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Victorianism.
Womer is also quoted as saying—probably Mr. Womer is also quoied as saying—probably with different gestures—"Ouy state blue-law is one of the best laws in the state," Wading through the hundreds of other laws, until the select group known as the "best." is reached, we find laws against murder, arson, robbery-armed and so forth. We naturally assume from his statement that he classes the hine law with these. Did Mr. Womer discontinue his interview at this paint. Indeed not.

He continues that our state blue law is being enforced better than it ever has been. As proof of this 'he points to the niany barber shops and meat markets which are kept closed—by virtue—we suppose—of the strictest and most assidous kind of vigilance on the part of the law enforcement officers.

ment officers.

Perhaps he forgets that barbers have not the slightest desire to work on Sunday. There is no occasion for it. "Perhaps he also forgets that the law against meat being sold in butcher shops or Sunday was aimed at the small storekeeper, who Sunday, was aimed at the small storekeeper, who, by keeping open-until all hours of the night, as well as on Sunday, was giving his well, established competitor all sorts of nightmares.

If Mr. Womer were to content himself with insuling the intelligence of newspaper reading with spich stuff it would be pitiful enough, but he goes on-

"If I were a minister of one of those churches, I would certainly tell my congregation what if thought of the ordinance's defeat. Those women want to send their children to Sunday movies so that they may know where they are. It is too bad that the old time saloons are not open so that they could spend their Sunday afternoons there." This is a nasty insult to the women of Birm's

could spend their Sunday afternoons there."
This is a nasty insult to the women of Birmingham and inay rightfully be resented. More, it is practically the only nasty propagatad that has been delivered from either side during a heated campaign. It may be conforting to know it comes from someon outside Birmingham.

Well, it is all over, despite what Mr. Women says. The issue has been put down by the women and men of the village . . . and down it will stay, wait for Saturday night.

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where is the Bottle.Neck?

After consulting the large map on the front page of this edition we are in a high state of be-wilderment trying to determine just where is the bottle-neck' proponents of a 'Woodward avenue dider than 100 feet are claiming will be lighting. The said plans, incidentally, are to get a pavement on Woodward avenue this sammer.

No doubt it will be pointed out that the parallet 80 foot pavement is not planned—but the RESOLUTION FOR A PARALLEL IS CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION OF THE STATE FOR A, 100-FOOT WOODWARD—AYENGE. We suggest that you examine the map carefully do seek englishment from thooy do use the terty bottle-neck' loosely as it has been used. We needed with the terty bottle-neck' loosely as it has been used. We needed with the state is no question in Birmingham today but that its residents will not tolerate intolerance. Action of the citizens in so throughly defeating the proposed law against Sunday motion pictures is commendable. It shows that they believe personal problems can best be dealt with by themselver; and that legislation against a harmless amusement is not in accord with Twentieth Century thinking.

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ground that someone took an unnecessary gamble—lost, and paid the price.

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Defest of the ordinance does not mean that Birminghanit will attend the movies ex masse on Sundays.

The chances are that most of those who voted against it will be in the theater fo more on Sundays.

Persona today ara-met effervescent with "Dont's:

That Tendenoy is passing." They suaully consider an issue before they opiose it. They have considered to have agreed that it was not fair. It used to be that has also to ready to pass almost anything that suoved of a law. They realize now this tendency and see that it has been wrong; that it too often made law violators out of persons who had no desire to violate a law but who needed a certain amount of harmless freedom and the motion pictures give them just that.

M. Wayne Womer, director of the Lord's Day Alliance, is quoted as having declared with appropriate gestures, it is assumed—"Our mothers would not have done that."

Having known a good many mothers of the gengration to which he refers we are inclined to smile at his statement. While it is true, that time has the most annoying way of "flying," it has not flowns of any that would not have done that."

Having known a good mear mear mean the case in a finished shape, destined form."

KNOWLEDGE

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slave.

Knowledge of distribution alone may make a Scrie

People will buy anything on installments ex- A daily may tween Frank Verily, Uncle

Reading free verse usually makes us feel that two o'cl the election we have been swindled.

Chasing the dollar so much is probably what ses it shy and hard to catch.

Florida hasn't yet trotted out a calamity to st California's plague of mice.

John Barleycorn may not be entirely dead, but

Who remembers when good ladies tried to re-form old soaks by getting them to sign the pledge?

One New York radio station gave Mrs. Mc-Pherson the air instead of permitting her to

Correct this sentence: "He has been in the World, grislature three terms and hasn't introduced a lannah, land baw h

What has become of the old fashioned girl who bittors Woman. Faweett: Some day murring, flow as discoverefused to get married unless she could have a Other Folks, McLean; and seven in Harry Russell's systeml in church wedding?

A donestic science-expert declares that small-town girls are better cooks than their city sisters. Possible a ploneer is the fellow who can remem-ted by the cooks than their city sisters, ber when the home town, newspaper carried a front Skill it can hot be denied that a lot of city girls page story every time an automobile was sold in the community.

That New Jersey legislator who is said to have introduced a bill making lawful the throwing of hand grenades at saxophope players must have an ear for music.

Helen Maria!



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS -of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background
Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO Horace Tracy Randall

we are sorry to learn of the sickness of James M. Hunt. Hop he will soon convalesce.

A daily mail is now running be-ween Franklin and Southfield

Some girls are constantly in love, though not at the residence of Mr. J. A. Big

25 YEARS AGO Married at the U

A POT OF TULIPS

A little pot of tulips, pink and white
And fragrant! Oh, so wondrous their perfume
That soon it penetrated all the room
And made the world seem gay and glad and bright,
The darkened room, which scarce a ray of light
Could pierce, a moment since so krapped in gloom
Transformed to beauty by a pot of bloom
And now with heav nly things so richly right.

The mem'ry of dull grief and are and pain

Now dim and far away. A happy smile

Vied with the blossoms/gay to speed the hours,

As when the sun shines brightly after rain

To glorify the earth and reconcile

The beauty of the grass and trees and flow'rs.

—Beatrice McDonald.

ht, then thy breast, of my soul! I shall

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