

Wet or Dry? What Is It to Be? The Star Will Pay for the Best Letters on Subject

Readers of The Star are taking hold enthusiastically in the "wet" or "dry" discussion. Hundreds of letters have been received. Below are printing some of them. The best "wet" letter, remember, wins a \$5 cash prize at the end of the week. Another \$5 goes to the person who writes the best "dry" letter. As we explained to you yesterday, The Star wants YOU to try your hand at editorial writing. If you are against prohibition, or for it, write us a letter and tell WHY. Make your letters short.

LAW NEVER ENFORCED

Editor The Star: Prohibition has never been enforced. It can't be when popular sentiment is against it. People vote for it who, themselves, do not intend to be total abstainers. They get liquor from law-breaking liquor sellers, and aid and abet violations of the law.

Large cities are voted into prohibition territory by the weight of a widely scattered rural vote. Law enforcement is impossible under such conditions. Not all the activities of all the law enforcement machinery of an entire state, devoted to enforcement of the prohibition law alone, has every prevented wholesale violations of that law in any or all of the prohibition states.

Why engage in such a farce? LOUIS R. ROGER, 1015 Union st.

"REGENERATE THE MAN"

Editor The Star: In these days of wars and rumors of war, it is with a sense of the sublimely ridiculous that the onlooker views the frenzied attempts of one group of men—most virtuously fervent—trying to force another group of men—most contemptuously indignant—to pronounce the Shibboleth of Total Abstinence.

Indeed, the essence of prohibition is the ancient philosophical problem of determination versus free will. As such, the inner question, so crucially ignored in the wild phantasy of "nothingness," transcends disembodied ethics and reaches the higher plane of throbbing humanity.

Destroy the man and you legislate the residue to the paths of public subterfuge. Regenerate the man and he will regenerate the circumstances. G. A. WILSON, 1208 Madison.

FOR PROHIBITION

Editor The Star: I am fully aware that sins are laid at the door of the liquor traffic, of which it is not primarily guilty, but it is as potent of sorrow, misery and crime as a bottle of poison. It threw a pall over my home and struck my father down at 40. It took my grandfather and drove his wife and children from a once comfortable home into the cruel snows of winter nights. From where I live I can look into four homes where the father has wandered forth, lured by liquor, leaving the wives to bear the burden alone.

Thousands make their living and fortune from the manufacture of armor plates, machine guns, shells and uniforms, but I am against war because war is against humanity. Other thousands make their living and fortune from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, but at the best it hurts humanity a thousand times more than it helps.

I am for the abolition of everything that makes humanity poorer, not richer; weaker, not stronger. ANDREW MANSON.

WOULD BE A BENEFIT

Editor The Star: If the drinking of alcohol is harmful (and the evidence that it is so is overwhelming) then it seems to me that the conclusion is unavoidable that prohibition would be a benefit. The argument that prohibition does not prohibit is mere sophistry. It helps at least. One might as well say that since laws against crime do not prevent crime, let us have no laws. As to prohibition being an "un-American infringement upon the rights of the individual" that is sentimental poppycock. The same might be said of the laws against indecent exposure, against smoking opium and most other laws. The man who votes "wet" for such a reason belongs to the hysterical class called by H. G. Wells the "Forgawdsakers." Prohibition would save a dollar a day for many a man who drinks for "social ability" only, and snarls over his wife's grocery bill, and it would greatly reduce the drinking by those poor fools who think they must have it. R. N. T.

MEN GET IT ANYHOW

Editor The Star: The Literary Digest of April 11, page 811, refers to Maine as "Drunken Prohibitionist Maine." That tells the story. Men have the appetite for alcohol and get it. If they can't get the best liquor they accept the worst. The result is law breaking, contempt for law that cannot be enforced, and finally drunkenness and perjury as the popular vices. F. W. SUTHERLAND.

A "DEGRADING INFLUENCE"

Editor The Star: The sale of intoxicating liquor in this state should be prohibited because it has a degrading influence on human character and is detrimental to the health, comfort and happiness of a great many people. When people abuse their personal liberty and stalk around the streets in a drunken manner, degrading themselves and humiliating other people, then the other people, being just as much a part of the government as they, have a perfect right to step in and curb their so-called "personal liberty" and exact laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of that particular commodity which caused his downfall. WALTER MCLELLAND.

THINKS FOR HIS BOYS

Editor The Star: I am for the closing of the saloons in this state for the following reasons: I have three boys, ranging in age from seven to eleven years, for whose patronage the saloons will soon be hiding without offering them a single thing in return, except the wrecking of their lives, physically, morally and mentally,

and disappointing the fondest hopes of their parents. I know that society would be better in every respect without the saloons and the accompanying evils, and have never been able to see one single redeeming feature in the liquor traffic. J. E. STANTON.

BOOZE IN KANSAS

Editor The Star: Speaking of Kansas, I lived in that state a number of years. Parsons, Kansas, a city of 12,000, had, at one time, 52 "drug stores," and it is safe to say that 90% sold "booze" of the worst kind. Coffeyville, a city of

about 15,000, had as many or more as easy to get whiskey or beer in those towns as it is in Seattle today. If we are going to have prohibition at all, let us have the right kind. Let Uncle Sam stop being a partner in the business. I am heartily in favor of this and it is the only way. Vote her out of the United States. T. R. WRIGHT.

WORK OF FANATICS

Editor The Star: Prohibition, Sunday-closing and all the so-called blue laws are NO laws. They are repugnant to the constitution and

violates the absolute rights of the individual guaranteed to him by the Bill of Rights. The whole movement is but a machination of certain fanatic church leaders. It is the eternal fight between church arrogance and civil liberty. The bill you refer to is the most daring attack ever made upon personal liberty of an intelligent people, and to find a parallel we have to go back to the early days of the Reformation, when the civil authorities were the humble servants of the one or the other sect rivaling in intolerance. JOHN J. HEINER, 2457 First N.

FOR PHOTOPLAY FANS

Edwin August, the Powers star, is featured in "Pittfalls" at the Class A today. "Melody and Art" is a Biography, and tells the story of a girl above and the youth below. Her art and his music, each thought of nothing else. A rose starts something, and when her art aspirations were found to be in vain, her willing fingers took the place of those that would never play again.

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to life and a love story of toyland is told. There is some mystifying photography to lend interest to the picture. Two other photoplays and vaudeville complete the program.



Grace Cunard, who plays the part of Lucile Love in the series of the same name, the first two parts (four reels) of which are now playing at the Alhambra now. Miss Cunard conceived the idea of this series and wrote the entire scenario of 30 reels.

In addition, there are views of Katmai volcano in Alaska in action, taken by Hesse, the engineer motion-picture photographer, whose adventures in getting these pictures were told in last Saturday's Star.

Alhambra Until Wednesday Night

"Lucile Love," first four parts. Class A Until Tuesday Night "The Wiles of a Siren," two-part Kalem drama; "At His Expense," Lubin comedy; "Melody and Art," Biograph drama, and another comedy.

Clemmer Until Tuesday Night

"The Girl From Prosperity," two-part drama; "Heart-Selg News Service," world's news; "Miss Ramona's Scenario," comedy; "The Missing \$25," comedy.

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"The Certainty of Man," American drama; "Love vs. Duty," two-reel Kay Bee drama; "In the Spider's Web," Majestic drama; "The Star Boarder," Keystone comedy.

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"A Man's Faith," Lubin drama; "The Burglar's Sacrifice," Biograph drama; "Pathe's Weekly," world's news; "Guaranteed Rain-proof," Lubin comedy; "A Strenuous Ride," comedy.

Dream Until Tuesday Night

"He Never Knew," two-part Vitaphone drama; "A Princess of the Desert," Edison drama; "Innocent But Awkward," Vitaphone comedy.

At the Home On Sunday

"Atonement," two-reel drama; "The Coming of the Padres," drama; "Mutual Girl," No. 8, drama; "A Parcel Post Auto," comedy.

At the Olympian Tuesday

"Let No Man Escape," two-part drama; "Broken Lives," two-part drama; "The Real Impostor," comedy; "A Pill Box Cupid," comedy.

Tillikum Monday and Tuesday

"A Leap for Life," Kalem drama; "Detective Short," Lubin comedy; "On the Altar of Patriotism," Pathe drama.

CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER CXXXIV. (Copyright, 1914, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.) DICK PLAYS COUNSELOR AND FRIEND

I had just finished my letter to Kitty as the elevator stopped out in the hall and I heard Dick's quiet step. I rushed to the door to let him in before he could get out his key. "Mercy, Margie, are you still up?" Then I looked up at the clock and found out it was half past 2. "Why, of course! I could not go to bed until I knew what you and Harry Symone had been doing about Ellene and the twins."

"It's an awful business," said Dick, with a kind of shake as though he would like to rid himself of all of it, "and between you and Ellene you came near launching the biggest newspaper story this town has ever known."

"How did we do that, Dick?" I asked. "Did you girls, for a minute, think you could go over to that place and

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one of you adopt twins without some bright reporter getting on to it? "You see, as soon as Harry found out about this trouble, he sent for me to go out there and fix up things for him. He, of course, did not know that any one had told Ellene about it. He gave me a thousand dollars in currency and a signed blank check, and told me to fix up everything and send the children to some Southern city under care of trained nurses until he could find out some way to arrange for their welfare. When I got out there and found that Ellene had been there before me, you could have knocked me down with a feather.

"I telephoned to Harry to meet me downtown, and just as I was going out the door I came plump on one of the reporters for a morning paper. "Here," he said, "what's this I hear about some woman being dead

In this house, and some swell being connected with the death? "I don't know what you have heard," I said, "but the young woman who has died in that house after giving birth to twins is Mrs. Mabel Smith" (that is the name she went under). "A widow, and a sort of relative of mine."

"What is going to become of the twins?" he asked. "Oh, my cousin's husband, when he died, six months ago, left her plenty of money to take care of them, and I am just now going to arrange for their transportation to Louisville, where her sister lives."

"The reporter looked at me rather suspiciously and I did not say any more, but rushed off to see Harry.

"When I told him that both you and Ellene knew and what Ellene had done, he collapsed. "What I'll never dare look her in the face again."

"Don't, Dick, don't," moaned Harry. "I did not think she would ever know."

"Poor devil, he thought as long as he had money to burn, he could get along without breaking that eleven-thirty commandment, and everything would be all right."

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

FROM LUCILE LOVE, STORY OF ADVENTURE APPEARING AT THE ALHAMBRA TONIGHT



"The ship is on fire," announced the captain, and involuntarily Lucile turned to where the glare was now visible. Out of the corner of her eye she saw Loubeque reach for the drawer where the papers were concealed. Lucile, in spite of her danger, could not conceal her joy. "The first four reels (two parts) start Lucile on her long journey for papers stolen from her father, General Love, the blame of which fell on her lover. There is an aeroplane flight over sea, a fire at sea, and panic scene ending when Lucile is cast

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