

FLOOD OF MAIL

It Comes to Topeka From Whisky Houses.

Clubbing Offers of Four Quarts for \$2.00.

AND SOME FOR ONLY \$1.90

He Who Invests Therein Is Not Wise.

Experiences of Victims of Christmas Pricelist Lure.

For the past ten days a large number of people in Topeka have been flooded with mail from the Kansas City and St. Louis and St. Joseph wholesale liquor houses soliciting their patronage for the Christmas holidays.

And the flood will continue for ten days longer. These letters come from a dozen different houses, though they all read mostly the same.

They call attention to the healing properties and miraculous balm of about 20 different grades of whisky, wine and rum, and contain a price list quoting four to 20-year whisky at \$1.90 to \$2.90 a gallon.

Any kind of whisky is a pestilence, but the clubbing offer kind is a plague. Whisky at \$5 a gallon will put a man in jail or the hospital, but whisky at \$1.90 per gallon will put him in the tomb.

Some of the men who have patronized these wholesale houses tell strange stories of their experiences with bargain-counter goods.

One man who bought a case of "sunshine" gathered from the slopes of long ago, and paid for it at the rate of 40 cents a quart found, on close investigation, that the circular section of the bottom of each bottle had been cut out, the original bonded liquor removed, and a substitute inserted therein.

Another man with letters from three wholesalers in his hands and a pocket full of price lists went over to a druggist who had formerly bought more or less whisky, and asked him for expert testimony with prices on good, bad and indifferent whisky.

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mon. It is true that he was not paid and has no whisky, but he had a dazzling dream while it lasted. He figured from a price list in his possession that he could buy whisky for nothing. He used the ratio system as per price list. For instance, this list advertised a whisky named after a famous sea captain for 50 cents per quart. If he bought four quarts, it was 55 cents a quart; if he bought six quarts, it was 50 cents a quart; if he bought 12 quarts, it was only 45 cents, and on a 40 quart order he would only have to pay 38 cents. So he went on down the list, and finally figured that if he bought 50 quarts, it would only cost him one cent a quart, following the heretofore referred to ratio system of the price list. He stopped there, he did not dare to go any further. And he threw the price list away and made no order at all.

Another man opened his mail and found therein a gaudily printed, hand-decorated parchment or diploma setting forth the fact that he was entitled to a quart of the best whisky ever distilled since the world's exposition in South Carolina. This diploma, at first glance, looked like a commission as brigadier general or director of the affairs of the world's exposition. The man made himself ready to send his address by return mail in order to reap the profits of this quart of whisky. But he found printed in small type at the bottom that it would be necessary for him to purchase five or six dollars worth of a certain brand of delirium tremens and lost job before he would get his quart of free whisky. And so it goes all the way down the line, glittering offers to spend Christmas money for wine and rum, and burned out stomachs and heavy heads.

The liquor problem is as old as the race, and it will never be settled by telling people what they ought not to do, but the wise man will throw his Christmas liquor literature in the waste paper basket, and donate his \$2.90 as follows:

One dollar to the Provident association.

One dollar to the Elks' club Christmas tree.

Ninety cents to The Salvation Army.

SISTER CLAIMS ESTATE

Says Aged Recluse Had No Right to Distribute Property.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Emilie Frederick Chittenden, a resident of this city, came forward today as a claimant for a half interest in the million dollar estate of Miss Octavia Frederick, an eccentric recluse, who was found dead recently in New York, the only other occupants of her rooms being a dozen half starved cats, pets of the dead woman.

After her death, a barber, Antony Ordekento, came forward with a will bequeathing Miss Frederick's estate, consisting of valuable New York real estate to him, but Mrs. Chittenden asserts that Miss Frederick, who was her sister, had no right to dispose of the property.

Mrs. Chittenden claims the estate for herself and her brother, Alfonso Frederick, of Los Angeles, on the ground that the property was left by their parents with the elder sister in trust for the three children. Mrs. Chittenden left today for New York to confer with attorneys there.

HE'S A REAL ELK.

More Joy for the Kiddies Promised by Iris Theater Owner.

J. C. Elliott, proprietor of the Iris theater, has tendered the officers of the Elks, of which order he has long been a prominent member, sufficient to buy a tree for all the poor children, guests of the Elks on Christmas day. This generous offer of Mr. Elliott is decidedly convincing of the loyalty of the members to the teachings of the order.

It would appear to be a particularly good day for the box office receipts at the Iris theater, for the spirit of charity prevails on that day each year when the Elks and the pleasure of the Iris management will experience in making happy so many little ones will far outweigh the items of receipts.

Mr. Elliott is to be not only commended but congratulated for his gift of splendid entertainment which will follow immediately after the big Christmas tree and eating of good things at the Elks' home. The two corners, Jackson and Quincy on Seventh street, promise to be busy corners most of the day, December 25.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$8,674,660 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$5,666,460 from last week. The statement follows:

Table with columns: Actual condition, Increase, Loans, Specie, Legal tender, Net deposits, Circulation, Banks' cash reserve in vault, Trust companies' cash reserve in vault, Aggregate cash reserve, Excess lawful reserve, Trust companies' reserve with clearing house members carrying 25 per cent cash reserve, Summary of state banks and trust companies in Greater New York not included in clearing house statement, Loans, Specie, Overage, Total deposits.

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THE BLACK HAND

Their Cleveland Letters on File in U. S. Dist. Atty. Office.

They Are Savage Enough to Curdle the Blood.

The office of the United States attorney received a valuable and unique addition to its legal library this morning. Judge J. L. Ronald's department of the superior court, were severely rebuked because they played cards while considering a verdict in a minor criminal case.

JURORS PLAY CARDS.

Judge Censures and Discharges Them as Result.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Ten men and two women composing a jury in Judge J. L. Ronald's department of the superior court, were severely rebuked because they played cards while considering a verdict in a minor criminal case.

BIGGEST JOKE OF AGE.

John Kendrick Bangs Says T. R. Holds the Record.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, is going to the pyramids of Egypt to get a new joke. It will be the newest and funniest joke in the world, because it will be the oldest.

COURT STARTS TROUBLE

Decision in Harriman Merger Gives Market Off Week.

New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market passed through a troubled week in the course of which quotations were bought down nearly to the low level of the year by unusually heavy selling. The decline which began on Monday, December 10, was not arrested until the Harriman merger decision by the supreme court gathered increased momentum this week and at times the market was demoralized by liquidation on an enormous scale.

AN AGE OF DOUBT.

Evangelist Brooks Says Infidelity Is Great Sin Now.

The Brooks-Lewis revival at the Third Christian church continues with increasing interest. There have been an unusually heavy attendance. The evangelist spoke on the subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?" It was a defense of the divinity of Christ. Mr. Brooks declared that infidelity is the great sin of the age. People have come into a realm of doubt, he said, doubting everything and everybody.

OAKLAND NOTES.

Miss Fern Williams will entertain the S. O. D. H. Embroidery club Wednesday evening at her home on Forest avenue.

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Hogs Die of Typhoid.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 14.—Hundreds of hogs are dying in this part of Iowa from what was supposed to be hog cholera, but which has been diagnosed by experts as typhoid fever. The loss in this immediate vicinity so far will amount to \$12,000.

Typewriters For Sale or Rent

We carry in stock all makes of Typewriters for Sale or Rent. Our Special Rental offer allowing Rent paid to apply on the purchase price of any typewriter is an excellent opportunity to try a Typewriter before purchasing. We make reasonable terms if they are desired.

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