

WISCONSIN LICENSE LAW.

The license election recently held in Wisconsin serves to call attention to the law passed by the Legislature of that State last winter. It provided local option between three grades of license, the lowest being \$200 and the highest \$500. The term for which these licenses are to run is three years. The elections are in all cases special, so that no other questions are involved in the issue.

So far as the returns have come to our knowledge most of the larger cities and towns have voted for the lowest license. For instance, in Milwaukee, out of a total vote of 21,869, 18,386 were for the \$200 license and only 3,390 for the \$500 license. Under the former law, which fixed the license at \$75, there were 1,200 drinking places. Under the present law the number has been reduced to 900.

The *Scout*, which was the leading champion for the new law, also advocated the highest, or \$500, license. It is stated that the prohibitionists generally abstained from voting, and in many cases allowed low license to prevail rather than aid in restricting it. According to their favorite and accepted theory, the whole business is a crime, sin and an evil, and to tolerate it even by implication is to become participator in the crime, sin and evil.

So, rather than restrict the business at all, they would allow free trade in whisky. The prohibitionists and free whisky men are practically allies, though operating from entirely different stand points. The omniscient one, who knows all hearts and can discern motives, may give these impractical coefficients of free run credit for good intent, but those of finite intelligence, interested in framing government and institutions for human nature as it is, can only judge more coarsely and roughly by the results of men's outer actions, and the great underlying principle of our common law makes little account of motives and holds generally that men intend to do what they actually do.

The prohibitionists of Wisconsin who aided low license by abstaining from voting, are, at the bar of human judgment, just as responsible for the result as the most active saloon keeper. The Wisconsin law commends itself to our judgment as being practically wise and sound, as calculated to restrict the evils of intemperance more than prohibition has ever yet succeeded in doing.

Instead of aiming at national prohibition or restriction, we would go the other way and favor local option as the proper aim of practical operation. We believe too in separating this issue from others of a political nature and submitting it and all plans for regulation upon their own merits. Let it be a matter of special study till we reach some settled, satisfactory results.

The report comes that the Canadian Pacific will be prepared to transport freight and passengers through to the Pacific coast on and after the 5th of next month, in about two weeks. In our American and Continental capacity this is a proper matter of congratulation and rejoicing. We are not at all inclined to regard the event with jealousy as a rival of our own Northern Pacific and calculated to draw away settlement from the United States or Montana.

On the other hand we rejoice that the frontier of settlement and civilization is pushed far to the north of us. We prefer lively competition and honorable rivalry, to any dead, fixed monopoly. We are not very hopeful of this new transcontinental line proving a paying investment to the builders for some years to come, but it is a work that will stand forever, and the road will be run and the world and the continent generally is the richer for it. It may be some years till the road is on a paying basis, but it will get there in time. It is a trunk to that will throw out branches in self support on both sides, down to our northern line and up to the head waters of the Yukon. There is no doubt in the world that the Canadian portion of the Rocky Mountains will be found rich in minerals and precious metals, and the Pacific coast swarms with rich fisheries. Success to the Canadian Pacific.

The Scandinavian countries are getting to be too democratic for their kings. The King of Sweden had to yield to the demands of the parliament for a responsible ministry. And now the King of Denmark is having a still more serious time. His parliament, determined to starve him into certain reforms, has refused to grant the budget, but the King still retains his unpopular ministry and is seeking to levy provisional taxes, which the Mayors of the towns refuse to collect. The courts are full of cases for insults to the King, and violations of the freedom of the press. Even the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Folketing, as they call it, is under arrest for resisting the police, who were endeavoring to break up a mass meeting. All honor to the bold, intelligent, independent Scandinavians, who have not lost their love of liberty. King Christian would do well to read the history of the English King Charles, who lost his head in resisting Parliament and levying illegal taxes.

GOLDWIN SMITH in a recent address before the American Historical Association, at Saratoga, said: "The aim of constitutional royalty might be reached by the substitution of a stamp to sign all acts of Parliament for a King." He says the ties that bind Canada to Great Britain are almost entirely sentimental, and the people are fast getting over the suspicion that the United States wants to swallow them up.

The horse which Grant rode when he met Pemberton at Vicksburg, to arrange for the surrender of the city, is still in Vicksburg, the property of a livery stable keeper. MARSHALL, the discoverer of gold in California, is to have a monument at Placerville.

GRANT MEMORIAL.

The whole country, as well as the special monument committee on the Grant monument, seem to be at sea still as to what is best to do. Very little money has yet been contributed and the prospect is that no more will be given till some definite amount is specified for some particular memorial that shall command public approval. The latest suggestion is for a public library, to be the greatest in the world. While believing in libraries very fully they are by their nature local institutions. A national university would be better than a library. But that seems to have no special connection with Gen. Grant's life, work and fame. That is something that the government should do at all events and consecrate it to the service of future generations.

This is too much of a utilitarian age to think of asking national contributions to a statue or mausoleum. If Gen. Grant is to remain buried where his body now lies, let New York city select its own design for a monument and pay for it. No one, but hundreds of such monuments will rise in various parts of the country.

But a suitable testimonial for the people of the whole country to join in consecrating should be a national asylum, and it should be located on the field of Appomattox, and it should be open to the admission of disabled confederates as well as union soldiers.

NEW FIELDS FOR CONQUEST.

The nations of Europe that squander all their revenues in royal pageantry and standing armies think periodical wars essential to kill off their surplus population and divert attention from sufferings at home. It only postpones and aggravates their troubles. Our country has no such traditional ideas and no such ambition. We spend our strength in what profits us and the world besides, and our wealth we invest in internal improvements and industries that will create more wealth, and lavish it upon schools that may fill every line of honorable industry with skilled labor. We are in some danger of living too much within ourselves. We have had some pretty bitter and bloody internal feuds, divisions and contentions, and it would be profitable in every way to divert attention somewhat from internal affairs, so as to allow time to heal the wounds that occasionally show a tendency to reopen and bleed afresh. We want no foreign wars or conquests other than those of peace, commerce, friendly relations and liberal institutions. In this direction we ought to be aggressive, and both the direct and incidental benefits would be great.

Give us liberal treaties of commerce with every country on this continent. Let us have regular steamship lines to every port, if it does take subsidies to start and sustain them. Let us help them out of their debts to European nations, and furnish the capital and skilled labor for all their necessary internal improvements. Let us have an American monetary union, postal and telegraph system. Let us have continental patent and copyright laws. It will open a new life to us, divert our attention and give full employment to our capital and talent. It will be aiding ourselves while aiding others.

For many reasons we like to see manly, athletic sports patronized by our American people, not in a professional way any further than that will aid to create a taste and give good models and correct rules for physical training. There are many demoralizing tendencies and associations connected with the business, and that leads many good people to object to all sports. The evils, such as betting, drinking, swearing and carousing that are mere incidents, ought to be carefully considered as in no way affecting the question that we need as a people careful, systematic physical exercise under conditions favorable for better physical development. It should be taught in our schools, it should be practiced by our business men, and more especially by those whose duties confine them to indoor life, as regularly as men take their meals. But this brutal prize fighting should not only be discontinued, it should be stopped as degrading and demoralizing in every respect and tendency. It tends to deaden the sensibilities, which is not in any way desirable. Among the old Romans, to whom war was the principal business of life, and when war was a hand to hand struggle, it was perfectly legitimate. But there is no excuse for it in these days, when the moral and intellectual nature is justly regarded as constituting the distinguishing character of manhood, and physical culture as only auxiliary thereto. Even conceding that wars are necessary, and that it is every good citizen's duty to be prepared to defend his country in arms, the methods of war have so changed that they turn rather upon trials of skill, fertility of resources and moral courage rather than upon brutal insensibility to pain whether in suffering or seeing others suffer.

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG, late Minister to China, says the government of that country is not disturbed by our restriction upon Chinese immigration. The government prefers, of course, that its people should stay at home. But it does expect, and has a right to expect, that those admitted to live here should be protected in their rights like other people.

In the Canadian Northwest, after execution has been passed and the date of execution fixed, the execution cannot take place until the warrant of the Governor General has been issued ordering the sentence executed. In the provinces the sentence is carried out unless a respite or pardon is granted.

GLADSTONE'S PROGRAMME.

England's great commoner and Liberal leader on Friday last gave to the public his campaign programme, in the shape of a letter to his Midlothian constituents. It is a document well worthy of study. In our opinion it voices a policy that in most respects should command the admiration of enlightened men all over the world. It does not fill the measure of our wishes for home rule for Ireland, but if it does not do all that patriotic Irishmen desire we believe it contains all that Englishmen can at present be brought to concede.

In its open advocacy of a reform of the House of Lords, the abolition of primogeniture, church disestablishment and freedom of land from entails, and simpler forms of transfer, there is matter enough for a social and economical revolution, that ought to satisfy the present aspirations of all progressive men.

Gladstone's general policy is one of internal reform and external peace, while the general policy of the Conservative opposition is to divert the attention of the English people from reforms at home by an aggressive policy abroad. All the concessions made by Tories in the way of reform at home are only made when resistance is impossible. But with Gladstone the foreign policy is subordinated to home policy, of giving the people greater liberties and power. There is good reason for royal influence being thrown strongly against Gladstone. His policy is undermining royalty and aristocracy both.

The frank confession that the Egyptian policy was a mistake and that as soon as possible England should withdraw from Egypt altogether, though unusual and unpleasant, is wholly consistent with former statements and actions and must meet the approval of all reflecting Englishmen.

The importance of Egypt has been vastly overrated. It would prove a costly, troublesome possession to most any European nation. We believe Italy could do better with it than any other nation of Europe, both in the way of peopling, developing its resources and administering its government. Italy is the only European power that could well possess Egypt without exciting the jealousy of other continental powers, and her people could colonize it better than any other.

Gladstone's policy is equally liberal and statesmanlike in regard to India. It is to accustom the people of India to govern themselves; to give them greater liberties, and make them attached to England through confidence and gratitude.

It is easy to see that the time is coming with the elevation of the people of India in intelligence when they will be able to control their own destinies. Instead of subject and tributary provinces there will be a grand union of States, whose voluntary alliance and trade will be worth more to England than all the advantages at present derived therefrom.

As a statesman whose policy at home and abroad is one of peace and progress, for the elevation and advancement of the English people, our sympathies are with Gladstone, and we pray for his success.

SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE.

The Bulgarian revolution takes the uninitiated very much by surprise, but its suddenness and quiet character, and the further fact that it follows so soon after the meeting of the Emperors, ought to be enough to show that it was in pursuance of a well concerted plan, to which at least Germany, Austria and Russia are parties. It can hardly be supposed that England, France or Italy are parties to it, but it has been planned and brought on the stage at a time when both England and France are involved in an election contest, and the governments of these countries are not in condition to assume any bold or decisive stand.

It looks very much as if the Berlin treaty had been ignored and a new deal was to be made. Eastern Europe is acting in concert, and its three great empires are henceforth to assume sole charge and administration of the sick man (Turkey) and his estate.

Turkey's recent refusal of an English alliance was no doubt due to the notice served on her that it would be the signal for wiping her out entirely.

So far as the world in general and America in particular is concerned, there will be no regrets over the disappearance of Turkey from Europe. Neither Austria or Russia are very liberal or enlightened governments, but they are better than Turkey, and will be apt to conciliate the people of the newly revolutionized provinces by generous treatment.

STILL another Democratic official has come to grief. Richard Board, of Kentucky, says the Washington *Star*, was appointed a clerk in the railway service July 31, on the recommendation of Controller Durham. The citizens of Harrodsburgh wrote to Controller Durham and to the Postmaster General, stating that Board was under three indictments for forgery and had been three times arrested in Cincinnati for obtaining money under false pretenses. Board had been assigned to duty on the route between Lincoln and Deming, N. M., and as soon as these facts came to Postmaster General Vila's attention he ordered his dismissal. Board was discharged from the service, but since then he has been arrested for stealing a money order, valued at \$163. He is now in jail at Santa Fe, awaiting trial.

It is 94 years since coal was discovered in Pennsylvania, and last year thirty million tons were mined in the State.

Time for Consideration.

The suggestion of Alderman Stedman in the Council last evening that more time be taken to consider the ordinances before adoption, is one that will commend itself to every one but those interested to avoid publicity. This is true of every ordinance. It is necessary for the Aldermen in order to vote intelligently, and it is right and proper that the public should be advised of legislation pending in the Council. It would be well that every new ordinance proposed should be printed and posted, or published in the papers, and generally that it should lie over one month before being brought forward for final adoption. It might result in having fewer ordinances, but they would be of better quality. Especially in matters of granting charters and special privileges for supposed public benefits, it is very essential to provide proper limitations and reservations. In all cases where individuals or corporations are granted the use of streets for pipes, wires, or railways, there should be a special reservation of power to control all charges. We do not believe in selling such franchises and allowing the holders of the monopoly to fleece the public. The granting of the franchises should always be for the public benefit, and the control of them for that purpose is necessary at all times.

THE Canadian Pacific authorities discover that they have been cheated to the extent of half a million dollars by their own civil engineers in company with the contractors. We hope the guilty will be punished to the fullest extent, besides being degraded from their profession. Those who abuse such a trust, no matter how skilled in their profession, ought to be more severely punished than ordinary criminals. Men of higher scientific education and attainments are justly held accountable for a nicer sense of honor and the highest degree of honesty. The Canadian government, it is charged and believed, practiced a disgraceful imposition upon the United States in connection with the fisheries treaty and damages, which hurt them a thousand times more than it injured us. The tenderness with which the Canadians have protected our defaulters and embezzlers in order to share in their ill-gotten gains is another reproach that has had its influence in demoralizing public opinion. It will not do to accustom the public mind to look with favor on dishonesty. A taste for such things once acquired will not be over nice in choosing victims. If they can't find strangers to pluck they will practice on their own government and on one another.

THE dispatches to-day from Rock Springs show that the name of the Knights of Labor to cover the bloody and disgraceful conduct of those engaged in the recent massacre of Chinamen at that place is altogether unauthorized. So far as we understand the principles of that organization, they are utterly opposed to any resort to such violent remedies. For all differences between employers and employes, between capital and labor, they propose the sensible and peaceful method of arbitration. From all the testimony taken there never was any attempt upon the part of the dissatisfied white miners to represent their grievances to the Union Pacific authorities. It came upon them wholly unexpected. So long as the company can secure white laborers, that are citizens, at fair wages, we think it should dispense not only with Chinese labor, but in all cases give preference to American citizens, who live in civilized habits, rear families and help to develop and build up the country. We are now more than ever satisfied that the irresponsible publications of notices in Montana for Chinamen to go and for those who employ Chinese labor to discharge it forthwith, has no origin whatever from the Knights of Labor. The use of their name is not only unauthorized but they are the chief sufferers in reputation.

THE expulsion of different classes from Russia, Austria and Prussia, which has been going on to a considerable extent for months past, and has been cited as a sign of growing distrust and hostility between those nations, we suspect is in pursuance of a well understood arrangement between the governments. The recent meeting of the Emperors and its cordiality would negative the idea that anything offensive was intended. It is more probable that the whole movement is in pursuance of a plan to harmonize society by bringing together those of the same blood, creed and tongue, and prevent the strife that is now frequently occurring through these causes. It is merely an interchange of foreign elements for those that are more homogeneous. There may be cases of individual hardship, but on the whole we cannot doubt that it will be better for all concerned, people and governments.

HON. IRA DAVENPORT, of Bath, is the Republican nominee for Governor of New York—a strong candidate, as those personally acquainted with him aver. He is the Congressman from the Twenty-ninth (Steuens) district, and is an accomplished public debater. Nominated with him is the veteran Gen. Carr, for second place on the ticket, and a strong team they will make in the coming contest in the Empire State. As we read them now the signs all point to Republican success in New York this fall.

TRACING the removal canal leads right up to the door of the Independent office, where inventions of every sort seem naturally to center and originate. As in the case of the recently perpetrated fraud on the Associated Press, an irresponsible employe is made to figure as the offending party, but if bottom facts could be got at they would probably show that the real culprit—the instigator of the roborach—was higher up.

BURTON in beats a Bourbon out. That's what exasperates the Swallow organ.

Bar silver, 103.

Apology Accepted.

BERLIN, September 23.—Prince Bismarck has accepted the apology of Spain for the recent insult to the German Embassy at Madrid.

N. P. ANNUAL ELECTION.

Statement of the Company for the Year.

NEW YORK, September 17.—The annual meeting for the election of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad for the ensuing year is now in session. There is no change in the regular ticket presented to the stockholders from that of last year, and no serious opposition is anticipated. An injunction has been asked by the Oregon Transcontinental people of the Supreme Court to restrain Messrs. Ives and Morgan from voting Oregon Transcontinental trust stock at the meeting to-day.

The annual statement of the Northern Pacific for the year ending June 30, 1885, shows gross receipts from freight, \$7,446,000; passengers, \$3,446,000; mail and express, \$1,124,000, making a total of \$12,016,000. Operating expenses, \$6,196,000, leaving the net earnings at \$5,820,000. Adding to this interest and dividends on investment, balance of general interest account, incomes from other sources amounting to \$193,000, the total surplus is \$5,993,000, out of which there was paid for rental \$501,000, guarantees to branch roads \$350,000, maintenance of terminal property at Portland \$27,000, and interest of funded debt account \$4,024,000. The contributions to the sinking fund were \$50,000, and there was paid as expenses of the opening celebration \$1,000, making a grand total of disbursements of \$5,133,000, leaving a surplus over all fixed charges and expenses for the year of \$820,000. Compared with the preceding year there was an increase in earnings from commercial freight of \$71,000, and from mail and express, etc., of \$211,000, but there was a decrease in passenger earnings of \$1,124,000, making the net decrease in commercial business of all kinds \$829,000. During the past year there were no charges made for transportation of fuel and other supplies used in operating the road, and the amount charged for carrying construction material was only the cost price of the material transported. The report places the principal cause of decrease in passenger earnings was the subsidence of the Cour d'Alene mines excitement, to which must also be added the opening of the Union Pacific road to Oregon by the Oregon Short Line and branch of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, as well as the principal cause of decrease in passenger earnings was the subsidence of the Cour d'Alene mines excitement, to which must also be added the opening of the Union Pacific road to Oregon by the Oregon Short Line and branch of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, as well as the principal cause of decrease in passenger earnings was the subsidence of the Cour d'Alene mines excitement, to which must also be added the opening of the Union Pacific road to Oregon by the Oregon Short Line and branch of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, as well as the principal cause of decrease in passenger earnings was the subsidence of the Cour d'Alene mines excitement, to which must also be added the 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