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LIFE INSURANCE AND ALCOHOL.

It is a fact long undisputed that the use of alcohol shortens life, but when accurate statistics are given on the subject there is always added interest in this, one of many arguments, against the whiskey evil. At a recent meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents these interesting figures were given:

Forty-three leading life insurance companies in the United States and Canada contributed their detailed records on the two million lives in possession, which represented their collective experience on many different classes of insured likely to have higher death rates than normal. The chief groups investigated included persons engaged in ninety-seven hazardous occupations, those having a family history of consumption, a defect in their personal history, those whose physical condition was not normal, and those whose habits with regard to alcoholic beverages were not satisfactory in the past or who used liquor at the time of application for insurance.

Among the men who admitted that they had taken alcohol occasionally excess in the past, but whose habits were considered satisfactory when they were insured, there were 289 names. A life there would have been insured for 190 had this group been made of insured lives in general. The average mortality was, therefore, over 50 per cent, which was equivalent to a reduction of the average life of these men of over four years. If this means that four years would be cut off the end of the average normal life time of each man, there are many who might consider this. "The game was worth the candle." But it means that in each year a number of men will die at an earlier age than they should. For example, at 35, the expectation of life is 32 years; in the first year after that age, instead of say, nine persons dying, there would be probably 12 years; that is, three men would each lose 32 years of life in the next year probably four men would each lose 31 years of life, etc. As a matter of fact many immoderate drinkers would live longer than 32 years, and far fewer than if they had been total abstainers from alcohol.

The committee of the Medico-Accidental Mortality Investigation did not make a report on the mortality among total abstainers, but sufficient statistics have been published by industrial companies to justify the statement that persons who have always been total abstainers have a mortality during the working years of life of about one-half of that among those who use alcohol to the extent of at least two glasses of whiskey per day. In view of this, the effect of prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in Russia must be very great. If the government of Russia carry out their present intention to abolish permanently all forms of alcoholic beverages the saving in human life will be enormous. It is not too much to say that the loss of 500,000 men as the result of the present warfare could be made good in less than 10 years through complete abstinence from alcoholic beverages by all the inhabitants of Russia.

These are scientific facts, gathered by scientific men, and yet there are many people who yet argue that a state has no right to outlaw the whiskey evil. John Barleycorn deserves to be nothing else than the subject of a Car—Greenwood Journal.

27 STATES ARE REPRESENTED

American Association of State Highway Officials is Organized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—State highway commissioners and engineers from 27 states were represented here today when the organization of the American Association of State Highway Officials was perfected. All states are expected to be represented in the organization ultimately.

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At today's meeting 17 states were represented either by their highway commissioners or engineers, while 10 states were represented by proxy. None but highway commissioners or engineers will constitute the voting power of the association.

The purpose of the organization is to centralize the work of good roads organizations as far as possible and to secure the holding of one good roads convention annually. It also was decided to cooperate with federal organizations in the consideration of road problems.

THE WEATHER.

South Carolina: Increasing cloudiness, probably rain Sunday; Monday clearing and colder.

All in the Day's Work.

Stitcher denies he said what he said to Irvin Cobb, standing for his men's best breaks as part of a writer's job. —Houston Post.

PRIZES AWARDED IN CORN CLUB CONTEST

EXHIBITION DID NOT COMPARE WITH THE PREVIOUS ONE

THE WINNERS

But Fourteen Exhibits of Corn Were Entered in the Classes.

While inferior in every respect to the show of 1913, the second annual contest of the Anderson County Boys' Corn Club, held yesterday at the chamber of commerce, exhibited some fine specimens of the product. The number of boys entering the contest was smaller than last year, the amount of corn exhibited was less, and the class of product as a whole was not up to the exhibition of the previous show. Nevertheless, the biggest portion of that corn which was shown was splendid.

A number of things are responsible for the corn show being so far behind that of the year before. There were a number of hail storms throughout the county last summer, the seasons were not of the best and in some instances the boys were prevented from gathering their corn on account of inclement weather. The club started off last spring with some 50 or more members, but there were only about a dozen who brought in exhibits yesterday and entered the contest.

The corn was judged by W. P. Stewart, of Simpsonville, Greenville county, who is associated with the United States department of agriculture. There were fourteen exhibits in all, these being entered by some twelve boys. The results of the contest were not announced until late in the afternoon, owing to the delay of the judge in getting to Anderson Saturday.

The result of the contest was announced as follows:

Largest Yield.
 Frazier Laboon—First.
 Ruth Boggs—Second.

Cheapest field.
 Frank Thompson—First.
 Willie Sexton—Second.

Greatest Number of Grains.
 Leon Burns, 1531 Grains—First.
 Lee Pruitt, 1200 grains—Second.
 Best Ears Single Ear Variety.
 Christopher Hindman—First.
 Ruth Boggs—Second.
 Best Ten Ears, Prolifer Variety.
 Leon Burns—First.
 Broadus McGee—Second.

Greatest Improvement Shown in Two Years' Maturation.
 James Drake—First.
 Robert Phillips—Second.
 Frank Thompson—College Course.
 Willie Sexton.

By a glance at the following list of prizes, one will be able to tell the nature of the rewards received by the boys:

For the cheapest corn per acre, first prize, six sacks of 10-4-4 fertilizer.
 For the next cheapest corn, five sacks of cotton seed meal.
 For the best ten ears of prolific corn, four sacks of 10-4-4 fertilizer.
 For the second best 10 ears, 50 pounds vetch seed.
 For the best ten ears, one eared, one turnip.
 For the next best, one barrel of flour.
 For the best written report, one rocking chair.
 For the best report, one Stetson hat.
 For the greatest yield per acre, 50 pounds of vetch.
 For the second best yield, five sacks of cotton seed meal.
 For the ear containing the greatest number of grains, 40 pounds of lard.
 For the ear containing the second largest number of grains, 20 pounds of lard.
 Greatest improvement shown in two year rotation, pair of \$4.00 shoes.
 For the second greatest improvement, pair \$2.50 shoes.
 To the boys making the largest yields per acre, one month at Clemson college in August.

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MISTRIAL ORDERED IN THE CLEVELAND CASE

JURORS COULDN'T AGREE IN SUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN PUBLIC UTILITIES CO.

SECOND WEEK

Of Court of Common Pleas Will Be Called Monday—The Jurors.

After the jury had remained out all of Friday night, received a second charge from the presiding judge Saturday morning, and reported after 40 minutes more of deliberation that they were hopelessly deadlocked, a mistrial was ordered in the case of Miss Jodie May Cleveland against the Southern Public Utilities Company.

This case, a suit for \$50,000 damages growing out of the colliding of a street car and the plaintiff's buggy last October, was called for trial late Thursday afternoon and occupied all of Friday in the court of common pleas. Late Friday afternoon the case was given to the jury, and when it was seen that they were not likely to reach an agreement early in the night Judge Memminger gave the foreman an envelope and instructed the jury to return a sealed verdict. In the event they agreed, when court met Saturday morning.

When court opened yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock the jury had not reached an agreement. The jurors were brought into the court room and received a further charge from the presiding judge. They retired and deliberated for 40 minutes, reporting at the end of that time that they could not reach an agreement, whereupon Judge Memminger ordered a mistrial.

Other Matters Up.

At noon court recessed over Sunday. During the morning a number of appeals from decisions in magistrates courts were heard. In the appeal in the case of the Cox Company against Mrs. Hembree, the court sustained the decision of the magistrate. In the appeal in the case of the West End Pottery Company against E. W. Gregory, the decision of the lower court was reversed and a new trial of the case ordered.

Second Week Jurors.

Jurors drawn to serve for the second week of court, which will be called Monday morning, are as follows:

SC. P. Bell, Williamston.
 J. M. Burgess, Hopewell.
 H. T. Godfrey, Williamston.
 Turner Field, Honea Path.
 W. L. Dobbins, Fork.
 J. L. Graham, Honea Path.
 F. C. Gleason, Fork.
 J. R. Austin, Honea Path.
 C. H. Bailey, Hall.
 E. F. Whitaker, Garvin.
 W. M. Rice, Corner.
 J. H. Coker, Brushy Creek.
 J. R. Eskew, Centerville.
 S. C. George, Pendleton.
 C. M. Barrett, Rock Mills.
 E. H. Ballentine, Anderson.
 Edgar Hall, Centerville.
 J. C. Wardlaw, Brushy Creek.
 W. S. Diver, Anderson.
 R. E. Campbell, Broadway.
 A. B. Galley, Corner.
 W. L. Casey, Garvin.
 W. B. Davenport, Williamston.
 J. Lawrence, McGee, Savannah.
 J. A. Campbell, Rock Mills.
 John Thompson, Hopewell.
 H. G. Smith, Belton.
 F. E. Watkins, Jr., Anderson.
 W. B. Bagwell, Varennes.

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PARAMOUNT OPENING HIGHLY SATISFACTORY

ATTENDANCE FAR EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS SAYS MANAGER

WAR PICTURE

"On Belgian Battlefields" First and Only Reel Shown First Day.

"The opening of the new Paramount motion picture theatre was in every way satisfactory, and the attendance exceeded our most sanguine expectations," declared Fred M. Burnett, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and manager of the new amusement place, last night at the close of the first day's business.

Anderson's new motion picture palace—for that is what it really is in point of equipment and beauty—threw open its doors to the public at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and from then until 10:30 o'clock last night the house was comfortably filled at all hours. The first and only picture showed at the new theatre was "On Belgian Battlefields," which is the only genuine motion picture of European battle scenes in existence. The picture was filmed by the staff photographer of the Chicago Tribune, with the permission of the Belgian government, and with the understanding that 50 per cent of the proceeds from showing the picture in America would be given the Belgian Red Cross cause.

The program was carried out without a single hitch, the big new feature machines working smoothly at all times during the day. The orchestra was one of the most pleasing of the features, as was attested by the loud and frequent applause which greeted the rendition of numbers of pieces.

As generally known, the Paramount management agreed to give all the proceeds of the forenoon performance and 50 per cent of the proceeds of the afternoon and night performances to the local Belgian relief fund. Mr. Burnett stated last night that the amount derived from this source would be announced later.

Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Paramount will open for a continuous performance until 10:30 o'clock that night. Mr. Burnett stated last night that he had 10 reels of splendid pictures for Monday's show and that four of the best of this number would be selected and thrown on the screen. The prices of admission will be 5 and 10 cents.

Seeking Information.

A bucolic individual paused the other day before a newsstand and to the proprietor thereof put the following questions:

"Been in town long?"
 "Quite a while," said the vendor of news.
 "Know a man named Collins—Joseph Collins?"
 "Say," exclaimed the newsman, testily, "there are 3,000,000 people in Chicago. Do you expect me to know every man in the city?"
 "No," said the rural one, "but I thought you might have sense enough to know one." —Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

COMMITTEE DECIDES NOT TO LET MATTER DROP AT THIS TIME.

CAMPAIGN SOON

House to House Canvass in Automobile Will Be Made Early Next Year.

A good meeting of the farmers and business men grain elevator committee was held yesterday at the chamber of commerce, Judge J. S. Fowler presiding, and Geo. Laboon, B. M. Aull of Autun, W. H. Thompson of Pendleton, S. M. Spearman of Piedmont, S. K. Morgan of Starr, Mr. Boggs of Pendleton, T. T. Wakefield, John Frank, Furman Smith, W. A. Watson, J. E. Chinkscieles, Anderson and others being present.

The committee reported that \$2,500 was subscribed at the public meeting held for the purpose of securing a dock that no follow-up canvass had been made, but that many farmers and business men had expressed themselves as willing to take stock and push the matter through. In fact, there seemed to be a changed feeling in the matter.

B. M. Aull, the well known Autun hog farmer and manufacturer, stated that it was necessary to provide a quick, cash, convertible market for the grain planted, and that an elevator would have to be erected if the matter were properly handled, since that was the customary method of handling and marketing grain. This also, he explained, was the quickest and best way to handle a large crop for cash with the minimum of cost. An elevator, as he understood it, acted as an intermediary between the planter and buyer, and was therefore, a necessity if much grain was to be handled.

Revised estimates furnished at the meeting indicated a crop of about \$50,000 to 1,150,000 bushels of winter grain to be harvested next spring, an immense amount, which if sold at 75 cents a bushel, which is below the present selling price, would represent a total cash distribution among Anderson county farmers next year of about \$750,000.00, largely new money.

The committee was of the opinion that it would be best to make an automobile, house to house, canvass, and decided to do this under plans suggested by the chairman, Judge Fowler. This is to be done at a date to be selected between January 10th and February 1st, 1915, which is thought to be a better time than now, since the rush of the holidays is on, and farmers generally are busy arranging finances for the next year.

SPLENDID MEETING OF TEACHERS HELD

COUNTY ASSOCIATION IN SESSION YESTERDAY IN THE CITY

FINE PROGRAM

Address by Prof. C. M. Faithful. Other Interesting Features Were Enjoyed.

With more than one hundred teachers present from all parts of the county, the regular monthly meeting of the Anderson County School Teachers Association met yesterday at the West Market street school proved to be one of the most successful the organization has held this year.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Garrison, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, after which a varied and unusually interesting program was carried out. Among the most enjoyable numbers on the program was a vocal solo by Mrs. Charles Green.

The address of the occasion was made by Prof. C. M. Faithful, vice president of the Anderson College. The subject of Prof. Faithful's talk was "Child Education," a topic which he is well qualified to discuss. The address was greatly enjoyed by those present and throughout his talk Prof. Faithful was given the closest attention.

Following Prof. Faithful's address, a short business meeting was held. Various matters of a routine nature were considered under the direction of vice president, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Nell Cochran, was held resulting in the selection of Prof. L. M. Mahaffey. By virtue of his office, Prof. Mahaffey is chairman of the program committee, and with the assistance of others will manage the programs for the meetings throughout the balance of the year.

One of the most delightful features of the program was the elegant luncheon, served under the direction of Miss Georgia Marshall, by the domestic science class of the city schools. The fine weather undoubtedly had much to do with the large attendance at the meeting. Teachers were present from distant sections of the county, several of them making the trip to Anderson by road vehicles.

WILL CANVASS FOR A GRAIN ELEVATOR

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There are many new suggestions we'll make, but your any idea can be carried out here.

You know, it's a difficult thing to find out from a man what he wants; he either will not say or doesn't know; "don't want a thing."

Here you'll see brought together all his favorite "desirables" and you do not have to ask him.

If you want to go in for something substantial, get him a B. O. Evans & Co.'s suit or overcoat. You'll never get more money's worth or better clothes.

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A beautiful dressed doll, worth from 25c to \$2.00 will be given away in this store. ABSOLUTELY FREE each day from now until Christmas. Call for Yellow Coupons, which are given with each 25c purchase if you want to try for a doll. The drawing takes place each afternoon at 5 o'clock.

\$5.00 Doll every Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock or do you prefer a chance on \$22.50 set of Decorated High-class Enamel Ware consisting of 21 pieces. Come in and see this handsome gift set. Also two \$25.00 Talking Machines. Take the Coupons blue and yellow, each time you buy 25c worth here.

You will be glad to know, in this connection, that our line of Christmas goods are quality goods and very complete, and our prices are the most favorable.

Also bear in mind that we are going to have a special 10 cents China Sale on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. We will give the best values ever offered in this city. Don't fail to attend.

Your friend,
John A. Austin
 On the Square under the Masonic Temple.