

JOHN BULL'S TRIPPLE.

The Liquor Question is Now an Issue in England as Well as America.

NOT MANY TOTAL ABSTAINERS

In Victoria's Domain, but the Bad Effects Are Not as Noticeable as on This Side.

MIXED DRINKS ARE NOT SO POPULAR.

The Difference in the Climate May Have Something to Do With It.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

LONDON, June 6.—The drink question is being a special article in the London Standard. Mr. Goschen, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has in his budget bill introduced a clause to create a fund out of which the County Councils will be able to buy up the license of any public house they may think unnecessary, and so reduce the number of saloons. This is called the "compensation of publicans" clause, and has set all the teetotalers and temperance societies in England on their feet.

The drink question here, as in the States, is the most difficult of all questions for any Government to handle. It seems impossible to please the temperance people, short of abolishing public houses altogether, and as neither the people or the treasury would ever stand this, we may safely presume that our children and our children's children to the twentieth generation, if the world lasts as long, will be fighting over the question of booze or no booze, high license or no license at all.

HEAVY DRINKERS. The English, as a race, are heavy drinkers, far more so than the Americans taking the people as a whole, but in this country you never know how the evil effects of drink to so great a degree as you do in America. I have known many a man go to ruin from whisky in America in one year than I have known in 20 years on this side. This fact, I think, owing to many causes, the principal one being in my opinion the quality of the liquor drunk. Good whisky, even if taken in excess, very seldom does a man any very great amount of harm, but bad whisky which is in London a moderate or in "jathins" or "it" very soon brings on a fit of the "jim jams" and causes the drinker to people the earth in his mind's eye with more snakes than Mr. Stanley ever saw in Africa.

I must say that, except in certain places, the greater part of the whisky drunk by the people in America is bad whisky. It is too cheap, and in addition to this a goodly proportion of the stuff sold over the counter has by judicious manipulation of the saloon keeper been "watered" to such a degree that a man can make a gallon go a mile in an instant, and saloon keepers care little for the coats of their customers' stomachs so long as they can keep good coats on their backs. Another reason why the American drinking is the love of the average drinker for the insidious "cocktail," "whisky sour," "mint julep" and "mixed" drinks generally.

THE AVERAGE TEMPERANCE. I am quite aware that your regular old snaker who is so impregnated with whisky that all the worms in the neighborhood of his grave will go on a protracted spree when the dice, cockles, mixed drinks, altogether and sticks to "straight," but I am not talking now so much of the regular toper as the average drinker, and to him the cocktail in any form is a very bad thing. The cocktail may be of the best, but all its good qualities are neutralized by the concoctions used in the mixing.

Another thing that is against the American drinker is the climate. The "glorious climate of California," or other States, may be indeed magnificent, and the soil may grow more wheat, corn and other crops on earth, or pumpkins larger than a house, but it is very far from being an ideal climate from a drinker's point of view. You feel the effect of liquor on you far sooner in the States than here, and you feel it more in England than you do in Scotland.

In some parts of the Highlands of Scotland, notably the Western Isles, it is a custom to drink the "barley brose" all day on the hills, and wind up the evening with countless tumbler of whisky toddy, and yet wake in the morning with a very little in the head, and without trace of headache. Could you do the same in America with any whisky unless it be some special brand from the "Blue Grass" I know not.

A WORLD-WIDE EVIL. The evils of drink may be said to be world-wide among a certain class of the population. In the East End of London men and women make beasts of themselves on "blue ruin" and "vie gin," or France on absinthe and "bad cognac," in Russia on "vodka," in India on "arrack" and in Africa on palm toddy. All the world over human beings "booze," and will continue to "booze" until the lamb takes it to his head to go to sleep beside the lion. In England the power of the public house is just as great in politics as that of the saloon is with you, and the more they lower the franchise the greater it will become. When the time comes here for manhood suffrage the power of the public house will be trebled. A drink will go a long way with the average manhood suffrage voter.

At present there is a certain amount of respectability attached to a man who has a vote. He pays rent and taxes and contributes so far as he is able to the common fund. But when the day comes—as it will—of all kicking notwithstanding—when Jack will be as good as his master, and every man his own boss, and East End tough who never did an honest day's work in his life, or contributed a cent to the public purse except in the way of picking pocket, will have his vote, then indeed will the publican take his room.

SOME POINTS OF DIFFERENCE. There is a good deal of difference between the saloon and the public house. The former, in the large towns at any rate, is far better fitted up than the latter. The glass, the bar fittings, and last, but certainly not least, the barkeeper, are more correct in scale. The saloon is essentially a drinking place where men go and take their drink and generally walk out again. The public house, on the other hand, makes a pretense, at any rate of comfort, in most public houses you have a "snuggery" behind the bar to which the landlord's or the barmaid's favorite customers have the open access, and who generally may be found one or two of the "regulars" sipping their "rum tot" and settling the affairs of Europe to their own entire satisfaction. There is no state problem that is so difficult for the average public house "regular" to tackle.

CRUCIFIED HIS SON.

Little Jake Ackerman Tortured by a Most Inhuman Father.

SEVEN LONG HOURS OF AGONY.

The Lad Will Probably Die as the Result of His Injuries.

ALYNCHING VERY NARROWLY AVERTED.

WILKESBARR, June 15.—This commotion was thrown into a state of great excitement, which culminated in the arrest of Jacob Ackerman, a farmer of Sugar Loaf township, near this city, who had been guilty of a most inhuman and diabolical outrage upon his 11-year-old son, Jake, which will probably result in the boy's death.

Mr. Ackerman has a violent and unprovoked temper, and when he becomes enraged is an object of terror to all around him. Yesterday he became enraged at some trifling act of disobedience on the part of the little fellow, and as his passion found vent in violent language he became almost beside himself in a frenzy of wrath. He was not satisfied to castigate the child. He determined upon torture.

WORK OF A FIEND. He therefore went out to his barn and obtained two pieces of wood, one of which he then firmly together in the form of a saw-buck cross. Then when he had thoroughly tested it, to see that it would withstand heavy pressure, he returned to the farm, and the lar of the house, and then followed the little fellow with the implement of torture.

He then caught hold of Jake, and laying him on his back, he placed him upon it. He strapped the child's arms to the top parts of the uprights and pinioned his legs to the bottom parts, and then with the aid of a screwdriver he fastened the child's hands and feet to the structure. Then he lifted child and crossed upright, and regarded the work of his fiendish work with complacency. The poor little fellow, in his agony, cried for relief, and the mother and the rest of the family pleaded with the inhuman man to release the child, but their entreaties only seemed to increase his rage.

He went at them furiously, threatening their lives and making menacing movements toward them. Finally he procured a hatchet and drove them all out of the house. They fled away in terror, with the cries of the little sufferer ringing in their ears.

HATCHET IN HAND. Then, with the hatchet still in his hand, he returned to the cellar and stood guard over the suffering boy, threatening to kill him if he moved. He then, with the hatchet, when the little fellow ceased his struggles through sheer weakness, finding no one was about to disturb him or release the child, he went to work, leaving the crucified child to his fate.

Toward evening a little daughter came home from the silk mill, where she had been at work during the day. She heard groans emanating from the cellar. She went down and found her poor brother in his awful agony and position. For seven hours his body had been suspended on the framework. He was nearly dead, but he was still alive. It is not expected he can live.

These facts were brought out before a Justice of the Peace, who issued a warrant for Ackerman's arrest, and to-day he is lodged in jail. The neighbors were on the point of organizing a posse to lynch the inhuman father when the officers of the law intervened and looked him in the county jail.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING.

Thomas Morris, of McCord Street, Disappeared in Night of His Companions—A Ship Skipped, but Its Occupants Rescued—Other Sunday Accidents.

Thomas Morris, aged 11 years, was bathing in the Monongahela river, near the Eliza Furnace, with a number of companions yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. He could swim very little, and got out into the current where the water is very deep. He called for help, but before any of his companions could reach him he had disappeared for the last time. The river below was dragged, and his body was recovered about 6 o'clock a short distance from where he had gone down. The body was placed in putrefaction, and was buried in the afternoon.

Shortly after midnight Saturday Henry Rogan fell into a sewer drop on Spring garden avenue. He was quite unable to extricate himself. A pedestrian discovered him and sent word to patrol stable No. 1, when the officers responded and pulled him out. He was quite unable to get up about the legs and had to be hauled to his home, 99 High street, in the patrol wagon. John Rogan and wife, of 28 Carson street, while crossing Liberty street, near Seventh street, about 10 o'clock, were knocked down by a horse and buggy driven by Henry Frommer, of Magee street. Captain Ueberbaw witnessed the accident and placed Rogan in the patrol wagon. Mr. Rogan called at Central station a little later and requested Frommer's release, saying they had not been injured and believed that Frommer was not to blame. Their appeal did not have the desired effect, however, and Frommer will have a hearing this morning for reckless driving.

The coroner will hold an inquest this morning on the death of James Swart, a Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman, who was struck by a train at Torres at 12:30 yesterday morning. The deceased lived at Irwin station and was 23 years of age. He died ten minutes after being taken to the hospital.

Thomas Hanley, a laborer employed at Moorhead and McCleane's mill repairing one of the furnaces, had his left foot badly crushed by one of the large grate bars falling on it.

SUNDAY IN THE POLICE COURTS.

Saturday Offenders Got Sentences of Varying Degrees of Severity.

Judge Gripp faced 32 prisoners at the Central station yesterday morning. Eight of them went to the workhouse. John Rowe and Andrew Denny got 30 days for obtaining \$5 from a landlady on Duquesne way, claiming that they had been sent by her husband, George Washington, a colored boy, charged with picking Mrs. Carella's pocket in the Market House, was sent to Morgantown. James Masterson and William James were charged with assaulting a son of Mrs. Chestner, the landlady of their boarding house, No. 208 Third avenue, and each got 30 days sentences. Daniel Shay got 30 days for assaulting Mrs. Lane after throwing a brick through the window of her house on Strawberry alley. Sam O'Day got 90 days for vagrancy. Rose Gibson and John Noe, old timers, had out on a disorderly spree, and were rewarded with 30 days apiece.

James Sheridan was the only prisoner at the Thirty-sixth Ward Station, and Magistrate Seaman sent him to jail for five days for drunkenness.

May Build Some Others. As soon as the two furnaces of the Monongahela Furnace Company are completed and set in operation the company will take steps to build two more furnaces. The plant is being completed rapidly, and one furnace will be ready for blowing out late next month.

The Searching Force to be Increased. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) JOHNSTOWN, June 15.—The force searching for the dead will be increased, and will continue to work all summer. Three bodies were found this week, and a number of passes that some portion of a human body is not brought to light.

Sang for the Sick. Miss Maria Decca, formerly of Colonel Mapson's Opera Company, who sang in Meadville last Saturday evening, visited the West Penn Hospital yesterday and sang for the inmates who were able to participate in the regular Sunday religious services.

FINAL summer opening—military—tomorrow. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S Penn Avenue Stores.

ANDERSON'S gingham—prices cut today. See ad. JOS. HORNE & CO.'S Penn Avenue Stores.

DIED. BROWN—On June 15, 1920, HELEN, the only child of Sol and Julia Brown, of New Castle, aged 5 years and 4 months.

CRUMLEY—On Saturday, June 14, 1920, Rebecca, youngest daughter of the late John and Jane Crumley, of County Tyrone, Ireland.

HOFFMAN—On Saturday, June 14, 1920, at 8:30 P. M., WILLIE H., youngest son of ex-Sheriff Hoffman, aged 6 years.

SCHAEFER—On Saturday, June 14, 1920, at 9 P. M., JOHN C. SCHAEFER, in the 66th year of his age.

KIBLER—Saturday, June 14, 1920, at 1:15 A. M., ALICE B., daughter of A. G. and Alice B. Kibler, aged 5 years and 4 months.

LANG—On Sunday, June 15, 1920, at 11:10 A. M., JAMES, son of Hugh and Mary Lang (nee Shick), aged 12 years and 10 months.

MONINGER—On Saturday morning, June 14, 1920, at 6 A. M., ELSEBETH, youngest daughter of John and Catherine Moninger, aged 21 years 2 months 12 days.

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SILVER NOVELTIES.

You can hardly ask for anything in the line of silver goods that we haven't got. Our assortment of Silver Novelties is the best we have ever had (not excepting our last Holiday stock, which was by all odds the best in the city).

SHEAFER & LLOYD, JEWELERS. Successors to Wadles & Sheaffer. 37 FIFTH AVENUE. Telephone 1933. j16-MWV

THIS WEEK, BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY!

15,000 PAIRS Lace Curtains, This week we have a failed manufacturer's stock of

7,000 PAIRS CURTAINS, \$1, Worth \$2. Some 3 yards long and very wide, others narrower and 3 1/2 yards long.

5,000 Pairs Curtains, \$1 25. This is the \$2 50 quality, but it is cash we are after, and will turn them quickly.

3,000 PAIRS CURTAINS, \$1 50, \$2 and \$3. This is headquarters on Curtains of every kind.

T. M. LATIMER, 138 and 140 Federal St., 45 and 46 South Diamond, Allegheny. j16-MWV

OUTING GARMENTS.

The marvelous increase in all kinds of athletic sports in this country brings with it continued improvement in the garments worn in the field, and instead of the ill-fitting garments, unattractive patterns of seasons past, we are showing Coats, Trousers and Shirts in the softest fabrics, perfect fitting, in artistic and quiet patterns and at prices even lower than was paid for inferior goods years ago. Below we give a few prices:

Blazers, Imported English Flannel, in all the club colors..... \$3 50

Excellent Flannel Shirts..... 1 50

Imported Flannel Coats..... 5 00

Fine English Flannel Trousers..... 5 00

All-Silk Belts..... 1 50

All-Silk Sashes..... 1 50

Entire Suit, comprising Coat, Trousers, Shirt, Belt and Cap of best material, in any color..... 15 00

INDIA SILKS, 75c. A saving of exactly 25c a yard for you, if you come while this great bargain lot lasts.

These 27-inch Black and Cream Indias are so desirable for Dresses, Blouse Waists and Summer Underwear—so wide, so fine, and good quality—27 inch and only 75c.

Ladies' Imported Sailor Hats from the world-renowned houses of Knox, New York, White & Heath, of London.

Also, Ladies' Blazers in all shades.

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TRAVELERS' WRITING MATERIALS.

Writing Paper at 15c, 25c and 35c a pound. Paperette (24 sheets writing paper and 25 envelopes) put up in neat boxes at 35c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 50c.

Envelopes at 10c, 15c and 25c a package of 25. Inks, all the leading brands, in small bottles. Stylographic Pens at \$1.50 to \$5. Fountain Pens at 75c and \$1.25. Esterbrook, Spencerian and other leading Pens. Pencils—Faber's, Dixon and Eagle brand. Traveler's inkstand at 15c.

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ANOTHER GREAT UMBRELLA BARGAIN. We open to-day 100 best quality Windsor Silk Umbrellas, with silver handles, which have been selling, and considered good value, at \$5 to \$8, which will be closed out without reserve, making your choice from the lot at \$4 apiece. This is, without a doubt the best Umbrella bargain offered in a long while.

OUR GREAT BARGAIN PARASOL SALE. Is attracting a great deal of attention. Those who come in and want a Parasol do not go away without buying. If you want a bargain come in.

THE GORDON CASH. We open this week a large line of this very popular Sash in a large variety of styles in plain colors, plaids and stripes for Misses and Ladies as well as for Gentlemen.

Sterling, Oxydized and Plated Silver Novelties. Be sure and stop at our center counter and see the extensive display we are making in the latest novelties in Ladies' Chatelaines, Belt Buckles, Slides, Card Cases, Manicure Fixings, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Salt and Pepper Boxes, Thimble Cases, Shoe Horns, Button Hooks, Pin Cushions, Toilet Bottles, Soap Boxes, Shaving Mugs and Brushes, Tea Strainers and Tea Balls, Garter Buckles, with many other novelties in this line.

THE PITTSBURG BRIDGE CO. ROOF TRUSSES, BUILDINGS, GIRDERS, IN IRON AND STEEL. Thirty-Eighth Street.

SLIPSHOD--DOWN AT HEELS! The definition of this old term will be of value to Pittsburghers of the present day, who are supplied from Laird's Mammoth Shoe Stores. Imagine if you can anything so impossible as one of his thousands of patrons "down at the heels." Just fancy the absurdity of those trig, neat-fitting stylish shoes, boots or slippers becoming in a slipshod condition. There comes the advantage of a dealer who knows how to fit you to foot wear that feels comfortable from the word go, and preserves its appearance to the last.

Light Feet Look Best in Dainty Shoes. For Summer wear and evening use we offer to Ladies the perfection of shoemakers' skill in our lines of fine footgear. Slippers and Ties of kid and other soft materials in black and fancy leathers. Russian Ties and Russes are the favorites. Not only the gentler sex but Men and Boys are equally cared for in all the various styles peculiar to their wants. Our lines of Oxford Ties and Outing Shoes are most complete. Baseball and Tennis Shoes in great variety. Russes Shoes are a great comfort; besides their wearing and well-appearing qualities the rubber with the blacking brush is done away with. As to prices it is a well-known fact that we are pioneers in giving bargains all along the line.

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Great Building and Extension Sale.

Those who intend to buy Furniture or Carpets, Housefurnishing Goods, Refrigerators, Baby Carriages, Clothing or Wraps, will find this the Opportunity of a Lifetime. CASH OR CREDIT.

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GLACE MOHAIRS, 50c. A marvelous bargain.

50-inch All-Wool Beiges, \$1 00 and \$1 25 goods at 80c. 46-inch Beiges, 60c.

40-INCH BEIGES, 50-cent value, at 35c (but not all wool), although better than coarse all-wool goods.

Double width Mohairs and imported Dress Goods—choicest goods and remarkable values only \$18 to \$25 goods, all this season's importations, Go at \$10 Each.

PARIS ROBES, \$12 to \$15 goods, reduced to \$8 each.

LISTER'S (a celebrated English manufacturer) UNION WASH SILKS, 30c. No such desirable bargain for Summer Dresses or Traveling Dresses has ever been offered.

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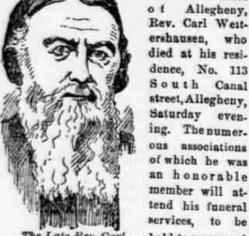
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The Late Rev. Carl Weitershausen.

Death of an Old and Esteemed German Clergyman—The Life of Dr. Carl Weitershausen—His Work in the West—His Character—His Friends—His Death—His Burial—His Legacy.

Numberless friends are bowed in grief since death set its seal on the brow of one of the most popular German ministers of Allegheny, Rev. Carl Weitershausen, who died at his residence, No. 113 South Canal street, Allegheny, Saturday evening.

While preaching in Chambersburg he visited President Van Buren, at Washington. He received a call from Allegheny in 1852, and after a journey by stage over the mountains, he arrived in Allegheny to take charge of the German Evangelical Protestant Church, on Ohio street.

In 1846 the doctor was elected pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical Protestant Church on South Canal street, Allegheny, and remained in that pulpit for 28 years, when he was obliged to resign on account of ill health. In that time he christened 7,445; confirmed 2,855; married 3,385; and buried 2,076. Rev. Dr. Weitershausen was one of the organizers of the following societies: The Allegheny Turn Verein, of which he was the first speaker; the German Guards, Company B, Ninth Regiment, K. V. C.; the Teutonic and Robert Blum Maennerchor; and the first German Singing Society. He had been an honorable member of the four organizations first mentioned for some time past. He celebrated his golden wedding at his residence, July 23, 1887, and the following Sunday it was celebrated by his congregation, in church, and in the evening by the Turn Verein, at their hall. Mrs. Weitershausen died suddenly this spring, on March 11.

Dr. Weitershausen was confined to his bed since December 20, two years ago. He possessed high literary talents and published several volumes of original poetry, written in German. He had 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, besides two sons and one daughter, the latter residing in Germany.

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