



SATURDAY MAY 7, 1904.



PICTURES FROM LIFE.

How the Devilish Hand of the Drink Demon Was Revealed at an Auction.

"Here is a beautiful diamond engagement ring. Who is going to make his best girl happy with it? What am I offered? Come on, don't be backward, folks, everything has got to go to-day, regardless of value." It was such words as these that the loud-voiced man on the auction block announced that the sale of unredeemed pledges held by the State Pawners' society, was on in full force. The audience of buyers was composed mostly of professional speculators in jewelry. These men were cold and hard, not much sentiment in their makeup.

The beautiful diamond ring had once sparkled upon the slender finger of a rosy-cheeked, fair-haired girl. She was so happy the night that Ned slipped it upon her hand and extracted a promise in the cozy little parlor. A short time afterward the promise was kept in the brick church—around the corner, and a broad gold band was put on to keep the diamond company. The rosy-cheeked girl was happier than ever. Things went on finely in the pretty little flat for awhile. Life was a sunny dream. One day a dark cloud appeared on the horizon of wedded bliss. Ned commenced to drink. Not at first, but more and more as the days went by. Drinking leads to more drinking, and more drinking to expensive vices of all kinds. Soon Ned was going with a fast crowd, and to provide himself with funds to keep up the pace set by his companions, he commenced to cash



SALE OF UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

fraudulent checks. The end of such pursuits is disgrace and darkness, and before the weak, erring youth could well realize it, he was headed toward Joliet one fine spring morning, with five other unfortunates. The roses soon faded from the cheeks of the girl who left almost destitute and unprovided for. Large cities are not kind or merciful; they crush out just such lives as hers every day. The struggle for the necessities of life was a hard one, and before long the diamond ring found its way into the pawn-shop, while the fair owner toiled early and late for bread. The bidding was brisk for a time, but a gentleman with a large wallet gradually wore down the other bidders, and the ring became the possession of a hook-nosed individual from Clark street.

Next a pair of pearl opera glasses are put up. They used to belong to a white-haired old lady with the sweetest face in the world. What tales they could tell of opening nights at opera and theater. Had they not helped bright eyes to gaze upon Patti's loveliness, when the Queen of Song was on the top wave of popularity? They had seen Booth, the greatest of them all; Mary Anderson at her best, and once when very new and shiny they had been taken along in their little leather case the night the matchless voice of Jenny Lind filled all listeners alike with a strange awe and tenderness. But that was in the long, long ago. They had had their day, just as the great stars on whom they had so often fixed their admiring gaze, and now, old, nicked and tarnished, they had fallen into the dirty hands of commerce. No one seemed to want them, and they went for a song to a man who said he had children at home.

Now a tiny locket with a golden curl still in it was put up. The little curl had once adorned a pretty child's head, the pride and joy of a happy home. But the little one died, the father fell into evil ways, and drink crazed, had parted with this last tender token of his dear one to buy more liquor with. The interest was so low he would come and get it out within the next Saturday night or two, he reasoned to himself. That Saturday night never came around, and here it was, with hawk-eyed men bidding briskly for its possession. They saw no sweet child's face, heard no patter of baby feet, felt no warm clutch of infant fingers. It had no significance in their eyes. It was just so much old gold to them.

A long black box is now passed up to the leather-lunged auctioneer. He opens it and takes out a violin and bow. The violin had been brought in by a woman who kept a rooming house. One of the roomers had died and this musical instrument was the only thing he left in the way of worldly goods which

amounted to anything. The original owner had once been a miner, and when the day was done and night had flung abroad her mantle over the land, he would sit by the window of his little room and gaze dreamily up at the moon as she passed along her silvery course. It was then that he would woo as of old a departed wife with the weird, beautiful music of his violin. The life in the far, far west, where the mines had given him gold, was his once more, the life into which she had come to outshine the gold. The life out of which she had gone, leaving it as cold and desolate as the moon-kissed mountain peaks. And so one night she had come to him tangible, real and regal, as of old when he had crowned her queen of his happiness. With tenderest love she had listened to the ebb and flow of the string-told story of his sad, lonely existence. Then as its sweetness died away on the starry night, she beckoned him to come. The next morning an early coming milkman found him lying in the back yard with a broken neck. The fall had been a long and fatal one. They saw no happy little western home, did they see stony-hearted men of affairs, no sweet-faced woman waiting a miner's return when the shadows had crept up from valley to peak, and the blazing snow tops had signaled the passing of another day. They saw only a worn-out fiddle in a black box worth but a few dollars, at the most. So the bidding went on brisker than before, for the rivalry between buyers was becoming exciting. —Chicago Advance.

THE DANGER SIGNAL.

Plen to Young Manhood to Heed the Danger That Lurks in the Intoxicating Cup.

Here are some facts to show that strong drink is the cause of so much ruin. No man can link any business with drinking and make a success of it. Sooner or later he will see his ruin, disgrace and downfall. How many a drinking man who does not stop to think of the awful ruin before him soon finds himself penniless and friendless. Even those who stood with him at the bar, drinking the belongings of a struggling wife and little ones, now turn from him. These are not single cases, but thousands bear out the statement. Ninety per cent. of all the destitution is caused by strong drink alone. When a young man starts he never knows from the beginning where the end will be.

It is not enough for a man to say he cannot stop drinking. It is only the devil that urges on. Stand firm and proclaim your determination. Grip your appetite as you would a lever and so control your life. Do not let evil men who insist on your drinking entice you. Let every man fully study the evil and know for himself the depravity that comes from such a course. Instead of feeding and clothing it demonizes. It robs its victim of intellect and respect of self and friends. It ruins morally, socially and financially. Stop! look! listen! Think of the danger signal! It will make you a better man, a better citizen, a better husband to your wife and father to your children. How many are tramping out their life upon a railroad track who might be riding in a parlor car had they left drink out of their lives. Liquor has started many a man on the tramp, or in other words, given him a "tie pass," and he is now a homeless wanderer because of this besetting sin.

Some are ready to excuse the saloon, but I should like anyone to stand up and point out a single redeeming quality. Would you look for the evil? You have not far to go. It is the feeder of divorce courts and an incentive to murder, prison and the gallows. When the poor victim has spent his last dollar, will the saloon stand up for him? Is he welcome then to the old haunts? No, no, when there is no prospect of pay there is no proffer of drink. I am glad to see officials of railroads take a decided stand against employing men who use liquor in any form, not that railroad men use it more than others, but this attitude blesses mankind in the confidence which it gives and the example which it sets. Then take heed. The red light warns. Be wise. Beware of the danger signal! —J. E. Dovel, in Evangelical Herald.

BREVITIES.

Burlington, Vt., in 1902, under prohibition, had only 110 drunks before the courts. In 1903, from May to December, the doors of the county jails closed upon 379.

The Oakland City (Ind.) temperance people are gaining in their fight against the saloon. The colored people are falling in line for the Anti-Saloon league. One of the leading colored men has come out for temperance, and is getting others of his race to sign the remonstrance.

In prohibition Kansas the annual consumption of liquors per capita is less than two gallons, as against 19 in the country as a whole. Forty counties in the state of Kansas do not have a pauper. The jails in 37 Kansas counties are without a single inmate. Prohibition in Kansas prohibits more than 95 per cent.

The fire commissioner of New York rejects all cigarette smokers who apply for places in his department. It is the same with men who drink to excess, even occasionally, no matter how well they may stand the examinations. "A man without nerves will never make a fireman," says the commissioner, "and cigarette and whisky are not good for the nerves."

In New Zealand, where a three-fifths vote is required to imperatively prohibit the liquor traffic, the requisite vote has been given in several districts; while others have given a majority, but not a three-fifths majority, against licensing. In several of these latter districts the licensing authorities have exercised their discretionary power by refusing to grant or renew any liquor licenses on the ground that a majority of the people are against their issue.

Made Much of Himself. Simple—I didn't think that Sherr would have lent himself to such game. Knowall—He didn't lend himself, he was bought.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

DISCUSSING THE PLATFORM

Republican Leaders Decide on Tariff as Principal Feature.

RECIPROCITY AND THE TRUSTS

Washington, May 4.—The platform to be adopted by the Republican national convention has been among the topics discussed at the conferences that have taken place recently at the White House. In committee rooms at the capitol and at different residences where a number of Republicans have been assembled. Senator Lodge, who is slated for chairman of the committee on resolutions at the convention, has prepared preliminary sketches of various topics that he thinks should be treated, and has submitted them to senators and others for their approval or suggestion as to amendment. It is expected that before the convention meets a complete platform will be prepared which will have the approval of the president.

The principal feature of the platform will be the tariff plank, which will declare in the strongest terms the adherence of the Republican party to the principles of protection, but will not bind the party not to revise the tariff. It will say that the party is not committed to any schedule, but that changes should be made only when changed conditions of business or the treasury render it necessary or advisable. Persons present at the recent conferences say it already has been agreed that the tariff will be revised in the 59th congress if the Republicans win in November.

There is at present a determination to make the platform as brief as possible, consequently the endorsement of the administration and the acts of the party will be put in compact form. This endorsement will be a general approval of the course of the president and of the Republicans in congress.

The plank concerning trusts in effect will declare that the laws for the regulation of monopolies and the restraint of conspiracy against commerce were enacted by the Republicans, and that the enforcement of such laws have been only by a Republican administration. It also will say that it is not the policy or intention of the Republican party to assail legitimate industry and business or to infringe on the rights of persons or property. Special attention will be devoted to the phraseology of this plank.

Some difficulty has been experienced in finding the proper wording for a reciprocity suggestion. Nearly all the senators who have attended the recent conferences have contributed their share toward keeping the reciprocity treaties negotiated by the McKinley administration closely confined in committee pigeon holes. Reciprocity has not been popular in congress, and it was with a great effort that the Cuban legislation was passed.

Mention of the financial question will consist of an allusion to the maintenance of the gold standard by the Republican party and a promise to continue the finances of the country upon a sound basis.

Disfranchisement of the negroes in southern states will be denounced as an encroachment on rights guaranteed by the constitution.

There are several other suggestions as to planks in the platform, but the desire to have the platform as brief as possible may eliminate them from consideration as unnecessary at this time.

OPENING OF WORLD'S FAIR

Enormous Crowd Was Present at the Exercises.

PRESIDENT STARTS MACHINERY

St. Louis, May 3.—An enormous crowd attended the formal opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on Saturday.

After the gathering had been formally called to order by President Francis, Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, delivered the invocation. At the conclusion of the prayer, Director of Works Isaac S. Taylor delivered the keys of the buildings to President Francis, who in turn transferred the buildings to Frederick J. V. Skiff, the director of exhibits. The chorus, "Hymn of the West," the words by Edmund Clarence Stedham, and music by John Knowles Paine, was then sung, and addresses were made by the following gentlemen: Mayor Wells, of St. Louis; Hon. Thomas T. Carter, president of the national commission; Sen-



TYPICAL LAGOON, BUILDING AND BRIDGE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

ator Henry E. Burnham, of New Hampshire, in behalf of the United States senate; Congressman James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, for the national house of representatives; Commissioner General Albino R. Nuneo, of Mexico, in behalf of the foreign commissioners; E. H. Harriman, of New York, for the exhibitors. The last speech of the day was by Secretary of War William H. Taft, and at its conclusion the signal was given to Pres-

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At night thousands of electric bulbs that line the tops of the main buildings illuminated the grounds so that day almost continued. Throngs of visitors began pouring into the grounds early in the evening, in anticipation of the illumination feature. Music of bands and falling waters lent attraction to evening visitors. The plaza became the central point of interest, as the main exhibition buildings close at dark.

White lights will be used in the illuminations for several nights and then 20,000 colored electric bulbs will be used. It has not been decided which color will be used.

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