

MANY BILLS BEING PREPARED

But Chief Among Them May Be the Temperance Question.

Hartford, Dec. 31.—From present indications, it may be judged that the number of bills to regulate public morals and to achieve divers other purposes which will be presented to the coming legislature will be many.

Chief among them will be the bills affecting the question of temperance. A Hartford Globe reporter, in discussing this matter with some of the leaders in the temperance movement in Hartford, and with others who are in close touch with the doings of the general assembly, learned that the temperance advocates mean to make a strong fight this session for the passage of some bills which have been drafted in the past and for others which advance new propositions in that direction.

A factor in the work will be the recently organized Church Federation of Hartford and that organization has before its committee on legislation a number of plans for the regulating the liquor business. The Rev. H. H. Kelsey of the Fourth church, who is an active member of the Federation, said that just what form these measures would take could only be told after the committee had reported on them to the Federation and this it was not yet ready to do. Furthermore he thought it would be the committee's policy to keep its intentions to itself until it was ready to act. He thought that more radical legislation would be enacted concerning liquor selling at this session than at previous ones.

This word he said, because of the more general realization of the fact that the business needed greater restrictions now than ever before. On the other hand several leading liquor dealers who were seen expressed the opinion that the business had had about all the legislation that it needed or could stand. They pointed out that it was already bound about by rules and regulations until it was almost impossible to transact business without stepping over the boundaries somewhere.

But whatever may be the merits of the contention of either side the fact remains apparent that there are to be a great number of temperance bills and a large amount of energy brought to bear upon their passage. The chief move will be for higher license in Hartford anyway. One of its strongest advocates will be the Rev. Walter J. Shanley, rector of St. Joseph's cathedral and president of the Connecticut Total Abstinence union. He is in favor of a high license law in this state similar to the one in Massachusetts, which has driven saloons from residential sections and restricted the sale of liquor. He appeared before the legislature of 1898 with other champions of Hartford to urge the passage of such legislation. The bill which he favored placed the price at \$1,500 and Judge Baraback, of the supreme court, who was a member of the general assembly at a previous session, and before it a bill making the fee \$1,000. It is probable that bills setting each of these fees will be introduced this session.

Father Shanley also advocates stricter measures regulating the sale of liquor at drug stores. He holds that the intent of the law concerning the sale of liquor at drug stores is for medicinal purposes only, but he has found in the past that the good he accomplished in closing some of the saloons in his parish had been nullified by the sale of beer and liquor by drug stores. It is believed by the advocates of high license that if the penalty for a conviction under it meant the loss of the license or a fine proportionately high there could be few violations of the law. This does not seem to apply to Hartford just now, for prosecuting agent Andrew Gates told a Globe reporter that there were at the present time fewer liquor law violations than usual. The county commissioners, too, have followed a policy of keeping the number of saloons within a certain limit, never allowing them to exceed a designated number, which has given general satisfaction.

One radical liquor law which is proposed for this session and which will provide for the forfeiture of a license held by any person who may be convicted of any crime, no matter how trivial. It is understood that the Hartford representatives have been interviewed in regard to this and their support requested.

Another which is drafted and which is also being exhibited for support provides for the restriction of licenses per capita, only one license to be issued to each thousand population of a town. An amendment to the charter of Hartford provides for but one saloon to each 750 population. If either of these should pass it would put a large number of saloons in Hartford out of business. Some other states have passed such laws, but at present there is no statute of the sort on Connecticut's books.

It is expected in some quarters that the fight against the Law and Order League and the attempt to annul its charter which failed at the last session will be taken up again and waged with even greater determination, but whether this will develop or not remains to be seen. At the time of the raid on the picture machines in Hartford there was a great deal of talk to that effect and it also came up for considerable discussion at the time of the pool raids at Charter Oak park which failed to materialize. Since then there has been much heard about it.

Whether the old free lunch bill will come up again or not is also a question and it is exceedingly doubtful that it will. This made its appearance at the last session and provided a fine of \$50 for any liquor dealer who should give his customers anything to eat. The bill was finally laughed into innocuous desuetude, but it is not clear whether it will be resurrected or not.

It is also said to be possible that some attempt will be made to change Hartford's charter in relation to amusement licenses, but since the amusement committee refused to take the same place the lunch bill went not much has been heard of that either.

Constitutional reform will come up, of course. It is to be relied upon just as much as the resolutions voting gratitudes. Representative Freeman has given much attention to this matter and is in favor of it. He told a Globe reporter that he thought it likely that the amendment for plurality state elections instead of by majority would pass at this session. The last legislature passed the amendment with the proviso that it be submitted to this legislature also and it will probably be consummated by the action of the coming body. At the last session it had practically the unanimous support of all members. If it is adopted by the coming legislature it will be sub-

mitted to the people before being put in operation. He thinks that the plan is certainly better than the present plan of election in case no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. Mr. Freeman also favors the other amendment passed by the house increasing the size of the senate to 33, under which the state will be re-districted and the districts made up according to population. The principal complaint against the present system is the inadequate representation of cities in the house of representatives. Many plans have been proposed for this, but the best, in his opinion, seems to be to allow all towns at least one representative and then give each town an additional representative for every ten or fifteen thousand inhabitants. A bill giving increased representation to Hartford has already been decided upon.

DEAD CANNOT SPEAK. The Fire Marshal in the Tarrant Explosion Holds No One Guilty. New York, Dec. 31.—Fire Marshal Peter Stern will today submit to Commissioner Scannell his report on the Tarrant explosion and his last October, based on 300 pages of typewritten testimony. The report, it is understood, does not find that more than a lawful amount of combustibles was stored in the building, and does not implicate any of the Tarrant firm, Marshall Sney will not, therefore, recommend any arrests. The only man who could have shed any light on the matter, he says, perished in the explosion.

SEIT AGAINST TROLLEY ROADS. New Haven, Dec. 31.—Suit will be brought in the United States court within a short time by Benson Bidwell of East Hartford against the Fair Haven and Westford trolley roads. The suit is one of many that Mr. Bidwell will bring in the course of this country against trolley roads from one end of the country to the other. Big damages are asked by the claimant. It seems that Bidwell, who is of an inventive turn of mind, originated some twenty years ago an electric system by which trolley cars could be propelled and lighted, but his invention has never brought him in any returns in money. It is said that all trolley roads now in operation are profiting by his invention. Bidwell wants back royalties from all the roads now using his system and as most of the trolley roads of this country and many in Europe are using it his claim for damages will be something prodigious. The royalties amount to hundreds of millions of dollars. Bidwell is said to be the inventor of the trolley system now well known, who gained notoriety by attempting to rob the Bank of England of \$2,500,000 by forged checks.

PRESIDENT HAYES'S TRIP. Chicago, Dec. 31.—A special to the Chicago from New Orleans says: The heads of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co are gathering here preparatory to starting over the continental system with the new president, Charles M. Hayes, today. E. H. Huntington, assistant to the president; J. C. Stubbins, third vice-president and in charge of all traffic, and Secretary of the road, J. H. Ayres, will accompany him. Hayes is said to be well of London, who gained notoriety by attempting to rob the Bank of England of \$2,500,000 by forged checks.

OVERDUE SHIP ARRIVES. San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The steam whaler Fearless, long overdue from the Arctic, has reached this port, having been delayed by severe storms. She reports a catch of four walrus, two seals and a number of other mammals. A young sealman, 4561 on the voyage and was buried at Cape Bathurst.

WYOMING SNOW STORM. Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 31.—A general snow storm has prevailed over the eastern and central sections of Wyoming during the past few days. On Powder river and Snake Creek the snow is very deep. Much difficulty in feeding stock is experienced although no serious damage is reported as yet.

TIMELY TOPICS. For a choice stock of rainy day requisites, storm skirts, umbrellas, rubbers, etc., call on Bros can supply you as low as anyone. For proper toilet articles and pure drugs Nugent's pharmacy can be counted upon the best in town. Read that story that Pheban, the tea man, tells in his ad to-night and then try a pound of his tea or coffee.

Resolve with the beginning of the new year to lay up something for the rainy day and you can do that by trading with Cashmere Bros. Dalton & Co., the furriers, have received a shipment of Japanese ornaments and only cost \$1.

A. F. Cowley is offering surprising bargains in men's shirts and collars; fresh from the factory as new styles appear.

The Ziglatzki-Marks Co wish you a happy and prosperous new year and would like to estimate on your painting and papering.

Dodge offers some good advice in his ad to-night and incidentally he would be pleased to be your shoemaker for the coming year.

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Reid & Hughes store will be closed all day to-morrow, but watch their ad in this paper for important announcement.

STARVED TO DEATH.

That Is What Happened to One American Family in China.

New York, Dec. 31.—The American Bible society has received a report from the Rev. John R. Hykes, its agent in China, dated Shanghai, November 27, in which he says that the missionaries who are safe in Tai Yuen Fu are Graham McKie, Miss Chapman, Miss Way, Mrs Ogren and child. Mr Ogren was massacred. Duncan Kay, wife and child, escaped to the mountains from their station, Ku Wu Hsien. A native Christian kept them supplied with food until he was discovered by the Boxers and killed. After his death the widow nobly tried to save the lives of the missionaries by smuggling food to them, but the Boxers found out what she was doing and murdered her. They then placed guards at the entrance to the gorge where the Kays were concealed and so effectually did they prevent all communication with them that they were entirely cut off from their food supply and all three of them starved to death.

BOGUS BUTTER.

Sale in New York State Decreasing New Jersey Violations. ALBANY, Dec. 31.—State Commissioner of Agriculture Charles A. Welling in his annual report to the legislature will point out that the clandestine sale of oleomargarine under the brand of "renovated butter" in New York state is on the decrease, which is due, he says, in a great measure to the alertness of the agents of his department. Upon this subject he will say:

"The most of these violations are committed by persons coming in from the state of New Jersey distributing oleomargarine in wagons which from the markings have the appearance of being duly licensed. In 23 instances in the state of New Jersey, that the object of the scheme is to leave the impression that they are common carriers. This makes the work of detection and prosecution quite difficult. The commissioner calls attention to the fact that the report made to congress by the commissioner of internal revenue as to the amount of oleomargarine sold in the different states in the Union during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899 shows that there was sold in the state of New York during that period the small amount of about one-fourth of 1 per cent of the total of 74,938,744 pounds sold, and this is a good showing when it is taken into consideration that the state contains about one-eighth of the population of the United States. The commissioner states in relation to the oleomargarine cases against Armour & Co., dissolved by Judge Hascok, that he advised a settlement two years ago when the defendants offered \$20,000 in settlement and to keep out of the markets of the state of New York with their commodity. He made this recommendation after a careful examination of the facts and upon the advice of counsel that there was not evidence enough to convict Armour & Co.

The consumption of milk in the cities has increased 2 per cent during the past year. During that period 12,500,000 quart cans of milk were received in New York city as compared with 6,002,210 cans in 1888. This is an increase of over 100 per cent of the amount consumed in that city during the past 12 years.

WOMAN'S ADVANCE.

Hall Caine Pays High Tribute to American Womanhood. CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Dec. 31.—Hall Caine, writing to the St. Louis, Mo. Herald, under date of Greba Castle, Mo., Dec. 8, says:

"When one considers what the position of women was, even in the most civilized countries, as recently as a year ago, and how high a place she has now won for herself, not only in the statute books of nations, but in the republic of art, one cannot but feel that the change has even more remarkable than some of the great material developments which have distinguished the century. 'Speaking as one who has seen life in many countries, I feel that it is within the truth to say that the position of woman is higher in America than in any other part of the world. For this result American women have no doubt to thank their own natural gifts and great independence of mind, but they have also, I think, to be grateful to the splendid chivalry in the other sex, which is everywhere more conspicuous than in the best type of American gentility."

Burglars Arrested. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Two burglars who have confessed to two robberies and are supposed to be the man who have committed numerous burglaries in the western addition during the past month have been arrested. They are Eugene Chiorigio and Charles Lowell. Both men said they came here recently from New York city. They were captured through the discovery of jewelry they had pawned. The men were identified by four pawnbrokers to whom they had sold their plunder. In all they had pawned jewelry and silverware worth \$44,000.

Denmark's American Trade. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—Denmark's trade with the United States is growing rapidly, showing record figures for 1899. Importations of goods into the States have trebled since 1893 and now exceed \$20,000,000. The increasing commerce between the two countries is inducing many Danish-Americans to return to Copenhagen to represent American houses, and this is doing much to introduce American goods. As a natural result, new ships have been ordered for the American trade.

Colorado's Gold Production. DENVER, Dec. 31.—Colorado closes the nineteenth century with a record of gold production amounting to \$29,226,198. While this does not come up to the production of gold in the United States, it is much closer to that figure than conservative estimates made at that time. In 1899, accepting the revised figures of the Denver mint, the state produced \$20,265,487 in gold, an increase over 1898 of about 10 per cent, the largest percentage of increase recorded up to that time.

Gale Renewed. LONDON, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Dover says the gale has renewed and that the wind is blowing heavily in the channel.

DISTRICT OF WATERBURY, SS Probate Court, Dec 29th 1900. Estate of Amelia H. Nash late of Waterbury in said district deceased. The Administrator having exhibited his administration account with said estate to his Court for allowance, it is Ordered, that the 31st day of Jan. A. D. 1901 be a day of account at the probate office in Waterbury, and the same is assigned for hearing on the allowance of said administration account with said estate and the court directs the administrator to cite all persons interested therein to appear at said time and place, by publishing this order in some newspaper published in New Haven county and having a circulation in said district. By Order of Court, James J. Casella Clerk of Probate.

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WITH THE YACHTS.

New York, Dec. 31.—It was learned last night that Royal Phelps Carroll of the New York Yacht club intends to turn his Herreshoff ninety-foot cutter Navahoe into a yawl, and that some of the works on the designs of these alterations are already under way. Henry S. Redmond of the New York Yacht club has bought the celebrated English ninety-foot cutter Alisa. The Alisa is of fine design. She already has the yawl rig, under which she had proved very fast. It was also learned that Commodore Percy Chubb of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht club is having his former cup defender, Vicquant, altered to carry the yawl rig. The intention of Mr Redmond, Mr Carroll and Mr Chubb is to have a racing class of ninety-foot yaws. The fleet will consist of one English keel and two centerboards, though the Vigilant is practically a keel boat.

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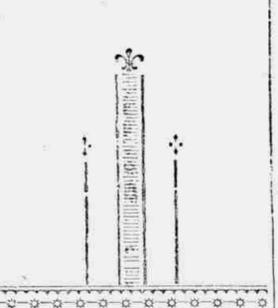
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