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SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING.

The enforcement of the law against the selling of intoxicants on Sunday, is no sudden spurt on the part of the county authorities. It is evidently meant to be a continuous effort.

The county commissioners have taken the matter in hand, and the sheriff and his deputies are carrying out instructions with a steady vigor that is commendable.

Laws are worse than useless when permitted to remain a dead letter. They should be either enforced or repealed.

The question arises, however, why should the law be enforced in the county precincts and the city ordinances be non-enforced within the city limits?

In Ogden city, recently, an organization was effected for the purpose of putting a stop to this practice in that city. The principal agitators in behalf of law and morality found it necessary to wait upon the Mayor, in order to obtain that enforcement of the law which was desirable.

It is not at all improbable that the example set by Prof. Heron and Miss Rand will find numerous imitators. They commenced living together with a declaration that neither would oppose separation, whenever one of the parties should become opposed to the union.

It will not be of very great benefit to the public have the statutes of the State carried out rigidly at the places of resort within the county, if people who frequent them on Sunday can go to almost any saloon in Salt Lake City on that day, and lay in a supply of intoxicants to carry with them to the place of recreation. It is

true that the restriction will be measurably beneficial, because few, comparatively will purchase supplies in this city before taking their trip, while the open and general sale of intoxicants at those places would make drinking more common and disorder more probable.

The Deseret News, in touching on this subject, but voices the sentiments of many people in this city and county. Great credit is due to the commissioner, the sheriff and his deputies for their determination to carry out the law within their field of jurisdiction.

GUARD AGAINST MICROBES.

Tuberculosis is now included among the diseases that bar immigrants from coming into this country. Instructions have been issued to the commissioner of immigration at the port of New York that the disease is to be regarded as dangerous and contagious.

The measure is just. There is no doubt among the authorities that consumption is contagious under certain conditions. And there should be no question of the right of the nation to protect itself, as far as practicable against the further spread of a deadly disease.

Another disease that needs special attention is leprosy. Recently an investigation has been undertaken which discloses the fact that there is in this country, in all probability, about one thousand persons suffering from that most terrible malady.

With all precautions it is not probable that the country can be closed against all the infectious diseases that are bred in the contaminated atmosphere of some parts of the globe, nor be freed from all the afflictions that have come and gained a foothold.

How disease is communicated is illustrated in the recent spread of small-pox throughout the country. Some cases were traced, it is claimed, to the use of old army tents from the Philippines, sold to people here.

Now the papers tell about "agnostic" marriages in different parts of the country. In Cincinnati, according to reports, agnostics have formed a society with a ritual for agnostic marriage ceremonies, for the dedication of infants to agnosticism and the confirmation of children in "the belief of the non-existence of God."

AGNOSTIC MARRIAGES.

The ritual for marriage is of special interest. The bridegroom gives this pledge: "I do hereby solemnly promise that I will do all in my power to make my wife happy, and that when I find that she is irritated for any cause I will endeavor by tender and loving methods and kind words to soothe and restore her peace of mind; that I will abstain from drunkenness; that within three months, if possible, I will have my life insured, making my wife the beneficiary; and that should our marriage prove to be happy and we are blessed with children, I hereby bind myself to ever treat them with the utmost kindness and consideration and pledge myself to send them to the agnostic Sunday-school and to give to them all the

educational advantages within my power."

The bride's pledge contains the following provision among others:

"Should I discover that we are ungenial or misnamed, I hereby pledge my sacred word of honor that I will not bring children into the world not born of affection, and I hereby further promise that should I find, after I have exhausted every effort to make it otherwise, that we are ungenial or misnamed, I will not insist upon our living together."

Those that exchange these pledges do not necessarily oppose the sanction of the state to their marriage covenant, for it is expressly provided that these promises shall be "sworn" to, "before the nuptial knot is tied by a magistrate," but as the signing of the pledge seems to be the main point in the ceremony, the services of a magistrate may perhaps be dispensed with in a number of cases, as a matter of form only.

According to the "signs of the time," there is much work ahead for the champions of the pure American home and the sanctity of the marriage relation. If they are honest in their work, they may well feel alarmed at a tendency to enter upon home life with an understanding that the home can be broken up, as soon as an "affinity" appears more attractive than the previous one.

AN IMPROBABLE RUMOR.

A rumor has been circulated to the effect that the Emperor of China intends visiting Europe next year. In all probability that rumor has been started as a suggestion as to what the emperor ought to do, when the Chinese tangle has been straightened out.

A trip round the world by the nominal sovereign of the Chinese people would be made the occasion of the grandest demonstrations and pageants the world ever saw, at the various courts and capitals. There would be military and naval maneuvers, fetes and processions. Each government would endeavor to outshine the other in display.

Whether the emperor would return home impressed with the magnificence of western civilization, as compared to that of his own country is doubtful. The experiment of civilizing pagans by means of placing them in the midst of civilized life has been tried before, and failed. The emperor would in all probability return with the conviction strengthened that our institutions would be good enough for us, but that they in the main, are unsuitable for Chinese conditions.

There is an eternal fitness of things. Thus the town council of Smith Center, Kansas, has appointed a Middle-of-the-road Populist street sprinkler.

The Mail and Express accuses Mr. Bryan of Bourbon incapacity. What more natural. He is not a Kentuckian and from birth has been a total abstainer.

The Wesleyan University of Kansas students have decided to stand by Prof. Tubbs. This is all right, but it is a common expectation that all tubs will stand on their own bottoms.

And now it is said the Cubans will accept the Platt amendment clean cut and without any trimmings. At last, then, they realize that there is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we may.

Some New York physicians think that the order of the commissioner general of immigration debaring consumptives from entering this country may result in the adoption of retaliatory measures. It is possible for there is reciprocity in retaliation as well as trade.

The United States is feeding several thousand Filipino prisoners and it is said they thrive better on American food than on native food. Nothing surprising about that. Even in the United States people seem to thrive better on government "pap" than anything else.

The Davis county authorities are invited to take a pattern from the Salt Lake county officials, and thus help to preserve that decorum and social order that should prevail on the Sabbath day. A hint to the wise is said to be sufficient. This is enough for our neighbors on the north, or will it be necessary to shout a little louder?

There never was a more cruel injustice done a race in this world than when we gave the negro the freedom he wasn't fit for, and a franchise that he didn't know how to use," says F. Hopkinson Smith. May be so and may be not so, but in any event the American people will never undo the great "injustice" of giving freedom to the slaves—one of the noblest deeds in their history.

Our muddled morning contemporary is still in a maze and does not appear to be able to find a "key" to its labyrinth. Maybe if it keeps its eye on Dowie, it may work its way to release.

It is evident to its readers that "the school master is abroad," or in other words that it has lost its head for a season. "When the cat's away the mice will play," and the mice appear to have been let loose on the Tribune editorial page.

The report that comes from South Africa concerning the treatment of captive Boers, is not creditable to Great Britain. The outcry against Butler Weiler, the Spanish military tyrant in Cuba, whose cruelties were the culmination of oppression in that island, is likely to be repeated against England's treatment of the unfortunate people in the former South African republics.

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, addressed the students at Baker university, Kansas, the other day. He gave them this very excellent advice: "Do not avoid the caucus lest it contaminate you. Attend it lest it contaminate the state."

Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio has declared himself in favor of a third term for President McKinley. It is to be presumed, and certainly to be hoped, that he speaks for himself and not for another. A quarter of a century has passed since the friends and admirers of Gen. Grant undertook to run him for a third time and failed.

THE CHINESE SETTLEMENT.

The hopefullest moment that has appeared for China the past year has come now that the Germans are beginning to withdraw troops from Peking and send them to Kiao Chou.

Germany adopts tardily the policy of withdrawal from Peking, and falls in tacitly with what history will probably call the American leadership. German diplomacy was committed to the other policy. The contingent was to hold Peking with the other powers until the course should return the interior and negotiate with the conquerors face to face.

SACRAMENTO RECORD-UNION.

China will, it is now evident, close up and agree to the indemnity demands, since after a given hour she will forfeit \$1,000,000 a day for every day. The indemnity demands have been very materially reduced and will probably be agreed to in a sum considerably below \$30,000,000, and this the Chinese government will pay, but how, is another question.

KANSAS CITY STAR.

If Count von Walderssee returns from China to Germany by way of the United States he will certainly receive a grand reception. This would be a good time for him to come, for there is no political campaign on and the country would be spared the spectacle of politicians gushing over him in their anxiety to compliment the German vote.

NEW YORK EVENING POST.

It seems that in addition to the glory of leading the military forces of the allies in the person of Von Walderssee, Germany has obtained from England the joint rights of guardianship of the Yangtze valley, and that she has obtained this without offending Russia. Seeing that England had no right of guardianship of the Yangtze valley from anybody competent to give it, but merely an understanding with Russia that the latter should not call it in question, the concession to Germany does not seem to be great, nor does the promise of Russia not to be offended by it seem self-denying.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the June number of the National Geographic Magazine Hon. John Barrett, formerly minister to Siam, has a highly interesting sketch of "China, Her History and Development." This article is to be continued in the July number. "The Dikes of Holland" are described and illustrated by Gerard Matthes, of the United States Geological Survey. "Mexico of Today" is the subject of a paper by Dr. Don Juan N. Navarro, Mexican consul general. There are further an illustrated article on "Sir John Murray," "Geographic Notes," and "Geographic Literature," by McClure, Phillips & Co., New York.

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