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Why they Go.

The Lincoln Clipper calls the attention

of the Intelligencer to the exodus of

young West Virginia in search of homes

in the West, and asks whether this news-

paper can tell the reason. The Clipper

rather thinks that the Intelligencer is

responsible to some extent for the "un-

happy and dissatisfactory" state of the

West, and that it is the cause of the

exodus. The Intelligencer is disposed to

think that the maladministration of the

affairs of the State is responsible. New methods

of taxation have been introduced, laying

upon taxpayers burdens, which their law-

makers have not had an opportunity to

consider. The expenditures have been in

excess of the revenue, and new devices

were needed to make ends meet. So the

State fell upon the evil day of reason-

ment and all that went with that usurpa-

tion to bolster it up.

But it may be that the Intelligencer

is blinded by partisan prejudice. Fortu-

nately we have at hand Democratic au-

thority of very high order. Let us see if

the Clipper's question cannot be answered

from its pages. Mr. James M. Mason's

"Preliminary Report of the West Vir-

ginia Tax Commission," page 5, says:

The young men of our State are leaving

home because they find elsewhere more

remunerative fields for their industry and

enterprise. The Census of 1880 shows

that there are now living in other States

and in the Territories 30,441 persons who

were born in the State of West Virginia;

and when we remember the advantages of

location, climate, and resources which

our State possesses over any other State,

this exodus of the very class of young

men we most desire to keep at home, is

truly alarming.

So then it appears that the exodus is

not a new thing, and that the INTELLI-

GENCER is not largely responsible for it.

Mr. Mason says in his next paragraph,

"These facts make it evident that it is time

for us to investigate the subject and see

whether a modification of certain exist-

ing laws will not effect a change for the

better." Everybody knows that Republicans

are not responsible for "existing laws."

It gives the INTELLIGENCER great pleasure

to inform its Democratic friend.

Non-Partisan Temperance Effort.

In its field of reform The National

League is destined to play a conspicuous

part, and it is therefore worth while to

know what kind of an organization it is,

and how it proposes to operate. The

League grew out of the impression that

the cause of temperance reform had been

seriously injured by complicating it with

partisan political affiliations. It was or-

ganized in Boston, January 1, 1885.

The list of officers includes the names of

very strong men, clergymen and laymen.

The President is Rev. Dr. Daniel Doro-

chester. Among the Vice-Presidents and Di-

rectors are Rev. Julius H. Seelye, J. L. D.,

Judge Daniel Agnew, John Wannamaker,

Geo. H. Stuart, Bishop E. G. Andrews,

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, Bishop J.

M. Walden, Bishop Isaac Lane, Rev. Dr.

J. M. Buckley, Bishop S. M. Merrill, Bis-

hop A. W. Wayman, Rev. J. M. Riley,

and many others of prominence embrac-

ing every section of the country. Mrs. J.

Ellen Foster is the General Secretary.

Here are three planks from the platform

of principles:

We believe the evils of intemperance to

be manifold and of a virulent, all destruc-

tive of individual character, social welfare

and national progress.

We believe that moral reforms depend

primarily upon intelligent convictions in

the hearts of the people.

We believe that legislative proposition so

broadly and vitally affecting society in its

political, social, moral, economic and

commercial interests as the suppression of

the traffic in alcoholic beverages, involv-

ing so many questions of natural rights,

should ultimately be submitted to the

popular vote, settled by the verdict of the

people, and thus lifted above the accidents

and fluctuations of partisan legislation.

We believe that the temperance cause

should avail itself of the advantages of leg-

islation and civil action, secured by legiti-

mate political effort; but we nevertheless

believe that partisan political affiliations

should be avoided, as expensive, danger-

ous and often disastrous modes of moral

agitation and education.

The first of a series of pamphlets to be

issued by the League is entitled "Non-

Partisan Temperance Effort Defined. Ad-

vocated and Vindicated." There is a good

deal of hard sense in this pamphlet, some

of which we shall give to the readers of

the INTELLIGENCER.

A Handy Thing to Have About.

The new columns have conveyed a fair

idea of the mind cure, anism which has

taken fast root in the fertile soil of Bos-

ton. We have been told that the central

thought of the medio-religious system is

that matter is not real, from which it fol-

lows that disease is a mental disorder, and

pain a delusion. By way of example we

are told that if one have a cancer, and his

mind can be diverted from the malady, the

cancer is cured.

This discovery will be of little practical

value to the ethereal beings who people

Boston, sustain life on the immaterial diet

of baked beans and guard, the learning of

the advantage at this time to Great Britain

and Russia, if they can be brought to be-

lieve in it, for without faith there can be

no efficacy. Since men are not material

beings they are not liable to material

destruction, if they will only think so.

Imagine the opposing armies drawn up in

battle array in Central Asia. The

Russians "blaze with their serried

columns." Shot and shell go shrieking

and crashing through the ranks of the

enemy. Under ordinary circumstances,

legs, arms, heads and battered trunks

would go flying through the air. The

incivilities, for full well he knows that

there is nothing of him but mind, and

the Cossack sabres can't annihilate that.

Unless the Russians are smart enough to

take hold of this improved mode of war-

fare they never could get to Herat, and

St. Petersburg would become an early

grave to London.

The mind cure has also its usefulness as

applied to perils which beset our daily

path. If one of the unregenerate throw a

brick and hit in the eye a mind-cured

soul, what is that? The sharp edge of

the brick can't take the eye out of him

who knows that neither the eye nor the

brick is a material thing.

The real danger is in rejecting the over-

tures of the Boston school of mind doctors.

Naturally this inspiring thought has had

its birth in Boston, where there is such

a superabundance of mind that they were

obliged to find new uses for it.

LITERARY NOTES.

Alaska has found a worthy chronicler in

E. R. Rasmussen, whose excellent

book will be issued by D. Lothrop & Co.

next week.

Mrs. Mary H. McQueen, of Brooklyn, N. Y.,

enters the literary field with a delecta-

ble "Baby Barefoot." It will be issued by

D. Lothrop & Co., in a few days.

"A Carpet Knight," and "Cupid and the

Sphinx," two novels by "Harford Fleming,"

are understood to have been written by

Mrs. George McClellan, of Philadelphia.

G. P. Putnam's Sons will publish im-

mediately a new volume by the Rev. R. H.

Newton, entitled "Philistinism: Plain

Words Concerning Certain Forms of Un-

belief."

A story from the versatile pen of H. H.

Clark, of the United States Navy, is an-

nounced by D. Lothrop & Co. under the

captivating title of "Boy Life in the United

States Navy."

Tennyson has sent to the author of "The

Gray Mare" (Mrs. Mary B. Dodge, D.

Lothrop & Co., publishers) an autograph

letter in which he speaks of the book in

most complimentary terms.

The present interest in Chinese affairs

will make doubly welcome the complete,

authentic, and scholarly volume, "History

of China," by Robert K. Douglas, just

published by D. Lothrop & Co.

That famous book, "My Prisons," by

Silvio Pellico, is republished by Robert

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