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COMMUNICATED TUBERCULOSIS MUST HAVE AID

An Important Discussion of the Question of Temperance Now Agitating Oakland County.

A cleavage in the great daily press of the nation, in the liquor issue, daily becoming more evident.

There are more than a score of leading daily papers that are giving editorial space to the discussion of this all-absorbing topic. Many of them evidently recognizing that Prohibition is the great living issue up for settlement.

Such papers as the Boston Post, the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, the New York Evening Post, the Washington Star, the Chicago Record-Herald, the Cleveland Daily News, the Minnesota Journal, the Kansas City Star and Times, and many of the leading papers of the South, are giving much editorial space to an unimpassioned discussion of this great subject.

Here are a few things in the Philadelphia North American of Jan. 25, '08. (Editorial.) The favorite answer of the hour dealer to any critic who puts the rate of present-day conditions squarely before this public is the cry of "nationalism" or "exaggeration to serve local political or business purposes."

Speaking of liquor dealers who are bewildered by the rising tide of prohibition and who are seeking some special cause for this upheaval of antinationalism, the editor says: "Therein lies error. No one thing is responsible. It is the gathering of many rivets into a flood. It is the expression of cumulative sentiment. It is the culmination of ideas, observation, experience and practical teachings, that have accumulated throughout past generations."

We cite for their (liquor dealers) study certain truths that are none the less true because they are hidden not upon statistics, but sentiment. And the first of these truths is that resentment for all wrongs that have been done to millions by unscrupulous men goes back in the present is coming to a focus, and is being gratified by indiscriminate opposition to the entire class to which the wrong-doers belong.

Men who draw a small wage, now look back to childhood, whose opportunities were restricted, remembering a home that was not happy, recall times when children who had advantages that they did not share them, and have a momentary feeling toward this that makes their fathers a hindrance and not a help in their life progress.

Too many men have been old estates disappear in dissipation; too many women, gently born and reared, have been seen reduced to mental toil; too many children have been buried in unflowered coffins.

Men with no social mental legacy have been the brightest and best of their schoolmate sloughed of all that was good in their life, their self-indulgence. And each time they look upon a wreck of manhood they grow bitterer against the vice that killed what "might have been."

M. J. C.

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STILL REMEMBERED.

Michigan School for the Deaf, Flint, Michigan, Feb. 5, '08

I am a stranger to you, but there are a few in and around Birmingham, who no doubt will remember Mr. Dennis L. Cushing and I am his youngest daughter Bernice.

It will be remembered that we left Birmingham some 18 years ago and since the death of our father, we three girls have been separated, the other two having been married since.

Mary lives in Arkansas and Mabel in Illinois; while I prefer old Michigan, where I have a good position in the Michigan School for the Deaf, in Flint.

I wish to subscribe for the ECCENTRIC, for which please find enclosed money order for the same.

And oblige,
MISS BERNICE CUSHING.

The Women's Rest Rooms at Our County Seal Need Some Financial Aid Right Away.

According to statistics furnished by Dr. F. W. Shumway, of the State Board of Health, there occur annually 2,822 cases of tuberculosis within the State of Michigan. Last year there were 2,412 deaths due to this disease within the State, an annual mortality rate per 100,000 population of 97. Only 410 cases recovered. It will thus be seen that tuberculosis claims yearly in Michigan a number of victims more than four times as great as the loss of life in the famous Theatre fire in Chicago, an event regarded as one of the world's great catastrophes. Yet in response to this enormous waste of life yearly and the great material losses thereby entailed, there is around no such feeling of horror as that caused by the Theatre fire, although one is as unnecessary and as preventable as the other. So common and so universal has become the presence of tuberculosis in our midst, and so rare and apparently avoidable the suffering and death due to it, that we have come to look upon it as an inevitable part of the natural order of things, and have accepted its ravages with resignation or indifference.

Means of Conducting the Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.

1. Education of the public by lectures, tracts and exhibits.
2. Legislation concerning the spitting nuisance.
3. Proper care of the spatum.
4. Disinfection of houses in which tuberculosis has existed.
5. Registration of all tuberculosis cases.
6. Out-door life and fresh air treatment.
7. Establishment of Tuberculosis Sanatoria, special hospitals, wards, etc.
8. Medical inspection of schools, factories, etc., to prevent spread of infection.
9. Establishment of tuberculosis classes in churches, schools, factories, etc.
10. Tenement House legislation.

ORGANIZED CRUSADE AGAINST AIDS.

What Has Been Accomplished in Michigan.

Out of 212 institutions such as hospitals, sanatoria, county houses, state institutions, etc.,

Only 21 had special wards, private rooms or tents.

Only 16 have special means of treating tuberculosis;

Is Michigan doing its duty?

Dr. C. M. KAY, Chairman of Local Committee.

Neighborhood Favorite. Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric "Cure," writes: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier, makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alterative is sold under guarantee at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores, 50c.

WEDDING BELLS RING JOYOUSLY.

Miss Irma D. Aldrich and Clarence K. Shain were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at seven o'clock Sunday evening, January 12, at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Aldrich, who reside in Saginaw Heights, Mich. Callin W. Yates, pastor of the First Lutheran church (U. S. A.), officiated. Only close and intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present at the marriage ceremony.

The bride is one of the most popular belles of San Angelo, and the happy groom was a lady of lorefulness. For his life partner, pretty, charming, and talented, she will grace the home of the popular grocer and inspire him to a life work of usefulness, and suggest.

The groom is a well known business man of San Angelo, number one, friend and acquaintance, and his happy character and excellent ability have won him a place of merit in the business circles of this city. He is the business partner of Ledo Nimitz, Nimitz & Smith, and has been quite successful in business circles here a number of years.

The future of the young couple is indeed a rosary one and their multitude of friends join the Staphard in extended congratulations and sincere wishes for unqualified happiness and usefulness.—San Angelo News, January 27.

The Jumping-Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp. I had almost reached the jumping-off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and I want to say, right now, I saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I got Moore, of Greensand, North Carolina. As a remedy for coughs, colds and hoarseness, weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia, New Discovery is supreme, 50c and 1-2 doz. Charles J. Shain, Cobb & Cobb's, druggists. Trial bottle free.

"The Women's Rest Rooms are situated in one of the most desirable sections of the county court house, that building of which the citizens of Oakland County are so justly proud," states Mrs. M. M. Vlet, of Clarkston, president of the county Federation of Women's clubs.

"We wonder if the people at large know they owe a debt of gratitude for this place to the women's literary clubs of Pontiac and of our village. At the time the building was constructed, a committee from the two Clubs went before the board of supervisors with a request for these rooms. This was granted with the understanding that the care of these rooms be assumed by the county Federation of Women's clubs. The expense of doing this is about \$75 per year.

"In the last year \$50 has been given by clubs outside of Pontiac, the balance by the Women's Literary Club of Pontiac. Over 400 persons have visited these rooms in the year that has just closed, and the contribution from the mite-box has been just \$2.67. Does it seem quite fair that the burden of this matter should rest upon the shoulders of those who use them the least. If the persons from all parts of the county who have enjoyed the comforts of this place, had left one cent each, it would have aided to the amount of \$100 for the expenses."

"Should any one care to give to this cause, no matter how small a sum it would be most acceptable. It could be given to any member of any Women's club, or left with the matron at the county house. I trust the women of this county may respond to this most worthy cause and thank them in advance."

If you have catarrh, rid yourself of this repulsive disease. Ask Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wisconsin, to mail you free, a trial box of his Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. A simple, single test, will surely tell you a catarrh truth worth your knowing. Write today. don't suffer longer.

CHARLES J. SHAIN.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 10, '08.

Regular meeting.

Trustees present—Smith, Mills, Cobb and Schlaack.

Absent—Crawford and Nixon.

Mills moved, supported by Smith, that the bills be allowed as read.

Noted and carried.

Ayes—Mills, Smith, Cobb and Schlaack.

Nays—None.

The following are the bills:

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Exchange Bank, \$1.00

Wilson Gray, 29.99

Birmingham Excursion, 30.42

J. H. Bond, 4.00

M. H. Star, returned taxes, 180.00

A. A. Row, 83.35

A. E. Blair, 1.00

W. S. Smith, 3.51

J. H. Blakeley, 7.00

J. H. Bond, 4.00

W. N. Berger, 27.39

INTEREST.

Exchange Bank, 150.00

Portation of 12 citizens to a side-walk built on Greenwood, from Harmon to Willis, and on north side of Willis to connect with sidewalk at top of Hill was read.

Mills moved, supported by Smith, that the petition be referred to the Street Committee. Carried.

Smith moved, supported by Schlaack, that \$1,550 be transferred from the General Expense Fund to the Water-Works Fund. Carried.

Cobb moved, supported by Schlaack, that \$125 be transferred from the General Expense Fund to the Highway Fund. Carried.

Minutes read approved.

Moved to adjourn to February 17, Carried.

G. H. SATTERLEE, Clerk.

J. W. PERRY, President.

La Grippe and Pneumonia.

No one is immune from kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. All druggists.

NOTICE.

Our village council will hold a meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 17th, to consider the matter of granting a franchise to Satterlee & Burzee to erect poles and wires the same for the lighting of our dwellings etc. by electricity.

All of our citizens should be interested in an important question of this kind and it is to be hoped that they will give it a careful consideration and come to this council meeting and say whether they are in favor of this system of lighting or not.

J. W. PERRY, Village Pres.

One lot of yarn at 5c per skein, consisting of Shetland Flock, Zephyr, Germantown, and Saxony at Lowmason's.

DEATH OF MRS. M. N. DONALDSON.

The announcement of the sudden death of Mrs. Maude Nye Donaldson, which occurred at her home in Detroit, Sunday evening, comes as a shock to her many relatives and friends here. Mrs. Donaldson had retired in apparently as good spirits and cheerful frame of mind as usual Sunday evening, but was later taken with convulsions and died within an hour of the time she was taken.

Mrs. Donaldson is well known here, where she spent her girlhood days. She was the oldest daughter of Mrs. Mrs. Flora Beattie, of this village. Her father, her husband and son, Nye, deceased is survived by relatives in Troy and Pontiac. The funeral was held Wednesday at 1 o'clock from her late home on Warren avenue and the remains brought here for interment in Greenwood cemetery.

A WASHINGTON SUPPER.

A Washington birthday supper will be given at the home of Mrs. Hulbert, Woodward ave., on Friday evening, February 21st, under the auspices of the Eye Workers' Guild, of St. James' church.

Roast Pork Creamed Potatoes Boston Baked Beans Salad Pickles Jelly Bread & Butter Cake & Coffee. Price, 25 cents for adults; children, 15 cents. ESTELLE HOLTEN, Sec'y.

LET THE GALLED JADE WING.

The President's late message has been characterized as "vindictive and brutal"; his complaint, be it distinctly understood, was against the corrupt and none other, and it is so understood by all the good people of the U. S. Now if the coat of arms anyone, let him put it on for he that surrenders the load amongst criminals, is in most instances the worst of the lot. It is an old scheme of criminals to declare their innocence up to the time they are caught in the criminal act and they feel wonderfully hurt and anything is said calling their honesty, and hitherto good name in question. No honest man need feel hurt at anything in the President's late message to Congress.

I am inclined to think that a certain Dee Dee rather expect something of that sort from Roosevelt's pen and if the truth could be ascertained, had his reply prepared beforehand, which leads one to think his hands are not clean but daubed with oil. H. S. C.

BIRMINGHAM IS TO GO.

I wish to announce to my friends, old and new, that I am associated now with Gay L. Watkins under the firm name of The Oakland Realty Co. Our office is in the library building. Come in and see us and list any property you have for sale; no commission charged if we do not make a sale; no commission charged if you or some one else makes a sale. NELSON SHATTUCK.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in Birmingham postoffice on February 11, 1908:

Alfred Allen, Norman Dunne, R. 5, Fred G. Emms, Jos. E. McCullough, Mrs. C. Ruessing, Miss H. Staples.

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HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss. Now is hereby given, that on 12th day of January, A. D. 1908, at the Court House in that said County, at Detroit, Michigan, that date, certain allowed creditors to present their claims against:

Estate of William Satterlee.

Each of the creditors named and all creditors of said decedent are required to present their claims to the undersigned, at the Court House in said County of Pontiac, Michigan, and to file with said creditor the bill and exhibit, and that such claims will be heard by the Court on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day. Dated at Detroit, Michigan, the 14th day of February, 1908.

(A true copy.) JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate for Oakland County, Pontiac, Mich.

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