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THE BLIND TIGER.

John L. Strong Suggests That War be Made on Them.

EDITOR NEWS:

Knowing the awkward position in which the people of Breathitt county are placed, and the questions with which we are confronted and that it is the duty of every thinking man to use every honest means possible to restore peace and good order among the people of our county, and believing that a majority of the thinking people of this county will agree with me in regard to this proposition, I take this method of making known through the columns of THE NEWS what I believe to be one of the greatest evils known to civilization with which we are overpowered, and as long as it is allowed to predominate the records of our county will be dotted with bloodshed and murder and all kinds of heinous crimes known among the people.

This evil is the abode of the tiger. Having had the opportunity of making myself acquainted with some of the evils that are found around the lurking place of the tiger, it will probably be of some interest to the people to know of some of the results that are sure to follow the use of tiger liquor. You may go to the homes of numbers of people in Breathitt county and see them in their hopeless and destitute condition, almost without food or clothes. After investigating the cause of their being reduced to such a lowly state of life, the answer is most sure to be—the tiger has often visited our homes.

Go to the farmers' homes, who, but a few years ago, were safe and prosperous business men, and see them now with their farms destitute of property and covered with mortgages, and whose living has almost come to naught. When asked the cause of their misfortune, the answer will come by looking at their swollen faces and bloodshot eyes—it all went in the jug of the blind tiger.

Go to the cell of the condemned and doomed felon, there suffering the tortures of death and hell, which is beyond the power of human comprehension, for a few days, awaiting the death call from the hangman, and in his pitiful and bewailing manner he will tell you, I have come to this end by too often visiting the abode of the tiger. See the records of our courts, dotted with hundreds of all kinds of cases every year, and when brought before a jury the proof will show that most of the crimes were caused by the use of tiger whisky.

You may visit the hiding place of the tiger and you will find there stationed around the doorway men who one year ago were in fairly good condition, waiting for some man to come around and give them two or three good kicks, a hair pull and a good drink of tiger liquor, while their families are at home living on bread and clothed in rags.

Go to the fireside of the aged widow and mother and there see her in misery from the awful strain of a broken heart, probably over the loss of son, husband and father, hoping from day to day to be called from this earth that she may be relieved of the heart-rending grief. When asked the cause of her great trouble the answer will come from her quivering lips and shaking form, the tiger was too often a visitor at my house.

The evils that originate from the haunts of the tiger almost destroy the thought of peace and good order, fills our county with starving widows and orphans, and our jails, penitentiaries and asylums with criminals. Upon investigation it will be found that the tiger is at the bottom of a majority of the business failures throughout our mountain counties.

After considering the many crimes that result from this evil, and knowing the awful condition in which men can be placed from the use of tiger liquor, it seems to me that the eyes of the people of Breathitt county should be opened to a sense of their duty and lay aside their personal and political prejudices and come together and reason with each other and see if there can not be some plan whereby the law can be enforced that peace and good order may prevail throughout Breathitt

CONDENSED STORIES.

Why Track Walker Doolin Flipped the Belated Express.

P. Doolin was a track walker on the Erie railroad. He attended a wake one day shortly before it was time for him to go on duty, with the lamentable result that early in the evening he seemed ambitious to walk on both sides of the track at once.

The Thunderbolt express was due to pass the Haskell road at 8:45. At that time Doolin reached the road, but the train did not appear. She was still invisible at 9, and Doolin

lin began to worry about her in a maudlin way. When she was twenty minutes late, he could control his anxiety no longer and began walking the track toward her as fast as he could in his unsteady condition.

The Thunderbolt meantime was flying along at unusual speed. She had been delayed by a trifling wreck, and the engineer was making up lost time. Suddenly a lantern whirled like a giant pin wheel in the gloom far down the track. The engineer's face whitened. The brakes ground into the complaining wheels; the engine rocked and trembled; passengers lurched in their seats, and with hiss of air and steam, the Thunderbolt stopped.

Dropping from his cab, the trembling engineer ran up to where P. Doolin stood.

"What—what's the matter?" he gasped.

"Ye're late!" said Doolin. "F'what kept ye?"—Earle Hooker Eaton in Harper's.

A Generous Bridegroom.

People are said to differ perhaps on no question more than as to the proper tip for a wedding fee. There are many stories told in this connection, but the following is certainly unique, besides having the virtue of being quite true. Dr. Madison E. Peters was the victim. He chanced to be stopping in a small town one summer when a couple from the neighborhood asked for his services. It was a very isolated place, and the couple were unsophisticated. The ceremony over, the bridegroom approached the clergyman confidently, with extended hand. It contained three half dollars.

"Now, just help yourself, parson," said he. "Don't be modest, but take all you want."

The doctor's good taste prompted him, of course, to take but one of the coins.—Denver Republican.

Spoke in English.

Congressman J. Adam Bede of Minnesota looks like a Scandinavian, but is not. Nor can he talk in their native tongue to citizens hailing from "the land of the midnight sun." Therefore he was rather embarrassed while campaigning last fall on finding himself face to face with an audience composed almost entirely of Swedes. Trying to find a way out of the difficulty, he asked how many of his hearers were born in this country. Only two hands went up. Mr. Bede felt dizzy, but braced up and asked, "How many of you can speak English?" All hands went up, whereupon he said, with dignity, "Of course, I speak the Swedish tongue, but for tonight I shall use English, having prepared my address in that language."

Boy Was Maligned.

The principal of the school was talking with him about his boy. "By the way, Mr. Wipedunks," he said, "I have made a discovery about Jerry. He's ambidextrous." "I don't see how that can be," replied Mr. Wipedunks, with rising indignation. "He hain't never been exposed to it. Besides, he was vaccinated last year, we bathe him reg'lar every week, and his mother always makes him wear a little bag of assadiddy tied around his neck. Some of the other boys has been lyin' on him."—Chicago Tribune.

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The Chemist's Discovery.

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Beware of Heavy Coffee.

A German review contains an article by Bertarelli on a new adulteration of coffee. The roasted beans are plunged in a 5 per cent solution of borax and then left to dry. The borax makes them shine and absorbs water, thus adding to the weight of the coffee. The way to discover this ingenious fraud is to dry the coffee, and if it loses over 4 per cent of its weight there has been a fraudulent absorption of water.—London Globe.

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