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THE Childress Post celebrates Christmas by the issue of an elaborate special edition, worthy in every respect of the splendid country it represents.

IT was an unappreciated bit of irony that the weather man should have brought that big load of prospectors to town in the first real blizzard of the season, but then come to think of it, he gave us ample waring.

NEXT Monday is the day we make a number of resolutions and keep none of them. That is the way with humanity, but it is perhaps the better off for having made the resolutions, whether they are kept or not.

WHILE faithful to the last, there is one class in Amarillo that is glad that Christmas is over and that is the clerical staff of the various retail stores. Their's was a hard week which finished Saturday night, and they well deserved the rest that came Sunday and yesterday.

SENATOR W. A. CLARK of Wyoming has a pleasing little habit. Every time a grandchild is born to him, he presents it with a check for $1,000,000. We really think the custom should be more general. If it were the writer hereof would not have to worry about the square-up that is coming as sure as fate next Monday.

Now, "in the old gray dawn of the morning after," are you not ready to admit that you are the better man for the coming of Christmas? If the recurrent of the day failed to call up similar and better days, there must be something wrong in your make-up.

THE HERALD has received much literature recently in regard to Christian Science, and it has been carefully studied by the sporting editor, who has been having much trouble with toothache, and really needed something of the sort. For the rest of the staff the old time religion is abundantly satisfying.

THE scarcity of coal that has prevailed all this month more or less has caused a general hope that that gas factory will be an assured thing before another winter. Fuel and illuminating gas are treasures in a climate like this and it will be a glad day for Amarillo when the berjuice is turned into the mains.

THE Carlsbad Current is out with a splendid edition that tells of the past, the present and the future of Eddy County, New Mexico. The effort is a most ambitious one, well written and all that, but the scribe falls down when it comes to the future part of it. The writer knows something of that country, and, now, that the government has tardily taken hold of the great irrigation plant, honestly believes that it will be the finest irrigated section in whole world. That it has the best climate no one has ever disputed.

NEXT Monday will be the annual swear-off day and Amarillo should celebrate the festival by making an oath that before the new year ends, there will be an adequate system of permanent sidewalks in the twon, as well as the beginning of permanent street work. Amarillo has been a reproach in the eyes of the southwest long enough, and has gotten to a size where it cannot afford to neglect this phase of progress any longer. The absence of sidewalks and of streets, one might say, is the only blemish upon the place as a resident point and the deficiency should certainly be supplied during 1906.

Governor Cobb of Maine Tells of State's Degeneracy

In a Courageous Speech Before the Maine Club of New York, He Tells the Shameful Truth About the Maine Law that Places a Premium Upon Fraud and Deceit.

CRIES OUT AGAINST EVILS OF THE "JOINT" AND "BLIND PIG."

Demands That People Respect the Law.—State of Maine Flooded with Vile Liquors, and Authorities are Powerless to Stem the Tide.

The speech of Governor Cobb of Maine before the Maine Club of New York, in which he scathingly rebukes the people of his state for trampling under foot the prohibitory law, and declares that the evils growing from the hypocrisy of the system have done more harm and have caused more moral deterioration of the people than all the rum that was ever sold in the State, has attracted widespread attention.

Stung by the hypocritical attitude of the people, who profess friendship for the law, while secretly conniving to nullify all his efforts to enforce it, he demands that the citizens of his state either respect the law or repeal it. In the course of his address he said:

"It is the greatest political and moral evil we have to contend with today. The laws regarding the sale of liquors have been put on the statute books by the people of the State. While they are laws they must be kept as laws. It is the moral duty of every one to see that they are observed. If they wish the law removed the power is still in the hands of the people.

"But the prohibition question has been the football of politicians. The evils growing from the hypocrisy of the system have done more harm and have caused more moral deterioration of the people than all the rum that was ever sold in the State.

"Shall the people respect the law because it is a law? Unquestionably every good citizen must. That is the thing on which depends the material and moral welfare of the State. If the people don't like it, let them take it in hand and repeal it. While it is a law let all good citizens stand shoulder to shoulder and enforce it."

His address has stirred the public conscience to the necessity for such practical legislation as will do away with the disgusting spectacle of an entire State secretly defying the very laws the people have placed on the statute books.

The press of the country, with practical unanimity, endorses the ringing declaration of Governor Cobb in favor of law and order and the overthrow of the rotten regime of the unscrupulous "jointist" the "bootlegger" and the "blind pig."

It is a well known fact that despite the efforts of the authorities to uphold the law, the state is honeycombed with plague spots where vice and crime flourish in defiance of law and decency. We refer not only to the secret traffic of the "jointists" in vile liquors, shipped into the state in enormous quantities, and sold without such supervision as is afforded in states where the traffic is regulated by law, but to the "drug store evil," which encourages perjury and hypocrisy on the part of physicians and the public generally.

The recent patent medicine exposures, published in the Ladies Home Journal, Colliers' Weekly and other journals of the highest standing, disclose the startling fact that the majority of liquid medicines contain at least 50 per cent of alcohol.

But perhaps the most alarming feature of these revelations is the fact that these alcoholic concoctions, selling under false colors as "patent medicines" are sold in prohibition states in enormous quantities simply and solely for the alcohol they contain.

The absolute lunacy of a law permitting the sale of "patent medicines" containing as high as 50 per cent of alcohol, and forbidding the sale of such mild beverages as beer, which according to Colliers' Weekly contains only 3 per cent of alcohol, is apparent.

The healthfulness of beer has long been recognized by the medical profession and some of the most celebrated divines, notably Bishop Henry C. Potter of the Episcopal Church, who have been foremost in the fight against the whiskey traffic, class it as a temperance beverage, alongside of soda water and other "soft drinks."

Yet the state of Maine while prohibiting the sale of beer, winks at the sale of vile, poisonous "medicines" reeking in alcohol, and permits its sale to men, women and children without let or hindrance!

Under the caption, "A Maine Opinion of Maine," the Chicago Evening Post, known as the leading exponent of purity in politics, says: "Governor Cobb, however, did not neglect the opportunity to deprecate the policy of the state of which he is the executive, condemning the prohibition law as a system of hypocrisy which 'has caused more moral deterioration among the people than all the rum that ever was sold.'" The Governor emphasized what his hearers already knew, that it is not a difficult matter to procure liquor in any city or town of Maine, though the quality of the stuff obtained should make the drinkers prohibitionists.

The Governor further argued that the laws of the state against the saloon must be obeyed as laws; but it might be read between the lines that a governor who believes that prohibition, as practiced in Maine, is "one of the greatest political and moral evils we have to contend with today" is not likely to be overzealous in the enforcement of the law or to trouble himself to go distinctly out of his way to hunt up the jointkeeper and the "blind pig" owner.

He said in so many words that he had journeyed to New York to tell the former residents of the state he governed that ostensibly he was upholding hypocrisy and a moral evil and respecting a law he believed to be a curse.

While conceding that a majority of the people are in favor of the sort of prohibition that exists in Maine, Governor Cobb believes that the element opposed is strong enough to mock at the law and breed hypocrisy and trickery that nullify all the efforts of the authorities. Doubtless he also believes that the quality of the alcoholic poison that is more or less readily obtained, is as injurious physically as the practice of getting it is harmful morally.

The spectacle of the governor going abroad to attack a policy distinctly associated with the state is, however, not likely to affect the people of Maine beyond a certain expression of opinion here and there. It may be of value to other communities in which similar legislation is contemplated.

PAY YOUR DEBTS.

The man who is endeavoring to pay his debts and cannot is to be pitied and should be extended every help and courtesy possible. It isn't every man who can meet his obligations promptly, and due allowance should be made for this. Very few men really desire to unduly push the payments of debts, and it is not good business to do it. But the man who contracts debts without the intention of paying them, or who gets behind and then makes no effort to settle up the old scores should be treated with contempt by all honest people, and made to feel that he is about as low-down as men grow. Debt is not disgraceful in itself, but to persistently fail and to refuse to pay a debt is a disgrace. The sooner the people come to regard it in this light the better it will be for them. A man is of very small caliber who will allow some other man to feed and clothe or otherwise care for his wife and children without making an effort to pay for it, yet all of us know many men who habitually do this. The man who will do it will steal but for the fear of the law's punishment.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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Listen to the following from Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, the noted Jewish rabbi, of Chicago: "Bachelors do not contribute toward the maintenance of a moral order. They enjoy the blessings which society bestows but make no return. Cowards they are. By the old Jewish teachers they were classed with gamblers. This harsh classification of bachelors does not apply to those who have denied themselves the joys of wedded life because they had to support relatives or realized that marriage would interfere with their devotion to science, medicine or art, but it does apply to those who shun marriage because they fear to assume responsibilities.

"One of the growing evils of the day is the great increase in celibacy. Even Jews are affected by this tendency. Perhaps in no other country is a life seclusion, the inner, the life away from the gaze of the world, so little cultivated as in America. We have pitched our lives at a certain key and we have missed the note of simplicity. We are distracted by multifarious duties and necessities. The current of the time is toward extravagance and luxury.

"The young men say they would not offer a girl a home less attractive than the one they ask her to leave. They say the girls would not begin where their mothers began thirty years ago.

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