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AN "OPEN LETTER."

To the Editor of the Eagle.

Kansas, June 3, 1884.

After Columbus discovered the pathway to the new world's eastern shores, there were many envious courtiers and servitors who, filled with envy and dissatisfaction that they had not made the discovery, said:

"Any one could do what Columbus has done. It is easily accomplished. But they had not thought of it first to complain."

"G. B." after being banquished with numerous articles of the "E. L." ilk, waits till some one gives a few hints to act on, a few statistics to deal with, then rushes into print, and points out "N. L.'s" glaring inaccuracies, and last parents' death by using the same weapons almost the same language I confronted them with; but doubtless his self-complacency deludes him into the belief that the ammunition is his own. But, says "G. B.," "the other writer commits even worse mistakes, as in an article on the 1st of June."

"The best plan is to do one thing at a time. If I meant," he says, "for us to fight only one at a time he would have given them to us that way." Ob, most potent reasoner! most consistent theologian! let me refer you to the first book of Genesis. How many evils did God create in the world? Just one. Away back in the twilight of time God said: "Thou shalt not eat of the fruit of this tree; that day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Had they contemplated this one evil, its attendant hosts of sin, and of others, would not have deluged the world, so by the same process of reasoning if we conquer the demon of intemperance, its attendant horrors of evil that follow in its wake will down also. We will not necessarily "have to go back and fight the rest." "As to intemperance being the cause of all this, is another popular fallacy." There is no such thing as "one demon" being more blameworthy than those who will not see it. That evil inclination and evil impulse is dormant in every human breast, none will gainsay. I will go further and say that perhaps the only difference between "G. B." and some of others, even in the matter of the convicted criminal, is not one of bad will, but of wisdom. "G. B." to select his own data and to draw inferences from facts and figures thus obtained, he will, if possessed of ordinary intelligence, see that the liquor traffic is entirely suppressed there is no inevitable and inexorable disappointment awaiting the temperance people.

"G. B." evidently believes in a personal devil "hoofs, horns and hide," for he says, "even if the horns are closed it will not kill the devil, nor even the him." Well, admitting, even in the light of the nineteenth century, that such an individual exists outside of our own passions, the suppression of intoxicating drinks, will so effectually muzzle the old fellow as to render him comparatively harmless. "Arithmetic will not lie!" it is one of the few truthful witnesses that can be called upon for evidence in the matter of the income of the country from all sources including agriculture, manufactures, commerce, railroads, mines and fisheries, is, in round numbers, seven hundred millions of dollars per annum. Is that data enough? The amount of property in the United States per annum is estimated from reliable statistics at six hundred millions of dollars, an amount greater than the cost of all the food, and nearly twice as great as the amount expended for clothing. The cost of the food of the United States is given as six thousand seven hundred and eighty millions, or about three times the national debt. Now, "G. B.," if you would have us believe you are an expert with figures and data, will you estimate the cost to the country caused by the use of alcohol, and add to that the actual amount paid therefor the value of the grain destroyed by its manufacture just the same as if it were, destroyed by drought or grasshoppers? This will give you better opportunity than trying to "give on the force."

One over-bravely one side or the other. There are sins of omission as well as commission. Miss M. E. LEASE.

WELLINGTON WAIFS.

Wellington will have a planing mill.

J. F. Hargis and wife are visiting at Decatur, Illinois.

Both roads furnish Kansas City mail in the morning.

The new one so-called new train on the Southern Kansas and the old one changed to a day train. Our people are no happier.

Work on the court house and eight store buildings now in course of erection on the avenue, has been retarded by the heavy rains during the past week.

Judge L. A. Simmons is in attendance at the State Horticultural Society at Junction City.

James Godsey, an old resident of this city and long identified with the whisky element, was found dead in bed Saturday morning. Alcohol claimed him. Friends passed the bed and collected money to pay burial expenses.

Free rides on the bus are still in order.

We like the daily Eagle and its news from Chicago.

Judge Woods and S. L. Hamilton are at the Chicago convention.

Good night.

LOCAL PRESSURE.

The following dispatches were wired from this city yesterday respectively signed as given:

To the Chairman of the Kansas Delegation at Chicago.

As a business man of Wichita, Kansas, respectfully request the Kansas delegation to cast their votes for (check) Arthur, believing him the nominee and election would best conserve the business interests of the country and maintain its present prosperity.

M. W. Levy, banker.

Niederlander, real estate.

M. Kohn & Co., merchants.

E. M. Gillman, banker.

A. O. H. Barnes, O. D. Barnes, A. W. C. E. Harlowe, grain dealer.

H. Kellogg, commission merchant.

H. J. Harlowe, merchant.

E. A. Dornay, merchant.

S. W. Woodman, banker.

D. W. Smith, capitalist.

To Hon. P. P. Plumb, Chairman Kansas Delegation at Chicago.

As a business man of this city, and as a worker at the polls do hereby request the delegation of the state of Kansas at Chicago to vote for the "Plumed Knight" or Arthur, believing him the nominee and election would best conserve the business interests of the country and maintain its present prosperity.

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ONE-PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE.

THE LARGE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL CLOTHING HOUSE OF BITTING BROTHERS.

Headquarters for Everything in Their Line—An Elegant Display.

Among the many commercial enterprises of Wichita which commend themselves to the general notice, not one possesses features of greater interest than that of the one-price clothing house of Bitting Bros., which is one of the most extensive and complete establishments in the state, carrying a stock varying in value from \$50,000 to \$75,000. It is located on the corner of Douglas avenue and Market street, one of the most central points in the city, in a two-story brick 130 feet in depth. This large space is all completely stocked and full to overflowing, yet no shoddy goods find a place on their shelves. The house has fine front entrance, is well lighted, thus allowing of a close examination of goods, and under its judicious management, assisted by courteous salesmen, has built up a trade of great and growing importance. Moreover, a very large percentage of the sales are in wholesale, and they employ a large and experienced man, and goods are shipped and expressed to all parts of the south, southwest and west of the state, and even to more distant points. Buying for cash and in large lots to supply a large and widely extended trade, and combining this with the departments of the business with vigorous enterprise, they can afford to offer extraordinary low figures on a quality of goods, at wholesale or retail, which for style and superiority cannot be excelled. Their goods are all marked in plain figures, and combining price and quality, so that the purchaser rich or poor—from the country or town, all are treated alike and buy at the one price or at all.

The Bitting Brothers are shrewd business men and excellent buyers, as their immense, varied and carefully selected stock fully indicates. They came to Wichita in the spring of '77 from Alton, Penn., and began business in the room next door to where is now Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express office, later moving into the room now occupied by that office. About five years ago they moved to their present quarters, though the building was much smaller than at present. Their rapidly extending trade made the necessity for more room imperative, and so last year a thirty-foot addition was made to their store, which now gives them a footage of 290 feet, and in all respects one of the best appointed business houses in the city. A creditable record as shown in the history of this establishment, (of which A. W. and C. W. Bitting (brothers) are at the head and sole proprietors) for over seven years, growing year by year in favor with the trade and public, and meeting and outstripping every source of competition, is a commendation from us unnecessary.

The first to attract the eye of the stranger who passes by Douglas avenue, are the large and handsomely arranged front windows of this house, which are but a true indication of the elegant and comprehensive stock within. On the east side of the entrance may be seen an endless variety of hats and caps, to the west is an equally elaborate showing of furnishing goods. On counters arranged down through the center and main part of the room is a mammoth display of clothing of all styles, sizes and quality, except the shoddy, which is entirely excluded. Mounting the stairs in the rear, or ascending to the second floor by the elevator, one is ushered into what is termed the "children's department," though here is found, aside from a very extensive and complete stock of children's clothing, the same as for men, in endless variety, while at the extreme front is a good-sized room in which is stored unopened case goods, and the surplus stock which could not find room on the shelves and counters below. In fact, the facilities of this house for doing business are excellent, and the management is most competent, and are amply prepared to defy it. No house in Sedgewick county stands higher in public estimation, and by years of straightforward and liberal dealing they merit the large business which they enjoy, and which the Eagle always has been a friend of honorable and upright competitors, and will continue to grow and flourish in the future as it has in the past.

MISSOURIANS VISIT TILDEN.

Washington, June 2.—Senator Vest and Representative Broadhead have just returned from a visit to Mr. Tilden in New York. The gentlemen express themselves to their friends as much pleased with the friendly greeting they received. The sage Senator Vest says that he is glad to see the thirteen votes of the delegation for Powell Clayton.

The chairman directed the secretary to finish the reading of the roll.

On motion of Gen. Clayton the election of Powell Clayton was made unanimous.

The committee then adjourned.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Topeka, Kan., June 3.—The eleventh annual commencement of Bethany college took place today, a large number of visitors being present from abroad. An interesting programme was presented and a diploma was presented to Miss Mollie Brown, of Topeka, who was the only graduate this year. The medal for proficiency in instrumental music was awarded to Miss Ella Vail, of Topeka. The medal for proficiency in vocal music, to Miss Dugan, of Las Vegas, N. M. The medal for the great advancement in art studies, to Miss Mattie Comings, of Girard, Kansas. The medal for the best work in elocution, to Miss May Henry, of Fort Scott.

HOUSE.