

**RUSSIA'S GREAT DRINK REFORM**

If the manufacture, sale and consumption of whiskey and all "hard" liquor were suddenly stopped in the United States—if the country's 2300 distilleries were put out of business by a stroke of the pen and the government's income of \$163,879,342 yearly from this source absolutely cut off—we should have a condition of things approximately resembling that brought about in Russia by the abolition of the vodka traffic. Yet even this parallel does not fully represent the revolution in Russia's drinking habits whereby 150,000,000 persons are affected at an annual cost to the government of \$500,000,000 in revenue.

Doubtless no more heroic reform measure was ever introduced by any government. It has remained for the absolute monarchy whose name is synonymous with oppression, but which yet anticipated our own free nation in liberating the serf, to give force to what is altogether the most remarkable temperance movement in the world's history.

Fully as remarkable as the reform itself is the agency by which it was accomplished.

It is mainly to the personal efforts of a man of peasant birth, a house painter by trade and now a millionaire humanitarian, Michael Dimitrovich Tchelisheff, that Russia is relieved of the "curse of vodka." As village councillor, mayor, member of the дума and at last by personal appeals to the czar, he has steadfastly fought for the great end he has now achieved. The history of reform records no more romantic career than that of the man who almost single-handed and alone has converted one of the modern world's greatest peoples to temperance.—New York World.

**ABOUT BURIAL GROUNDS.**

A few years ago a law was enacted authorizing the sale of Huron Place cemetery, an ancient Wyandotte burying ground in the business center of Kansas City, Kansas, the ashes of the dead to be removed to the village of Quindaro, where other Indians were interred. Miss Margaret McDaniel, a descendant of the Wyandottes, having a small amount of Indian blood, together with her sister, put up such a splendid fight in court and Congress as well as at Huron Place that the law was repealed, the tribe still owns the burying ground and the dust of those buried remains undisturbed.

Now some Chippewas of Wisconsin and Minnesota are in arms against a proposal to remove the remains of their forefathers from Wisconsin Point, Superior, to make room for a commercial project. In this case it appears that the Indians have no title to the land, and consequently no case.

The Indians were in the past and still are too careless about locating burial places. In every reservation there should be set apart cemeteries, the titles made secure and all dead should be there buried. There are too many little private graveyards on land

that in a few years will pass into the hands of strangers who will allow effacement or, worse, desecration. This is an important matter and should receive the interested attention of those engaged in work on the reservations.—Chilocco Journal.

**CROSS LAKE NEWS ITEMS.**

Dr. Damsel, Field Dentist of the Indian service, completed his work at Cross Lake, the 16th. He left on that date, Mr. Goddard coming after him in the car.

Oliver L. Breckner made a business trip to Bemidji recently.

Several Cross Lake Indians went to Ball Club on a visit a week or so ago. They have not yet returned.

Miss Thomas, matron of the Red Lake School, was a visitor at Cross Lake Christmas.

The school rendered a program and had a Christmas tree, Christmas eve.

Clarence McArthur returned from his claim in the Rapid River country, the 24th.

Miss Ona Moore of Detroit, Minnesota, is here at present visiting her sister.

Mrs. Lariver is on the sick list at present writing.

The Indians are now delivering hay and wood at the school.

Mr. Dupris, Farmer, got his team into a crack in the ice, the 29th. We were afraid for a time that he would not be able to get them out.

The school children are at home at present for the holidays.

Mr. Dupris and Mr. McArthur are hauling school freight from Redby quite regularly now.

Dr. Linton made a business trip recently to Red Lake.

The Farmers' Club held another meeting at the school Saturday night.

Miss Moore made a business trip to Bemidji the 21st.

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