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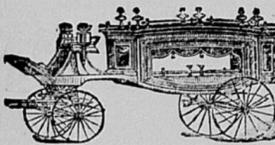
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DENISON A MORAL TOWN.

As we look out of our window this bright May morning we cannot help but think what luck we are in to live in such a town. It is a decent town, a good town. It has perhaps a peculiar code of morals. It is not a strange sight to see prominent business men lined up at the bar taking their morning glass of beer, but it would be a strange sight to see those same men intoxicated. It is a free and easy town, but it has a code of morals of its own. A man must pay his bills, he must keep sober, he must be fairly generous in proportion to his financial ability, and every one knows his financial ability, he must show an honest interest in the welfare of his neighbors; let him do these things and Denison is not exacting.

The town loves its bit of sport, but it is not a sporty town. It takes more pride in its college and its schools than it does in its powers along other lines. It does not object if private people spend their Sundays to suit themselves, but it is to the credit of the town that when the ball club was proposed, no one seriously thought of having the games played on the Sabbath Day.

That is where Denison draws the line. If some of the "sports" wish to go to other towns, no one will object, but the thought of a public game in Denison, that should be advertised, that should draw the youth away from a quiet and respectable observance of the day was not thought of.

Denison has saloons, but they have but one entrance and the mulct law is observed as strictly as in any other city in all Iowa. Of course it will not do to be too self-satisfied. Denison has some professional drunkards who get their liquor goodness knows where, every saloon man in town will swear that he does not sell them any. They get it just the same and they are a disgrace to the city. Then too, Denison for the past twenty years has averaged to turn out at least one girl to help fill the houses of prostitution in the large cities. It seems incredible, but it is so. In twenty years at least twenty girls from Denison have taken up Mrs. Warren's profession as their business in life. They started by being "wild", went from bad to worse and have ended as common prostitutes. We cannot preach very much about the temptations of the large cities with such a showing.

And yet, Denison is a moral town. Ninety-nine per cent of our girls and nine per cent of our boys grow up as they should.

The question comes to us. Do we not need something more than Morality? Is that enough? Or is there something lacking? Is it enough, simply to lead so-called respectable lives, or should we have the definite purpose to do some good in the world?

Denison is now having a series of revivals. For our part we do not think they will amount to anything as a religious awakening. Denison is too self-satisfied. We "point with pride" to too many things, to become convinced that we need saving grace of any kind. We have some splendid men in Denison, men whom the glamour of the world, its wealth, its ambitions, its rewards, cannot touch. A few such men could make Denison a new city if they were united in earnest purpose. If they are to do this they must cease to regard the church as a club and make the business of being Christians the main affair of their lives. It is far easier to preach than to practice, but, perhaps, it is better to preach and not practice, than it is to do neither.

DISCOURAGING ROOSEVELT.

A concerted effort is now being made, not only in the east, but in some portions of the west as well, to prevent Roosevelt from harkening to the voice of the people, who are demanding that he once more shall stand as their candidate for the Presidency. All those interests which are hostile to the president are scared blue for fear he may, in the face of a tremendous popular demand, reconsider his announcement that he would not run again. Among the most notable evidences of this hostile movement in the west, is the declaration made last week by the Chicago Tribune, one of the greatest party papers in the country, that it would not support Mr. Roosevelt for either nomination or election. But the effect of all such statements is to induce the president, who may now be halting between two opinions, to conclude that he will not enter a race which promises to come a good way from being a walkaway. His own preference is evidently to retire; if he stands, it will be because he becomes convinced that it is a matter of duty; hence it is very unfortunate that the Tribune and other papers of that class can be induced to take such a position just at this time. The facts are that the edict has gone forth from Wall street, from every great railway office in the country, from the Standard Oil Company and other great corporations, that Roosevelt is "unsafe" and must be eliminated. The fear is that these interests will be far more zealous and earnest in discouraging the President, than are the people in making it apparent to him that he is their choice. It is at the present time the duty of every man and every newspaper who believes in Roosevelt and his policies to say so in the most effective way possible. The issue is being made up right now. It will be either "yes" or "no" with Teddy very soon. Now is the time for his friends to put in their best licks. All such should get busy.—Jefferson Bee.

We regret to state that a number of our exchanges come to us each week without any message. You can search the columns of some of them without finding a single thought expressed. The coming and goings are duly chronicled, and these are doubtless of interest in the locality. We believe the newspaper has a higher mission however, and we think that every editor can well afford to devote some of his time and space to a discussion along some of the great lines of thought that are agitating the world. He who does less, does not fulfill his duty.

Papa and Mama Jinks were the only ones who failed to catch the point of the Review's cartoon last week.

IGNORANCE IN MEDICAL PRACTICE.

When physicians assemble to criticize their own institutions and score their own methods the layman may be pardoned if he pricks up his ears and becomes an interested and anxious listener. When a doctor, high in medical councils, declares that medical colleges graduate every year 4,000 doctors who are incompetent and should not be permitted to practice medicine, the faith cure begins to assume imposing proportions. Happily it is not for the layman to arraign the medical profession; the profession is abundantly able and willing to perform that function for itself.

Yet it may be said for the much berated doctor that perhaps he is reproved too harshly along the lines both of elementary and higher education. It is truly an excellent thing to be a good speller, but it is possible that a practitioner may be as deficient in orthography as the good Martha Washington and still be extremely helpful in a matter requiring medical attention. There may be in the isolated country districts practicing physicians who are, as charged, unable to make a satisfactory laboratory test of typhoid fever and still serve a useful and beneficent purpose in ministering to various sick and afflicted. The hard working doctor who may not have enjoyed the full advantage of a modern collegiate and medical education is not to be utterly despised because he fails to come up to modern requirements.

The fact that the fraternity has been so violently assailed by its own associates with the further fact that in the council of physicians "the opinion seemed to be unanimous that there is something wrong," makes it important for the honor of the profession and the safety of the public that something should be done. This is a matter that lies wholly within the discretion of the fraternity and to the doctors the public must look for a correction of their own evils. If medical colleges are as faulty and criminally careless as is asserted, and if thousands of ignorant practitioners are annually turned loose to prey on an unfortunate community, it is to the interest of competent and honorable physicians to see that the abuses are ended. The public has no alternative; it must judge the profession from the standpoint of its own criticisms and its own confessions. If ignorance is to be checked and malpractice averted the physicians must take the initiative; they must begin their own housecleaning.—Chicago Tribune.

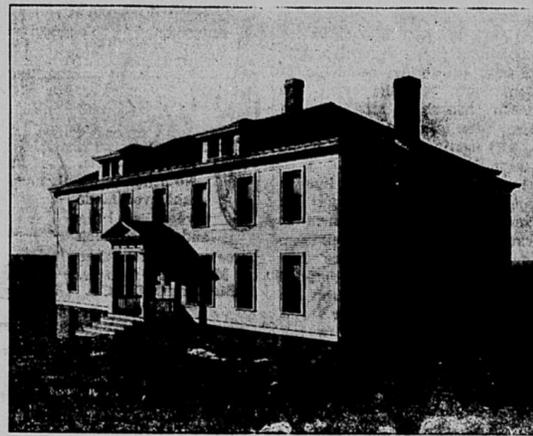
We are greatly surprised at the attitude of the Chicago Tribune. There are but two forces in this country. One stands for wider protection of the masses against corporation oppression. The other, under the guise of conservatism, wishes to perpetuate the old regime with money as the king. This not an opportune time for wasting ones strength on side issues. The capitalists of the country are against Roosevelt, against Bryan, against Taft, against any man who proposes to disturb the old order of things. Those who are not in the capitalist class and we have no man in Crawford county for instance who belongs in that class, must throw aside prejudice and jealousy and be prepared to strengthen the hands of whosoever shall be the standard-bearer of their principles. We do not believe it will be a battle of the East against the West in the next campaign, for while the captains of finance may be able to control daily papers and voting machines like Tammany, the great bulk of eastern people are as much out of sympathy with them as the farmers and business men of the west. More and more do we put faith in the conspiracy plot spoken of by Roosevelt. It is now being shown in the Associated press, which has suddenly become decidedly anti-Roosevelt in tone. It is discoverable in daily papers throughout the country. There are hardly any of the dailies even of Iowa that are taking the same course toward the President that they did a few months ago. Never-the-less the President has developed no new theories. He stands where he did when these same papers were lauding him to the skies. It is the papers, not the President who have changed, and one can but wonder why?

Edgar Garrison is back from the Canal Zone and there is nothing of the yellow journalism in his account of what the United States has done to carry on the wonderful work. He lived in the zone for twenty months and gained flesh. He says it is not an admirable climate but he is a living example that one can get along well and keep in good health. The conditions when he first land were wretched, so he tells us. The old mistake had been made of trying to push the work of construction before proper preparation had been made. There was no sanitation and the natives seemed to fairly revel in their filth. Now all this is changed and the country is as habitable as it is possible to make it. From this time on the work ought to proceed rapidly, is Mr. Garrison's opinion and he believes that the greatest engineering feat of the world will soon be accomplished. We have invited Mr. Garrison to contribute an article for the Review and he has promised to do so. We know that it will be of great interest to our readers as all are interested in this great work.

A negro has been appointed to one of the Rhodes scholarships. He hails from Pennsylvania and is said to be well qualified. Of course the southerners have hastened with their objections. They say it will make the Rhodes scholarships unpopular in the south if a negro is appointed. The universities of England have always been open to students of every race. If the smart southern youth stooped to accept a Rhodes scholarship in any event he would undoubtedly have to submit to the dire humiliation of having a negro class-mate. We cannot see that it would make any difference whether the negro reached there via Dahomey or Pennsylvania. If the white youths of the south do not wish to accept Rhodes scholarships under such circumstances we would respectfully suggest that they stay at home and give some of the colored young men of the south an opportunity. As the superior race the whites can well afford to give the negroes this opportunity. Surely the negro, struggling to win his way, needs it more than do the sons of the southern aristocrats.

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