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AS TO GOOD BEER.

Virtues of Barley Malt as Against Corn Beer.

Aug. Busch, Vice President of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association Interviewed.

Effort to Manufacture Cheap Beer and Its Results.

BEER CONSUMERS AND THEIR RIGHTS.

[From St. Louis Sunday Mirror, Dec. 6.]
An editorial in the *Sunday Mirror* of last week on the subject of "Beer Culture" attracted a great deal of attention by reason of the statement made therein that there are superior and inferior articles of beer selling to consumers at the same price per glass. There was no intention in the article to do an injury to any brewery interest, but to inform the reader that he should insist on having the best beer for his money and not accept the inferior. Superior beer is made of barley malt. Barley malt is expensive and the beer made from it is made by superior processes. The common beer is made of corn and barley malt, in about equal proportions, but the barley malt is not necessarily of fine quality and it is brewed cheaply.

Mr. August A. Busch, of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, speaking on the subject of superior and inferior beers, said to a representative of the *Sunday Mirror* yesterday:

"I have no desire to say anything for or against beer manufactured by other brewers. Your paper is adopting the right course, however, in endeavoring to educate the people on the subject of superior and inferior beers. But as far as the Anheuser-Busch brewery is concerned we are out of competition."

"Do you use corn in the brewing of the Anheuser-Busch beers?"

"Corn, or corn preparations, used by so many breweries, never enter the gates of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. The secret of the success of our beer is due to the fact that we use nothing but the finest malt and the choicest hops and allow the beer to thoroughly mature before it enters into consumption. Hence, our beer is not only the best and the healthiest beverage, but also the highest-priced beer offered to the public. Beer made of corn and of corn preparations is naturally cheap, and the quality is cheap accordingly."

"How is the public to know which is the pure beer and which is not?"

"I do not care to say anything about any other beer than that of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. I simply say that we use only the best barley malt and the choicest of everything. The motto of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association is: 'The best is not too good.'"

"Beer made from barley malt is, of course, more nutritious and wholesome than that made from corn and corn preparations."

"If you want to know what is good beer and what is not you have only to ask which beer costs the dealer the most and which costs the least. The association of which I am vice-president has made it a study to produce the purest and finest beer that can be made, and we have established a reputation which shows that we have succeeded. You will never make a mistake by buying this beer. It is in foreign countries the most serious rival to the celebrated Bass' ale of England. It has nearly excluded it from the United States. Every man who keeps a table of which he is proud feels that it is not complete without one of our brands of beer. This is one of our highest objects—to make the Anheuser-Busch beer the table drink of the world."

There is no desire to raise an agitation on the question of beer adulteration, and it is not intended to be inferred that beers not made from barley malt are adulterated. The point made is that they are cheap and of lower grade than the other. So little is known by beer consumers of what they are given in beer to drink that the time for a popular education as to the ingredients of various beers has arrived. As the best beer can be bought at the same price per glass as the poorest beer, the consumer should know which is the highest grade. The effort to make money out of the manufacture of beer by those who are not concerned in establishing a reputation or producing an article of beer concededly fine, or in the cultivation of a perfect beer, should be looked on with suspicion by the beer consumer, who has the right to demand of all brewers beer as good as the best.

Beer drinking people should know that corn beer is a cheap and inferior article and that barley malt beer is fine, wholesome and higher priced.



CRIS(P) CRINGLE AT THE CAPITOL.

" 'Twas the night before Xmas, when all through the 'House'
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,
The stockings were hung in the chimney with care
In hopes that Cris(p) Cringle right soon would be there," etc.

THE CHRISTMAS MAILS.

Postmaster Sherwood Gives Useful Hints to Those Who Send Gifts by Mail.

"You may safely say," said Postmaster Sherwood to a *HERALD* man yesterday, "that the Washington Postoffice is the worst one in the country through which Christmas packages pass. Not because it is the most carelessly managed one, nor because of a want of diligence on the part of its employees, for we have every reason to believe that the Washington City Postoffice is one of the best managed offices in the United States, and that, of course, means one of the best in the world; but because of the fact that more large and heavy official mail packages pass through this office than through any other one office in the country. I refer to the thousands of heavy Government reports and similar volumes which are constantly being mailed by the various Departments. These packages, some of them weighing as much as six pounds, are not only forwarded through this office, but many of them are returned through it. Owing to a want of proper facilities, we are obliged to forward such heavy mail matter in the same bags in which we must place the Christmas packages. Therefore, it is little wonder that so many of such packages reach their destination in a more or less damaged condition. But then a great many Christmas packages are damaged because of the indifferent and careless manner in which they are mailed. Naturally we do all in our power to protect all classes of mail and facilitate its prompt delivery, but unless we have the intelligent co-operation of those who mail it our efforts are retarded and not infrequently rendered fruitless. The following suggestions, if carefully observed, would not only materially assist in the speedy transportation of Christmas mail, but would also insure its prompt delivery in good condition. The senders of packages should be sure that the amount of postage stamps affixed is correct. This information can be had at the main office, stations, or at any of the fifty stamp agencies throughout the city. Attentive clerks will be found ready to give all the information requisite, and the postal department will do the rest. Newspaper or other thin paper should never be used for wrapping, and packages wrapped where goods are purchased are ordinarily not sufficiently secure for forwarding in the mails. Use strong

paper, make a solid and compact package that will not crush easily; tie well with good twine; address legibly and correctly with ink, giving full local address, street, and number in lower right-hand corner, placing stamps on upper right-hand corner, securely fixed, and very few packages will fail to reach the addressee in good order. It is always advisable to write the name and address of the sender on the upper left-hand corner of all packages sent in the mails, in order that they may be returned in case the addressee cannot be found, or in case they go astray, be unmailable, etc. Postal statistics show that a great many more delays result from incorrect addresses than from errors in distribution and handling by postal employees.

"In case of loss or delay report the same as early as possible. No package weighing more than four pounds can be received for conveyance by domestic mail, except single books exceeding that weight. Unmailable matter of the fourth class embraces all not embraced in the first, second or third class, which in its form or nature is liable to destroy, deface or otherwise damage the contents of mail bags or harm the person of any one engaged in the postal service. A full description of unmailable matter can be had upon inquiry at the stamp windows."

Entertainment at Carroll Hall.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given Thursday evening at Carroll Hall under the auspices of Mr. W. C. Frizzle, of Southeast Washington. The programme consisted of musical and literary selections by Philadelphia, Baltimore, and local talent, and it was enjoyed by a large attendance. Among those who took part were the Misses Mabel Manning, Magdalene Turnburke, Donalson, Bessie Wilson, George Huntington, Browne, Woods, Mrs. Anna Tochman, and Messrs. Hoskins, Needfelt, Huntington, and Hole.

The Army and Navy Club Book.

THE *HERALD* is indebted to Lieutenant A. E. Culver, of the Navy, the secretary of the Army and Navy Club, for a very handsomely printed volume containing the by-laws and house rules of the club, and a list of the officers and members. The work is from the press of the Isaac Friedenwold Company, of Baltimore. It is bound in red leather, flexible covers, and the pages are ornamented with red borders.

For a World's Fair Place.

Mrs. A. S. Green, of Culpeper, Va., is warmly recommended by those who know her as a suitable person to represent Virginia at the World's Fair as lady commissioner. Mrs. Green is a sister to Fish Commissioner Marshall McDonald. She is well-known in Washington and is a lady of many accomplishments. The Virginia Legislature now in session here have recommended an auxiliary association and will shortly make the appropriation and appointments. Mrs. Green has the support of many ladies on the national board who would like to have her secure the position on account of her fitness for its duties.

Wheat Markets Improved.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—There was a decided improvement in the amount of business done in the wheat pit to-day. Late cables showed that foreign markets were stronger, and that foreigners were good buyers at New York. There was no furore in the market, nor any big spurt, but a strong, confident feeling and good, liberal buying.

To Investigate the Pension Office.

In the House yesterday, Mr. Enloe, of Tennessee, offered a resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five members to inquire into the charges made against the Commissioner of Pensions and the administration of his office. Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Postmaster Dies of Grip.

MEDIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Joseph A. Tomson, postmaster at this place, died to-day from grip and a complication of ailments. At the time of his appointment as postmaster, a year ago, Mr. Tomson was editor of the *Chester News*. He was seventy-one years old.

Bartholomay's Rochester Beer is brewed from the finest hops and choicest Canadian malt; is fully fermented and guaranteed pure in every respect. It's a nourishing beverage and just what you want to aid the digestion of your Xmas dinner. Delivered to any part of the city. Try a box. Washington Branch, 1110 and 1112 C street northwest. Telephone No. 441.

DISTRICT POLITICIANS.

BESTIRRING THEMSELVES AGAINST CONVENTION TIME.

Commissioner Douglass a Candidate for Delegate to the Republican Convention—Many Gentlemen Who Want to Go to the Democratic Convention.

The time for holding the Republican National Convention having been fixed, the District Republicans are busily engaged in work preliminary to the selection of the two delegates who will represent the District of Columbia in that convention. The first step to be taken will be the designation of a plan under which the delegates to the convention nominating these delegates will be chosen. In certain quarters at least great dissatisfaction exists as to the loose manner by which the members of the District convention were selected four years ago, and to cure that defect in the system it is proposed that the boundary lines of the old legislative districts shall be announced in the press of the city, and delegates selected at the primaries closely confined to their respective districts. The District convention composed of delegates chosen at primaries held in the various legislative districts, will be held probably a month previous to the assembling of the National Convention, which will necessitate the selection of delegates at the primaries not later than March or April next. Although the fight for the honor of representing the District in the Republican National Convention promises to be the warmest ever waged here, yet it seems to be generally conceded that the two delegates will be District Commissioner John W. Douglass and Colonel Perry Carson. Commissioner Douglass is regarded as favoring the renomination of President Harrison, while Colonel Carson is understood to be an out and out Blaine man. Commissioner Douglass, it is believed, will earnestly endeavor not only to secure for himself the honor of a seat in the National Convention, but will also endeavor to have the District delegates instructed to support the President's candidacy. Owing to the strong Blaine tendencies of a great number, if not of the majority, of the District Republicans, it is evident that the latter object of Commissioner Douglass will not be accomplished. Indeed, it is just as evident that the District convention will refuse to instruct its candidates, leaving them to vote as their preferences may prompt. As the personal preferences of the two probable delegates are well known, this refusal to instruct them would stamp the convention as a compromise one, and that it will be such seems to be the belief of every well-informed District Republican. It was hoped by many that Recorder of Deeds Bruce would be selected as one of the delegates, but the ex-Senator has so far declined to have his name used, for reasons best known to himself. Of course, there are numerous gentlemen who would be pleased to accept such an honor, but only those named are thought to have a chance.

In District Democratic circles very little active work is being done at present. Although they appear to have a much larger list of gentlemen who are willing, if not anxious, to accept the honor of representing their constituents in the Democratic National Convention, it seems to be the general impression that one of the two delegates is already virtually chosen in the person of Mr. Lawrence Gardner. Mr. Gardner's wishes are as yet unknown, but if he desires the honor there is not, it seems, the least doubt of his desire being almost unanimously granted. Among others by whom it is believed the honor would not be declined should it be tendered, are the names of William H. Gordon, James L. Norris, A. A. Lipscomb, William Dickson, Mills Dean, Charles Thompson, Dorsey Claggett, and Campbell Carrington. There has been some talk of selecting Commissioner Douglass' colleague, Commissioner Ross, as one of the Democratic delegates, but it is thought that Commissioner Ross would decline to allow his name to be considered. The young Democracy of the District have a candidate in the person of Mr. A. A. Lipscomb, of the District Bar, for whom a most determined fight will be made. Although it is almost too early to predict what the action of the District Democratic convention will be in the matter of making known a preference as to the candidates who will come before the National Convention, it is believed that, as in the case of their Republican friends, the delegates will go uninstructed. As is well known, there is quite an anti-Cleveland feeling here, but whether that feeling will influence the District convention it is now impossible to determine. Governor David B. Hill has many ardent admirers in the District.

The Old Men's Christian Association.

A pretty girl was pointing out the places of note to some strangers yesterday afternoon from the inside of one of the Metropolitan cars. One piece of information she imparted nearly convulsed several Army and Navy officers who were in the car. They were just passing Seventeenth and I streets, and she had told her listeners of the Tracy mansion fire. One of her questioners asked what new building that was on the corner, indicating the new United Service Club House. "Oh that," she said, "that is the Old Men's Christian Association." One of the officers on the car gave a brother officer a sly dig in the ribs and with a wink said: "Not far from right, old man."

Insanity of Young Field.

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 19.—Mr. Odle Close, who was appointed by Judge Dykman to hear testimony regarding the insanity of Edward M. Field, resigned his position as commissioner to-day on account of ill health. Judge Dykman then appointed Judge William H. Robertson, Mr. Close's partner, as commissioner in his place.