



"WET" AND "DRY" MAP OF FLORIDA

The above map of Florida shows that a majority of the counties are "dry." The "white" counties are "dry," and the "shaded" are "wet," or counties in which liquor is sold. Since this map was made Bradford county has gone "dry" and St. Lucie county has been formed from the southern half of Brevard—both of which are "wet." Otherwise the map is correct. We are indebted to Mr. A. R. Moore of Merritt for the use of the cut.

The Sword and the Pen

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FOR OUR YOUNG FOLKS
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It is a happy reflection that in this there are few things that are wholly evil in their natures, or the uses to which they are put, there is something of a redeeming character to almost anything. So the sword, instrument of evil and oppression that it has been, has often been unsheathed in the cause of right. Time and space do not permit to tell of Marathon, Plataea, Mycale and Salamis, where Greeks fought for the preservation of their liberties against the Persians; or of Issus, Arbela and Ipsus, where the tables were turned, and Persians fought for the preservation of their liberties against the Greeks under Alexander. Time and space do not permit to tell of the struggles of the commonalty of Rome, or the innumerable times they unsheathed the sword in defence of their earlier liberties, to fight the sword of Patrician oppression, in three hundred years that it took Rome to die. Time and space do not permit to tell of the heroic and successful struggles of the Swiss for the liberties of their mountains and valleys; the expulsion of the Moors from Arragon and Sicily; the battles of Protestants for the acquirement and preservation of religious liberty; the birth of Magna Charta at Runnymede; and the struggles for American liberty in the Revolutionary war. I would that young friends would read of all these things for themselves. Not long since a very bright young lady confided to me her almost dislike to history. The glorious record of human advancement! Dark, indeed, are many of its pages with the record of greed, covetousness and unholly ambition, three "Mountain Devils" that have reigned in human hearts and have been the basis of "man's inhumanity to man." But while many of the pages are dark, thank God that on the opposite pages are the brilliant records of ever onward, ever upward advance in the race to the conquest of all the materials and immaterials of visible and invisible nature to the perfecting of the race; an accomplishment fully foretold by the All-Father when He said to the first pair: "Go forth and subdue the earth!" History could be found worthy to attract the attention and years of labor to Gibbon, D'Abigne, Willard, Macaulay, Scott, a Hume, a Macauby, it surely is worthy of our study. It sets forth the Battle of the Ages, the mighty factors in which have been the sword and the pen. It said awhile ago that few things in life are wholly bad; a carolary to it is also true, that many good things are not in their nature, or the uses to which they are put, wholly evil. The fact that we have not reached the prophetic state when "every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to molest him, and none to make afraid," seems to stamp

the sword as the emblem of wit, as it is the thing that "makes afraid," or evil. This, then, would leave to the pen the position of being the champion and emblem of good. But, alas, the carolary applies here! While its essential sphere is promoter and champion of all things that are good and beautiful and true, it has often been prostituted to the advocacy of things that are bad and ugly and false. God, with the finger of Divinity as His stylus, traced upon the tables of stone the law of the ages, the law of love, justice, reverence and fraternity, thus consecrating the pen to the accomplishment of right things. With the pen the prophets of old told of "things yet to come," chief among them, the transcendent glories of the messianic kingdom, when "the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their hands; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The past king of Israel, with the pen, indicated the thought of all ages, all climes and all men, when he wrote "The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork," and again, "Lord Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God." St. John, from his lonely prison isle, through his pen, transmitted to all the after rolling centuries his visions of the city of God, which have been, are and will be the solon of "the children of the children of God," until the angel shall declare that "time shall be no more." The pen gave to the "Mountain Church" the hymns of the reformation; that, sung by consecrative worshippers on the summit of the Praedeltor, were caught up, and, rising and re-echoing throughout the Vandois and Pied-Montaise valleys, until the whole air was resiliant with praise. Under tropic suns, where the air quivers in the intense heat; in homes of high and low in temperate climes; on old ocean amid calm or howling storm; in all the isles of the sea and in arctic or antarctic zones, where man has gone closest to the poles, and the icy air scarce gives back an echo; everywhere around the world, to incite to loftier praise or solace bruised hearts, to the swelling notes of grand old "Martin," have welled up Charles Wesley's child of the pen: "Jesus lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly." But, sad to say, while the pen has been doing the work to which it was consecrated, it has been used by the Spirit of Evil to further the ends of hate, revenge, jealousy, envy, infidelity and all other things unlovely—itself dipped in gall or vitrol. Still, the harbingers of universal Peace are abroad in the world, and the pen, long ere the Twentieth century has been numbered with the past, will have entered the record of its final and complete victory over the sword. The young of the present generation

will likely be among those whose labors will usher in the glorious time. What part will you have in bringing about the realization of the prophet's vision: "The solitary places shall be glad for them; and the desert shall blossom as the rose." What part.

THE SMOKER'S PARADISE.

A Continual Use of Tobacco Is the Rule in Holland.
Holland is the smoker's paradise. Not only is the climate one which almost compels indulgence in tobacco, but the fragrant leaf may be had in abundance and at small cost. The humidity of the climate leads naturally to continual smoking, and so common is the habit that instead of measuring distances by miles it is customary for the boatmen to declare a place to be so many pipes distant. On entering the house of a friend a cigar is offered you, the host sees that you are kept well supplied during your visit, and a fresh cigar upon leaving is as necessary as a hat. Old friends are not permitted to depart until their pipes have been refilled, and the necessity for this becomes apparent when it is known that a smoker usually lights his fresh cigar from the stump of the previous one, keeping one in his mouth continually. Pipe smokers are equally devoted to their habit, taking their pipe to bed with them and only laying it down when they become sleepy. Should they awake during the night they indulge in a short smoke before going to sleep again, and they always light their pipes before getting out of bed in the morning.

MONDAY AS WASH DAY.

It May Be a Legacy to Us From the Mayflower Pilgrims.
Did you wonder how it came about that in our country all families think they must do their washing on Monday? The Mayflower drifted into Massachusetts bay and lay at anchor outside in a little sheltered cove. The fathers had gone ashore to see if there was a place suitable for landing. The morning was Monday, and it seemed that the old fashioned desire to tidy up came over the hearts of the good house-keeping women of the little band. The women were rowed to shore, and in the cold, salty water of the bay this Monday in November, 1620, the first ladies in America washed and scrubbed in the good English fashion too. Fires were built, water heated and clothes spread out on the trees and snow. When all was finished to the satisfaction of the women they sighed with pleasure and said, "Cleanliness is akin to godliness." Do you know this is history? Yes, it is, though not as dry as history sometimes is. Anything is history that shows the spirit of the times, and this wash day in America showed the spirit of the first arrivals.—Boston Globe.

Well Guarded Girls.
In New Guinea parents send their daughters to bed in a little house at the top of a tree every night, and when the girls have gone up the ladder is removed, so that there is no coming down till the parents allow it. Elopements under these circumstances must be difficult, and parents no doubt sleep the sounder for knowing that their girls are unable to take their walks abroad until their elders see fit for them to do so.—London Lady.

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