

strongly you support Mr. McClure in your conversation and in your influence generally, your support will count for nothing unless it results in his receiving one or more votes for which you and your good influence can be credited.

The liquor people in that district are counting very much upon the fact that there is not enough general interest in this canvass to bring out a full vote, and that a light vote means an advantage for Mr. McClure's opponent, George A. Cooke. In other words, the whisky people look upon the election of Cooke as something that will be valuable to them sooner or later in actual dollars and cents. Therefore, the whisky crowd will turn out to a man and vote for Cooke, and they will see to it that every man that can be induced to vote for Cooke is at the polls.

Normally the district is Republican by a good margin, and the only danger to McClure appears to lie in the possibility that the incentive to go to the polls will not be strong enough in the minds of men who would naturally vote for McClure, to cause them to lay aside everything else in order to vote.

The people of the entire state are interested in this election, for the Supreme Court passes upon matters affecting all the people of Illinois. Those outside of the fourteen counties composing the Fourth District are helpless, however, so far as voting is concerned. This fact ought to bear very heavily upon the consciences of the temperance voters of that district. Let them remember that in other parts of the state people are putting aside other business and giving their time and energy to efforts not half so vital as the matter of voting.

For example, in the city of Chicago for some weeks temperance people have been giving much time to preparation for the great parade that is planned for September 25, and the result will be one of the most imposing demonstrations of the kind ever seen in the west.

This is a good thing to do. Parades are helpful in many ways, but the prevention of this parade by rain or any other adverse circumstance, would not be one tenth as disastrous as the failure of the good citizens of the Fourth District to turn out and vote in sufficient numbers to elect Mr. McClure to the Supreme Judgeship.

Let the good people of the Fourth District on next Saturday remember that while that vast procession of temperance people is moving down Michigan Avenue, with General Grant, the illustrious son of an illustrious father, at its head, the minds of those marchers will very largely be occupied with thoughts of the contest in the Fourth District.

The great Napoleon, addressing his soldiers at the foot of the pyramids, reminded them that the civilization of nineteen centuries was looking down upon them, and this thought inspired them to deeds of valor in the conflicts before them. Let the voters of the Fourth District remember that the people of the entire state of Illinois are watching them and expecting every man to do his duty.

Mr. McClure can be elected judge. If he is defeated the responsibility will rest upon those whose hearts and minds are on his side, but whose zeal is not strong enough to take them to the polls. Remember that in the last analysis it is only the votes that count, and then go and vote.

Snake Culture

The meanest headache in the world, says the Booze Philosopher of the Waukegan Evening News, is the one that operates a merry-go-round in your dome of thought the morning after a round-up with the boys. It is an all-pervading headache; you can feel it in your eyes and taste it in your mouth, and it reaches way down your back and winds itself around your neck.

A man with a booze headache can't think of anything else, and is of no use in the world while it lasts. The worst of it is that there is no sympathy for him anywhere. If he has an old-fashioned headache that didn't owe its origin to the tall black bottle, everybody feels sorry for him and the neighbors milk the cow and do the chores for him, and feed him jam and cookies, and the minister drops around and jollies him into a good humor, and the editor of the local newspaper interviews him and prints his picture and nominates him for county supervisor.

But when the man with the booze headache tells a friend what is hurting him, the friend either laughs at him and tells him to cut something out, or bores him with a lot of good advice, or says something irrelevant touching the hair of a dog.

And since a booze headache is sillier than a peachbasket hat, what's the use of wearing one?

The sense of rest which comes from the use of liquors is really a deadly deception, the actual result being loss rather than increase of strength.

The expense of the drink habit is a selfish waste of money; the poor can not afford it, and the rich have a hundred better ways for spending their surplus.

No Saloons There

The population of Kansas City, Kansas, has grown from an estimated population in 1906 of 77,912, to an estimated population at this time of 100,008.

In 1905 the number of school children as shown by the board of education census was 18,086. In 1908 the number was 18,536.

On June 3, 1906, the assets of the board of education, including school buildings and grounds, amounted to \$776,106.68. On June 30, 1908, the total assets were \$1,032,393.93.

The city is growing so rapidly that the board can hardly keep up with the demand for additional school facilities. Since January 1, 1908, the board has spent \$300,000 for new school improvements, including a 25 room addition to the High School, two new ward schools and several additions.

In December, 1908, an additional \$250,000 in bonds was voted for more new buildings and other improvements.

Drink if You Will, But—

The employer, observes the Philadelphia North American, virtually says to the workman: "You can drink what you please, when you please. But if you please to indulge in habits which would impair your efficiency and increase danger to your fellow-workmen and to my property, you must find work elsewhere."

The attitude is practically the same as that of the banker who will not tolerate visits by any clerk or teller, however trusted and capable, to race tracks or gambling houses.

The railroads almost without exception now prohibit employees from using intoxicants while off duty as well as on.

The geniality of the old-time, hard-drinking commercial traveler no longer is deemed an asset by wholesale houses. Scientific salesmanship, as well as modern manufacture and transportation, demands more and more the elimination of drunkenness.