

WHAT a "tempest in a tea-pot" is all this fuss about that Fairbanks cocktail, anyway?

THE Republic yesterday stated that Mayer Wells is in favor of the Hon. D. R. Francis for President. This is not alarming if true.

FIEDMONT has one case of diphtheria, and several of scarlet fever in mild form. The Banner thinks the danger of an epidemic is very slight, but the scare has visibly affected the public school, the primary department having suffered a falling off of fifty per cent. in attendance.

THE Doniphan Prospect-News thinks that if the Hon. Mr. Fullbright of Ripley could have had a few days more of time for speechifying in Iron county the "drys" would have won. 'Tis thus that "distance lends enchantment to the view," and makes the mountains green to don another hue.

THIS pessimistic sneer is from the Kansas City Post, but it shows from what indifferent cause a pleasing and moral effect may come: "When Mrs. Katherine Tingley, head of the Theosophical society, heard that her brother, a New York gambler, to whom she had refused to speak for years, was dying, she cabled from Europe that she would sail at once and effect a reconciliation. Was it not noble on the part of Mrs. Tingley to cross the ocean to make peace with a dying relative? It may be mentioned in connection, however, that the brother was worth one half of one million dollars."

AND so Mr. Hadley has dragged the Ruper-Righteous McLeod! What! Our late Reformer a member of the Lumber Trust, and thereby doing things contrary to the statute! Let the Governor call out the militia, if necessary, and give us one bright, shining instance of "law-enforcement." Of course, the Trust is by no means so inimical to the public welfare as is the dispenser of beer; but, the grosser offense having been scooped if not killed, the lesser ought to receive some attention. If it be developed that the Lumber Trust is "a good trust" no harm will be done and the majesty of the law stand vindicated.

FROM Word and Works: "When the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, at the conclusion of his lecture on the "Prince of Peace" in St. Louis on Sunday, October 20th, 1907, stood and prayed for God's blessing on over one hundred men who had risen for prayer, that they might be saved, he appeared at the very acme of his greatness and strength. No wonder strong men shed tears, and no doubt God and angels beheld and rejoiced. The humility and faith and example of that moment lifted the character and influence of the great statesman higher into the sunlight of glory and honor than all the climaxes in logic and political oratory that have characterized his distinguished career. May the God of our fathers and of our country multiply such men in high places."

A NEW YORK pastor, according to the Columbus, Ohio, Press-Post, stated that several years ago when Mr. Rockefeller was asked why he did not retire from active business the oil magnate replied:

"I am the trustee of the property of others through the providence of God, committed to my care. I am the steward of vast interests belonging in great part to widows and orphans and others who are actually, or relatively, poor. For this holding I am responsible to God. Were I to give up my interest in the Standard Oil company I would imperil the interests of these people, according to the popular supposition that my withdrawal would hurt the company's business. Therefore, I feel it my duty to God and to the people whose money is invested in my company, to continue active in its welfare."

THE "trust" has in the last fifteen years netted Mr. Rockefeller \$180,000,000. Surely, his is the religion that pays, and I wouldn't myself mind occupying a front pew in his church—say, for three or four months.

I READ in the Chicago papers of an incident that ought to set civilized people to thinking. A widow owns a little home in the city. Her only dependence was a daugh-

ter who was book-keeper at meager salary for a South Side Manufactory. In came an assessment of \$74 against her mother's property on account of sewerage. By scripping and saving and self-denial of things necessary to their comfort and well-being, the money was secured and paid. The daughter's health was impaired by overwork and worry, and when, a few days afterward was presented another bill for \$119 for some other "improvement" by the city authorities, she broke down and ended the struggle by drowning herself in the lake. It is a pitiful story—'tis wondrous pitiful—but my Christian friends seem to make little note of it. Perhaps they cannot be reasonably expected to: they have that Fairbanks cocktail and other matters of like weighty import to absorb their concernment.

"By the way, has anybody," says a Washington correspondent, "noticed the wonderful manifestation of the mutual enmity existing between the Administration and the great trust interests that has cropped out in the efforts to bring the big New York Traction Trust to justice? Tarrad all over with the blackest and stickiest trust stick, we find Mr. Oren Root. He is manager on one of the branches or tentacles of the traction devil fish, out of the manipulation of which the people have been robbed of so many millions. Oren Root is a nephew of Secretary Root. That looks like a pretty close line between the octopus and the White House. But wait a minute, and see who's here: One Douglas Robinson, one of the receivers of one of the branches, and seems to be right up to his ears in the muck heap. Douglas Robinson is brother-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and premier trust buster of the universe."

HON. H. F. STAPLE has announced his candidacy for the nomination for Governor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Staple represented the people of Atchison county in the last legislature and made a most creditable record. He is the only newspaper man in the race so far. In making his announcement in his paper—the Atchison County Mail—Mr. Staple writes the platform upon which he proposes to make his race. He sets forth seventeen planks, among them being an endorsement of the principles of democracy as advocated by Jefferson, as well as the endorsement of Wm. J. Bryan for president. The enforcement of all laws in the statutes, recommends a new state constitution, and the reduction of the tariff. He favors home rule, and the election of all officers, including the election of postmasters, by the people. He favors laws regulating all public utilities. Mr. Staple sets forth several other wholesome reforms, most all of which would receive the cordial support of the Missouri democracy.

BENNY says I told a half-truth when I said his blundering had caused a homesteader to make three thirty-mile trips with his witnesses, instead of one. He lays the fault of the third trip upon the then County Clerk who failed to have the necessary blanks on hand for making proof. The land office sends but one set of blanks for each case, and in this instance they had been used together with the erroneous advertisement. Of course the error in the publication was unknown to the clerk; and, after the land had been re-advertised, when he was again called upon to make out the papers he could not do so because the blanks for that case had been used. So he continued the matter from day to day until the blanks could be procured from the Springfield Land Office. No blame can attach to him. The three trips of the homesteader and his witnesses were consequent solely upon the erroneous publication. That there was an error is neither unprecedented nor wonderful—mistakes will happen in the best regulated offices; but I could point out a bunch of them made by Benny and his "foreman" were I so minded. This ought not to be in an office where the boast is made that the work is "as good if not better than that of the other fellow." It gives the impression that "full legal rates" are charged for 48-per-cent. workmanship.

WHAT in the world has gotten into the Post-Dispatch? The leading editorial in last Monday's issue was entitled, "Blue Laws and Busybodies." It is so good that I copy it in full:

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Falkenhainer is right in declaring that he is not in favor of blue laws, and in refusing to issue warrants to enforce them, although he may offend the pennywise and pound-foolish morality which concerns itself with the petty trifles of per-

sonal habits while great and grave evils appeal for redress.

To most of the people who represent this attitude, however, Mr. Falkenhainer's offense will consist, not in the actual failure to enforce blue laws—since their habit is to excuse that failure in preachy officials—but in his statement that he does not favor them.

From time immemorial fat morality has been recognized as futile by the very communities which insisted upon it. Kansas City is about to engage in a performance of this kind.

Knowing that morality cannot be legislated into people any more than sectarianism can be, knowing that no set of officials can mollify or correct the personal habits any more than they can control the beliefs of individuals, the narrow reform element no longer insists upon actual enforcement, but contains itself with demanding only a nominal official attitude, a show of attempt and much talk.

It is a poor way to train public servants, exacting of them only insincerity and compelling them to slight the big and important tasks of government.

Real public morality is something more than a prim-squishiness for peccadilloes. It is a sound purpose for serious things.

How is that for a polished and refined "roast" of our Pecksniffian Governor? It strips from him every vestige of exploited Righteousness and leaves him naked to the slings and arrows of the wicked. Why, O why, has the P.-D. done this thing?

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PROBATE DOCKET. Term Docket of the Probate Court of Iron County, Mo.—November Term, A. D. 1907.

Monday, November 11. Phillip Cogan, Executor of the will of James L. Thomas, deceased. Henry Schlesselmann, Curator of the estate of Blanche McFarland, a minor. Henry Schlesselmann, Curator of the estate of Cornelia McFarland, a minor. E. W. Hughes, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Nancy Hughes, an insane person now deceased.

Tuesday, November 12. Dr. G. W. Farris, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of John Dammann, an insane person, final. Arthur Huff, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Harriet H. Emerson, deceased. Josephine Efinger, Administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of Valentine Efinger, deceased. John F. Logan, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of John F. C. Logan, insane.

Wednesday, November 13. William Trauericht, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of John Myer, insane. Mary A. Shea, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Mathew D. O'Brian, a minor. Adrian Steel, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Milinda Rapp, deceased, final. Giles G. Henderson, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Florence Henderson, a minor, final.

Thursday, November 14. Emma Kerchner, Executrix of the will of Joseph Kerchner, deceased, final. John W. Alcorn, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Grace May Strother, a minor, final. Elza Hale, Curator of the estate of Jacob Spitzmiller, a minor. Cordelia Jane Pinkley, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Archie O. Pinkley, a minor.

Friday, November 15. August Rieke, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Herman Rieke, a minor, final. Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person Curator of the estate of Alfonso Daniel, a minor. Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Garza Daniel, a minor. Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Mionia Daniel, a minor.

Saturday, November 16. Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Lydia Daniel, a minor. Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of Lovetta Daniel, a minor. Lucy C. Daniel, Guardian of the person and Curator of the estate of May Daniel, a minor. E. L. BARNHOUSE, Probate Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, E. W. Hughes, Guardian of the person and Curator of the Estate of Nancy Hughes, Insane deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Guardian and Curator at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, to be holden at Ironton, in said county, on the 11th day of November, A. D., 1907. E. W. HUGHES, Guardian and Curator.

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