise saving, or for the public good.

In the mere interest of justice it may be urged as a mitigating circumstance that no other nation is able to achieve results so harmonious upon so limited sums as the really intelligent woman, and it is an axiom that many foreign women only succeed in looking dowdy as the result of an expenditure upon which the American woman becomes quite miraculously smart.—Chicago Tribune.

WHY FRANCE IS RICH.

Paris is the Mecca of foreigners. They come from all parts of the world to enjoy life in the great metropolis; and the yearly income from this source alone approximates \$600,000,000. Along with this item the earnings of French capitalists on their investments in the securities and properties of other countries amount to fully \$250,000,000 yearly. On the other side of the account is an adverse balance of trade which in 1907 amounted to \$120,000,000. Deduct this outgo from her income of \$850,000,000, and it leaves France with \$730,000,000 to the good.

LATEST ON COST OF LIVING.

A committee appointed by the Massachusetts Legislature to investigate high prices has made a 700-page report, containing elaborate schedules of prices of various commodities over a period of years. It declares the primary cause of price advance to be the increase in gold supply, but thinks the fact that prices have fallen and risen without relation to change in duties and have risen in England under free trade shows that the tariff has not been the active factor in the recent upward movement of prices in this country.

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everywhere were urged to invest their money, and aid the Great Work. Many women did invest, and this is the result: The company will be sold out in a few days, and every woman who invested a dollar, will lose it.

Uncle Joe on Education.

Speaker Joe Cannon does not believe much in a college education. He says: "To a bright young man who has anything in him, a college course is not necessarily fatal in success." Of college professors, he says: "College professors abound in theory. You do not know a great many of them who could take charge of a large business, or build one up."

Poor Father.

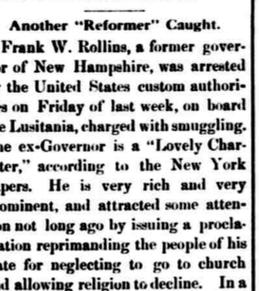
Some years ago a Philadelphia Spin decided that the mothers were deserving of greater honor, and she nagged and pushed and pulled, and the result was Mother's Day, observed throughout the nation on the first Sunday in May.

The men didn't like it, but were afraid to say anything, and it remained for a number of men in Hancock, Neb., to demand their rights. They will work for a Fathers' Day, and want the Nebraska state legislature to make it a state holiday.

THE NELL BUNNELL TRIO.

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harmony as an accompanist and the life and vigor of the trio work is in large measure due to the pianist.

Miss Nell Bunnell, who heads the company, is a recognized artist. Her soprano voice has interested the greatest music masters of the day, but she has steadfastly turned down every offer to go on the stage, although she possesses marked dramatic ability.

The Mexican Mosquero.

The finest fly traps are not in it with a little Mexican spider named mosquero. Natives gather from oak trees a branch covered with this spider's nests and hang it up in the house. The spiders begin on the flies by wholesale. Mosquero nests are very tidy, pretty and old maidish. A lot of tiny beetles make their home therein with the spiders. The beetles live on fly legs, the crumbs and scraps from the mosquero's table, and pay for their bed and board by keeping the web house perfectly clean and refined, eating everything and dropping no litter in the Mexican professional gentleman's house.

Lovers of Sports.

The Anglo-Saxons love sport. No matter in what part of the world they are found the spirit is strong among them. Wherever the restless Anglo-Saxon dominates the love of sport is dominant. The Americans are—at least the most of them—descendants of this virile race, and nowhere is the love of sport so much exhibited as in this country.

Bad Advice.

Friend—What's worrying you? Manager—The prima donna of my company refuses to sing oftener than twice a week. I am making only hundreds where I ought to be making thousands. Friend—I'd settle that. If I were you I'd marry her. (A year passes.) Friend—My gracious, you look seedy! What's happened? Manager—I took your advice and married the prima donna, and now she won't sing at all.

learn, if possible, what is the matter with the new king, we are beginning to believe he is henpecked.

Great Fires.

The London fire of 1666 is referred to in history as "The Great Fire." It started in the king's bakeshop at 2 o'clock on the morning of September 2, and raged until September 6. The English have always hated the French, and Samuel Pepys, in his diary, states that it was current talk in London that a Frenchman started the fire; that he poked a ball of fire into a second-story window of the bakeshop. But the baker and his family said there was no such window, and such a thing could not have occurred.

Reciprocity.

There is one word which may serve as a rule of practice for one's life. That word is "reciprocity." What you do not wish done to yourself do not do to others.

Friendship—One soul in two bodies.—Pythagoras.

Another Way.

Student I want some information about the bronzes. I suppose I had better write to the keeper? Attendant—Yes, miss, or you might see him verbally!—London Punch.

The Degrees.

"What are the degrees of a string man's married life?" "I suppose they are matrimony, par simony, testimony and alimony."—Baltimore American.

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