

W. C. T. U. HOLDS A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

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out the necessity for laws to protect the rights of the people.

On account of illness, the state president, Mrs. Lela G. Dyar, was unable to attend the conference, and her subject of "Christian Citizenship and Law Enforcement," was taken by Miss Spalding. She discussed the difficulty of enforcing laws in a non-christian community. Miss Spalding emphasized the necessity for women to study citizenship so that they can vote intelligently on all issues. Sunday afternoon Miss Spalding discussed the reasons that the union has for celebrating giving a history of the work of the organization since it was started about fifty years ago. Sunday was the second anniversary of national prohibition in the United States.

Rev. S. J. Epler gave an interesting address Sunday afternoon, paying tribute to the womanhood of America for their agitation for prohibition when it was so unpopular. He also emphasized the assistance the women would give by their influence and votes, in enforcing the eighteenth amendment.

Rev. B. J. Minort outlined the work that was being done for the benefit of the boys and girls, in order that they might grow up to be better citizens.

Judge Tash on Law Enforcement.

County Judge I. E. Tash, in speaking on the topic, "Is Law to Be Sovereign," emphasized the fact that if the laws of the state and nation are to be obeyed, all must be enforced impartially. To be enforced, a law must be respected. He deplored the non-enforcement of some statutes, and declared that the public attitude toward enforcement was of great importance. Among the things which make the prohibition law difficult of enforcement the chief drawback, he said, is lack of public support. He pointed out how there is a tendency to make the prohibitory law a joke, the chief offenders being the motion pictures, which make light of prohibition and law enforcement officers, and the press, which emphasizes the humorous and ludicrous side. The picture producers, he said, have been given a gentle hint from Washington, and their attitude will change, or else censorship by the public will work such a change. The press will follow public opinion whenever it changes. These two sources are not the only ones to blame, he said. He told of attending a church entertainment in Alliance, at which the entire congregation amused themselves by arresting their pastor on charges of having a still and manufacturing hooch. He had even taken part in the farce himself, under protest, he admitted.

Mr. Tash denied that the great crime wave in the county could be traced to the ex-soldiers. He reviewed the cases coming under his own jurisdiction, as well as making an investigation of cases reported in the press. The present day criminals are largely

youths just entering on their majority. "The ex-soldiers are not the criminals," he declared, "not one in a thousand." The present day law breakers are youths who, four years ago, when the war started, were too young to fight. These boys stayed at home, getting high wages and developing expensive habits and appetites. Now that there is no more easy money, these same youths are turning to bootleggers and other crimes in order to live in the style to which they grew accustomed during the war.

Enforcement in Alliance.

Sunday afternoon City Manager Kemmish told what had been accomplished in Alliance in the past few months in the way of enforcing the eighteenth amendment. He gave a history of how he tried to get the federal authorities both at Omaha and Lincoln to assist the local authorities. This proved unsuccessful and the federal authorities gave absolutely no assistance to the local authorities. He next tried to get state authorities to help in the matter. The first state man sent here did very well but when it came to trial it was discovered that the state man had drunk up all of the evidence so a second man was tried with somewhat better results. Since then, however, the state has given but very little assistance and it was seen that if anything was to be done we would have to do so locally. Arrangements were made whereby the local authorities could take care of this situation and meetings were held in which the various county and city officials worked together and co-operated on anything in the way of enforcing the law. Since that time they have been working harmoniously together and in fact they have been going out and assisting the neighboring counties.

The sheriffs in the various counties around are all working together and helping each other in any way possible to see that the eighteenth amendment is enforced.

Samples of Bootleg Booze.

Mr. Kemmish also gave an account of a number of instances which have been happening in the past year and had four samples of booze taken from parties. One consisted of a French hair tonic, one of lavender toilet water which he said the man who drank this had no doubt been on a pink drink. The third was a bottle partially filled with white mule from which a man drank and nearly died. The fourth bottle was taken from one of our business men here in town. It showed the contents as being not very inviting.

One of the speakers of the afternoon made the assertion that by going down the street he knew where a certain party was getting whisky nearly every day. The city manager stated that if any one knew where the law was being violated and were not reporting it to the officers that they surely were not very good citizens and stated that "if the party in question would tip the city manager off as to where this could be obtained he

would have the party in jail before sunset tomorrow night." After the meeting he was given the tip and in ten minutes he had the sheriff and the chief of police on the ground and in thirty minutes there were four men working on the problem. He urged citizens to co-operate with the police department to help enforce this law. He showed where the officers had been diligent and working hard to enforce the laws but had received very little assistance from the citizens of Alliance and stated that if they wanted the laws enforced it was up to them to get behind the authorities and give them assistance in seeing that the laws are enforced. He stated that if the laws were not right it was up to the people to have them changed as the officers had no choice whatever in the matter. Their sole duty was to see that the laws are enforced without fear or favor regardless of who the violators may be.

Commissioner Acts in Capacity of a Matrimonial Agent

A county commissioner playing the role of Cupid, the god of love, is a new one, but stranger things have happened. You never can tell what a commissioner will do next. A woman, sixty-odd years of age, called upon the county board this week to ask that her allowance for groceries and coal be fixed and made more definite, and this is the way it all happened:

The board went up to this woman's home to make a personal investigation of conditions. The woman met them at the door with a tearful face, and seemed to resent the intrusion. Her resentment grew as the county officials began to ask her questions, and she flared up once or twice, especially when she was asked if it were not true that she had sold groceries donated to her by the county.

One of the commissioners had an inspiration. He said to her, "Now, why on earth should as attractive a woman as you are be without a husband. I know of half a dozen old fellows in this county, some of whom have been hunting for a wife for years. Some of these fellows have money. Maybe, if you were to get a position as housekeeper for one of them a regular love match would develop. With your good looks, you have no business living by yourself this way, when you might be making some man happy in a home built for two. I've got a man in mind right now."

This was no sooner said than the commissioner regretted his light touch. He realized that this was unseemly levity, at the wrong time, and that he might be struck over the head with an avalanche of words, and more words.

But his fears were groundless. The woman looked up at him, dashed a half-formed tear from her eye with the back of her hand and broke into a smile. It was a genuine smile. It

may not have revealed a full set of teeth, but its meaning was unmistakable. One of the eye-witnesses said afterward that she jumped at least two feet off the ground, but this may have been an exaggeration.

"Come in, gentlemen," the lady said, "and I'll get a piece of paper and write down the name. Come right on in."

They came. The commissioner, true to his promise, wrote down a name, and the woman received it thankfully and announced her intention of applying for a job.

Thus, by a stroke of diplomacy, this commissioner may remove one name from the county list of paupers, enabling a woman to be self-supporting and, who knows, also play the part of Cupid. Results are being anxiously awaited.

Harold Watkins, self-confessed automobile thief, who last week escaped from the county jail in company with James Howard, colored man awaiting trial for forgery, and who later surrendered himself at the home of a farmer, twelve miles north of Alliance, will face trial at the next term of district court on two charges.

Watkins was given a preliminary hearing before County Judge Tash Monday morning, and charged with breaking from official custody. He pleaded not guilty to the complaint, explaining that the actual work of sawing through the bars was done by Howard, and that he had only followed him out of jail. He also laid considerable stress on the alleged fact that that he had surrendered himself voluntarily.

The case was about to go to trial, Watkins having asked that other inmates of the jail be called that he might prove that he had lent no assistance in clearing the avenues of escape, but the court and County Attorney Basye called a halt. Mr. Basye read the statute under which the complaint was drawn, which specifies that it is a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for from one to ten years, to leave the custody of an officer. Judge Tash pointed out that it could hardly be called voluntary surrender when a man, exhausted and nearly frozen after a twelve-mile walk, had decided to give up a job he wasn't capable of carrying through to a successful conclusion.

Watkins saw the light, changed his plea to guilty and accepted his medicine. He was held for trial in district court under bonds of \$1,000, and was shown back to his cell.

SHAKING AFTERWARD.

When the nurse entered, the boy patient was in a furious fit of writhing convulsions. "What is the matter?" she cried anxiously.

"I forgot," replied the boy, "to shake the bottle before taking the medicine."

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Out-of-town visitors as well as Alliance's own inhabitants are bound to be attracted by the AWE-INSPIRING bargain offerings we have collected for tomorrow. Our preparations for this sale were so colossal that, despite the heavy purchasing of the past week, stocks are just as fresh and complete as if the sale were just starting; and, in fact, we

really do start the sale anew tomorrow. Many new bargains have been brought from our reserve stock rooms and will be placed on sale tomorrow at money-saving prices no thrifty shopper can afford to ignore. REMEMBER, DOORS OPEN AT 8:30 SHARP. Be Here!

SALE OF SHIRTS

Men's \$2.00 Shirts of extra quality percales in an unusually good assortment of neat stripes, soft cuffs, coat style. Hundreds from which to choose. Sizes 14 to 17. Sale price -----95c

Men's \$2.50 Shirts of high-grade madrac cloths, neat and broad stripes in all the popular colors, soft cuffs, coat style; sizes 14 to 17. Sale price -----\$1.45

Men's \$3.50 Shirts of silk stripe woven madras, beautiful patterns, unusual color combinations, superbly tailored, perfect fitting shirts; sizes 14 to 17. Sale price only -----\$1.95

UNDERWEAR

Men's \$2.00 Shirts and Drawers of fine wool and cotton mixed; white, jersey ribbed, form-fitting garments; very soft and warm. Sale price -----95c

Men's \$2.00 Union Suits of extra quality ribbed cotton, heavy weight, ecru color, well made, perfect fitting suits; sizes 36 to 46. Sale price -----\$1.45

Men's \$4.00 Union Suits, heavy ribbed wool and cotton; soft, warm, nonshrinkable suits; recommended for unexcelled service; sizes 36 to 46. Sale price -----\$2.95

BOYS' CLOTHING

Boys' \$12.00 Corduroy Suits in blue and brown washable corduroy; Oliver, middy and Norfolk styles, two pair of pants; ages 6 to 17. Very special at -----\$9.85

Boys' \$17.50 and \$20 Two-Pants Suits, beautiful, fancy, all-wool cassimeres in grays, browns and heather mixtures; attractive models; both knicker pants full lined; ages 6 to 18 years; on sale Wednesday and all week at -----\$9.85

Boys' \$8.75 Overcoats in gray, brown, and fancy mixtures; buttoned to the neck, quilted lined, dressy models in ages 3 to 9 years, at \$5.75

Gossard CORSETS

\$3.75 Pink Corsets ---\$2.50
\$4.00 Pink Corsets ---\$2.75

For This Sale Only. Will be \$1.50 higher when the sale is over, as these are all listed price Corsets.

Here Are Clearance Sale Bargains that Defy All Competition

DRESS GOODS

\$4.00 54-in. all-wool "Poir-et"—Clearance Sale price is only, yard -----\$1.89

\$3.75 54-in. all-wool Brown Basket Coating—Sale price yard -----\$1.29

\$2.75 54-in. all-wool Serge—Sale price, yard ---\$1.75

\$3.50 60-in. all-wool Navy Cheviot—Clearance sale price, yard -----\$1.19

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WOMEN'S HOSIERY

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Women's Full-Fashioned Thread Silk Stockings with mercerized lisle flare top and garter hem; lisle feet with double soles, heels and toes; specially priced for Wednesday at, per pair -----\$1.25
Women's Black Silk Stockings, semi-fashioned, seam back, elastic lisle garter tops; double lisle heels and toes; Wednesday's special price, per pair -----\$1.00

MEN'S SUITS AND O'COATS

\$25 and \$30 values in one huge lot,—\$17.75
These are all good styles and serviceable garments, the very models men and young men want, but we have grouped them together in this one huge lot to create a great sensation in the Clearance Sale. At \$25 and \$30 the values were wonderful. At \$17.75 the values are nothing short of being marvelous.

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Every desirable shoe, in all popular leathers and colors included; all sizes.

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Hundreds of pairs of extra quality black and brown leather, in smart shoe, pump and oxford styles; all sizes and widths.

EXTRA! WOMEN'S COATS AND DRESSES

Made to Sell at \$15 and \$25, Clearance Sale price—\$9.98

Coats are full length, belted styles of kersey cloth, with self collars, dark colors only. Dresses are embroidered and silk braid trimmed, stylish straight line models of good quality serge. You could not buy the material alone at the sale price.

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