

CONVENTION OF THE W. C. T. U.

Report of the quarterly convention of the W. C. T. U. held at Lowell, Kan. Nov. 8 and 9, 1890.

SATURDAY, 10:30 A. M.

Convention opened by the president reading the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. Houston of Weir City. Song, "Nearer my God to Thee." Greeting by R. Lowdermilk of Lowell was given in a few well chosen words. Song, "Never give up the right way." The president then opened the convention for business, and in a few gracious words expressed her pleasure in seeing so many delegates present. After the secretary's report the president appointed the following committees: Credentials—Maude E. Smith of Lowell, Nettie Haworth of Vark; plan of work—Mrs. Janney of Crestline, Mrs. Herrick of Weir, Mrs. Houston of Columbus; resolutions—Mrs. Pendleton of Weir, Mrs. Slaughter of Crestline, Mrs. Mitchell of Vark. Report of unions—Mrs. Bertha Herrick reported for Weir City Y's: Organized Aug. 7, 1890, with 8 members and 3 honorary; have held 5 business meetings, 5 literary, 2 evangelistic and 2 social; have rented a hall with organ, library, and efforts are being made to open a reading room; enrollment of 12 members and 12 honorary. Miss Nettie Haworth reported for Vark union: Regular monthly meetings, sent delegates to district and state conventions; enrollment same as at last report. Mrs. Slaughter made a verbal report for Columbus: Renewed interest in the work; resolved to do much good in future. Maude E. Smith reported for Lowell Y's: Have held regular meetings every 2 weeks; 3 business meetings; have superintendents in 14 departments and an enrollment of 27 members. Remarks were then made by Rev. Houston of Weir City, H. M. Grandle of Weir, S. A. Maroney of Lowell, Mrs. Pendleton of Weir, Mrs. Houston of Columbus and Mrs. Davis of Lowell. Mrs. Lowdermilk led in prayer, followed by the president, and the session closed with singing, "God be with us till we meet again."

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Mrs. Lowdermilk read the first chapter of 2d Pet. Prayer by Ruth Mitchell. Music, "Yield not to temptation." Mrs. Morgan led in the discussion on social purity and was followed by Alfretha Mitchell of Vark. Music, "Youthful volunteers." Mrs. Davis of Lowell gave a good talk on evangelistic work, followed by Mrs. Janney of Crestline and the president, who urged that all unions hold a series of revival meetings during the winter. Music, "In her home the mother sits." Mrs. Morgan, superintendent of scientific temperance instruction, reported good work being done in that line among the teachers in the county. Prof. Maroney gave an interesting talk on scientific experiments with alcohol. A number of teachers present reported good work done in their respective schools. Music, "Hurrah for Prohibition." The president gave an instructive talk on more thorough organization, followed by remarks by Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Janney, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. Houston. Question, "Why should men join the W. C. T. U.?" was answered by Rev. Houston: "As a help to the ladies and a benefit to themselves." Committee on credentials reported 5 delegates present from Weir City, 2 from Columbus, 1 from Crestline, 5 from Vark and 12 from Lowell. Music, "Rescue the perishing."

SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Song, "Coronation." Mrs. Pendleton read the 16th chapter of Prov. Prayer by Rev. Marshall of Galena. Music by a quartet from the Weir Y's. The reports of the committees on plan of work and resolutions were accepted. An invitation to hold the next convention in Columbus was accepted. Music, "The unequal fight." Rev. Marshall of Galena gave a very interesting address very earnest for political prohibition and woman's suffrage. Prof. Maroney gave a fine talk on picnic life—mau ought to have a high ideal of life. Music, violin and organ. Rev. Houston then gave an eloquent talk on temperance work, its relation to statesmanship. Solo and chorus, "Please, Mr. Barkeeper, has father been here," which was very fine. Benediction by Rev. Houston.

SUNDAY, 2 P. M.

Song, "To the work." Mrs. Sharp of Lowell led in devotional exercises. Music, "Duty." The audience then listened to an address by Rev. Frank Otto of Baxter Springs, which was a grand treat to all present. I wish I could give you a report of the address, but must be content to say that when he lectures again come and hear him. The president gave the thanks of the W. C. T. U. to Rev. Otto. Session closed with music from gospel hymns.

SUNDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Song, "Nearer my God to thee." Mrs. Lizzie Shields of Vark read Jas. 3d. Prayer by Rev. Davis of Lowell. Music, "Wonderful words of life." Duet by Mrs. Couch and brother. "All things are beautiful." Declaration by Alpha Maroney. Solo by Bertie, "Rise, temple, rise." Declaration by Prof. Maroney, a temperance selection "Betsey and I are out," very fine. Duet and chorus by Miss Simmons and Mrs. Dill. President now announced that we would have a temperance class meeting and called on Mr. Lowdermilk, Rev. Davis, Mrs. Shields, C. R. Lowdermilk, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Couch, Mr. Rauier, Mr. Morgan

and E. J. Leggett who made appropriate remarks. The president thanked the people of Lowell for their hospitality, and one of our most pleasant and successful conventions closed with singing "Never give up the right way," and prayer by Mrs. Lowdermilk. M. E. S.

THE CONFESSION OF BILL NYE.

Being a True Story of How This Base Man Came to Write the Poem of "Beautiful Snow."

Bill Nye in New York World.

Will the World newspaper allow me space in its valuable columns to state fully and finally under what circumstances I wrote the now famous poem called "Beautiful Snow?" I had been reared in luxury, and as a youth did not have to do anything but cut cordwood and clear off timber land, but in an evil hour I was tempted to go to the great city, where folks did not readily fall into my ways. So I left the clearing, and, like Cincinnatus, I also left my steers standing in the furrow, to strike out for the ripensporting town. At first I was afraid of the cars and would shy a little when the band played, but gradually I got used to it, and if things sort of startled me I concealed it, and could almost fool some people and make them think I was town-bred, although I even yet hold a cigar like an immigrant and dodge when I sit by a car window and go past a telegraph pole.

I had not been in the city long before I noticed that though I was observed I was not recognized as a general thing. Observation without recognition is a metropolitan peculiarity. I soon grew to be more and more vacant and the different coats of my stomach began to get out at the elbows for I had brought my sylvan appetite with me and also a glazed portmanteau, which would not stay shut except when I wanted to open it to see if my new kip boots were still safe. I walked up and down the same street a good many times trying to look like I was really going somewhere, which, as heaven is my judge, I was not. I stopped now and then to scratch my chilblain against the curb and look at the most expensive diamonds in the jewelry show-windows, and, though my taste was pleased and gratified, it only annoyed and tantalized my appetite.

For days and nights I did this, hoping that some kind banker would allow his team to run away near me, so that I could save his little daughter and get a chance to wet my finger on a sponge at his counter and count his coupons for him. But when you come to consider this in a cool, methodical way, you will see that it is a most uncertain method for obtaining a situation, for bankers are getting more careful in selecting their horses, and also the coachman generally takes his pick of the daughters, thus leaving talented but freckled young buckwheaters to marry elsewhere.

I was so empty that when I buttoned my vest in the morning I could hear it echo along down my corridors. I thought of begging, but I could not do that. So I said I must starve. If I had not been so hungry I would have gone home, where a barrel of pickled pork and a bin of atrophied potatoes, with pale green sprouts a yard long, just fairly held out their long arms to me. But I had put it off too long now. I must die on the streets of a great city and be all mused up by an autopsy. I put on a clean shirt so that I would not shock the authorities too much, and then I composed myself and waited for death. I waited quite awhile and thought I was going. Then the smell of soft-shell crabs came to my surprised and astonished senses. It was awful. I rose up and tore out a few handful of handfuls of hair, for I could afford it at that time.

Suddenly came the temptation to lead an immoral life. I did not know whether to do that or write a poem. I saw on every hand how vice throve, while agricultural virtue stood around and chewed imaginary victuals.

Oh, it was an awful hour! In the midst of it all I said at last: "No, I will not lead a life of shame—till I have tried literature anyhow. I will compose a poem, for according to what I have heard I am just about hungry enough to do good literary work." So I seated myself by the waning light and on a sheet of brown wrapping-paper, with a piece of keel, I wrote the words of "Beautiful Snow."

I can show you the spot yet. It is between the old Castle Garden's northwest corner and pier one of the North river. I also have what is left of the piece of keel and my unsoiled character. Oh, how little I care for the honor of writing "Beautiful Snow" when I think that it saved me, for I took it to an editor and was going to read it to him. He was irritated, because it was Saturday and the business office had expressed a wish to usurp the editorial page for advertising purposes, and he was so hot that he told me to go where it had been the whole aim of my life thus far to avoid and escape, and he said also that if I would not read the poem and would go far, far away and never come back any more he would give me a dollar. I closed with him and with this generous start I rapidly rose to where I now am, able to keep a team and dawdle through the day at the seaside.

This in brief is the history of "Beautiful Snow." The idea of incorporating into it a young woman who had led a life of shame was purely imagi-

nation on my part and not in any sense a personal experience. The poem was lost that evening accidentally by me when I got something to eat, at the Live and Let Live chop-house in the Bowery. I never saw it again until it was printed in the newspapers and copied broadcast over the world.

I cared little for the poem and hated to connect my name with it, fearing that my folks might get hold of it and surmise from it that as soon as I got into town I had fallen when such was not the case—at that time.

It is a beautiful poem and has a tinge of sadness in it that pleases a great many. It was seized upon greedily by the press and recited in England by Prince Albert at a beanbag conversation just before his death.

Many, I know, will at once say: If you wrote "Beautiful Snow" why do you not write something equally good? My answer is that I can do it any time when the conditions are right, and some day, gentle reader, I shall prove it to you—if I ever get hungry enough.

In closing, let me say that my home is at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., and though I am away most of the year I shall always be glad to see those who were the sole authors of this beautiful poem, and if those who wrote "Beautiful Snow" will come one at a time to my villa they will find the

most cordial welcome and the most pronounced case of exposed latchingstray they ever saw.

TRY WATER QUEEN SOAP.

A Much Talked of Cure.

Kansas City Globe.

The American people, while looking with intense interest upon the experiments of the famous Berliner, Prof. Koch, with his so-called cure for consumption, are inclined to accept with a good many reservations any statements that are made. The Brown-Sequard elixir fizzle is still fresh in the public mind, and hundreds of people who experimented with it to their sorrow will never again believe in a "new discovery." One thing, however, to lead to confidence that Prof. Koch is on the verge of, if, indeed, he has not already made, a wonderful discovery in medical science, is the extreme caution he observes. He is giving out no statements, making no claims beyond the fact given that "although he has performed a number of cures he does not yet consider the time come for the publication of his researches."

The importance of the discovery if made is not to be overestimated and it will bring relief to millions of the human race. If Prof. Koch can not only cure a victim of consumption, but can also prevent the propagation of the disease, it is easy to see that the human race must become more robust than it has been for many generations. In so-called civilized countries where the conditions of life are more or less artificial, pulmonary diseases are the great enemy with which we have to contend. It must be remembered that Prof. Koch is still in the experimental stage of his discovery and that it is not yet fully established whether he can successfully combat the tuberculosis or not.

The long established efficacy of Jenner's discovery and the more recent practical benefits of Pasteur's practice will justify a hope at least that Koch's consumption remedy may prove successful.

If the hogs to be slaughtered are fed within twelve hours of their killing, the food is wasted, the meat will be more disposed to sour, and it will be more difficult to remove the distended intestines and take from them the lard. Nor is it well to let swine drink on the morning of the day they are to be killed. Hogs cannot be killed too quickly. The more rapidly they are killed, and the blood got out of them, the better. A well directed blow on the head, between and just in front of the ears, will make the animals unconscious; but the chances for a miss stroke are so many, and a stroke makes unfit for use considerable meat, this method of killing cannot be recommended. The use of the shotgun is no better. The rifle is the weapon to use. A ball on a line from the base of the ear to the opposite eye produces instant death and does not cause the waste of any meat.

Pronounced Hopeless Yet Saved. From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd, of Gorton, S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles; it has cured me and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles free at Polster's Drug store.

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[First published November 15, 1890.]

Administrator's Notice. All persons interested, will take notice that my petition is on file in the office of the Cherokee county, Kansas, Probate Court, asking for authority to sell the following described real estate, situate in Cherokee county, Kansas, belonging to the estate of Ellen Mann, deceased, for the purpose of paying the debts of said estate and the expense of administration, to-wit: Beginning at a point 230 feet north and 500 feet east of the northwest corner of block six (6), in Mann's subdivision of out lot number three (3) Baxter Springs, Kansas; thence south 110 feet, thence west 142 feet, thence north 110 feet, thence east to place of beginning. Said petition is set for hearing at the office of the probate judge, in Columbus, in said county, on Monday, the first day of December, 1890, at which time and place you can make known any objections you may have to the granting of such order. Dated November 10th, 1890. E. M. WILLIAMS, Administrator of said estate.

[First published November 8, 1890.]

Publication Notice. In the Eleventh Judicial District Court, Cherokee County, Kansas. W. H. Hornor, plaintiff, vs. S. B. Caruth and E. J. Caruth, defendants.

To the above named defendants, S. B. Caruth and E. J. Caruth: You are each hereby notified that on the 19th day of September, 1890, you were sued by the above named plaintiff, W. H. Hornor, in the district court of Cherokee county, Kansas; that said action is for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage executed January the tenth (10th), eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), by you to said plaintiff upon the following described real property in Cherokee county, Kansas, to-wit: The north 34 feet off of the west end of lot 8 the same being 34 feet wide by 72 feet long; also the west half of the south half of lot 9; also the second story of the building on said lots 7 and 8, beginning 44 feet north from the southwest corner of said lot 7, thence north 22 feet, thence east 72 feet, thence south 22 feet, thence west 72 feet to the place of beginning, all in block 10, in the city of Baxter Springs, according to the recorded plat thereof, which mortgage was executed to secure the sum of \$1,157.50 in two notes, one for \$157.50 payable March 10th, 1889, one note for \$1,000 payable January the 10th, 1890, each bearing interest from date at 12 per cent per annum. You are notified that you must answer the petition filed by the plaintiff on or before December the 22d, 1890, or said petition will be taken as true and a judgment rendered against you for \$1,157.50 with interest thereon at 12 per cent per annum from January 10th, 1889, and for the further sum of \$100 with 12 per cent interest thereon from January 1st, 1890, and foreclosing the aforesaid mortgage and directing said property to be sold, and the proceeds to be applied to the payment of plaintiff's judgment, costs and taxes against said property; that defendants be barred of all interest in said property. W. H. HORNOR, Plaintiff.

Notice of Appointment—Administrator.

State of Kansas, Cherokee county, ss. In the matter of the estate of Ellen Mann, late of Cherokee county, Kansas. Notice is hereby given, that on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1890, the undersigned was, by the Probate Court of Cherokee county, Kansas, duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Ellen Mann, late of Cherokee county, deceased. All parties interested in said estate will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. E. M. WILLIAMS, Administrator.

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