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THE spirit of coercion, it appears to us, has taken possession of many people to such an extent that their efforts to improve moral and social conditions lose much of their strength in the bitter antagonisms they invoke. There is continual harping about enforcement of the laws and denunciation of those who violate them. The idea of persuasion has been entirely forgotten. Seldom hear we of movements to persuade men to do right. On the other hand compulsion is uppermost in the minds of those who are continually agitating reforms. The evil doings of others are heralded to the world and the authorities are blamed. The object of this course is not apparent. It enrages those who violate the laws and drives them to a desperation and antagonism, which result in more flagrant violations. It vexes the officers to be thus constantly criticized and is without good effect. It certainly does not stimulate them to better effort in the discharge of their duties, but to the contrary it drives them to their work like a hen-pecked husband. Instead of an encouragement and a strength to them it has a demoralizing effect. Again, in this connection never hear we commendation of the officers for the good deeds they do. They receive no praise, whatever, but are always subjects for fault-finders. No spirit of generosity or liberality is shown toward them. And again, we venture to say, and believe we can substantiate the declaration, that there is not a single citizen in Clarksburg, who does not violate some law. It may be a trifle but it is a violation nevertheless. This being true it would be the proper thing and an exhibition of earnestness and sincerity for all who are so punctilious about the keeping of the laws to carefully refrain from even the slightest and most insignificant violation themselves. They ought to set an example. Having done this let them then not overlook the fact that the important feature of the end they desire attained is the good behavior of the people. With that attained there will be no necessity for the enforcement of the laws by the officers for the reason that they are obeyed by the people. Harsh measures are found necessary at times but persuasive ones are usually much more effective. Men are much more easily led than driven. A great deal of strife and bitter feeling has been engendered by the agitation indulged in here the past several months. Many harsh things have been uttered. In many instances unwarranted charges have been made and the characters of innocent people have been blackened and in some instances maliciously and for selfish purposes. The patriotism of the people has been disturbed. The spirit of common interest has been weakened. The get-and-work-together spirit has been checked. There is not so much ardor in bidding up the city. There can

not be progressiveness so long as these conditions keep up. We can not continually war among ourselves and survive. There must be a change, if we would advance. What ought to be the nature and character of that change? is a pertinent question for the careful consideration of every one. May we be permitted to suggest that less force and more persuasiveness be tried? Discard the habit of criticizing the officers and co-operate with them. Let those who know of the commission of crime lend a hand in its suppression. Last but not least let there be a healthy, earnest campaign of example and persuasion.

AN ADVANCE step was taken when the city established a fire department, but its mere establishment does not complete the work or fill the necessity. Constant improvements should be made. Among these is an alarm system. Another is a hook and ladder company properly and modernly equipped. A general alarm appears to be a necessity, since the department is not as large as is required to fight a big fire successfully. It is found necessary to have volunteer firemen and these must come from the citizens. But if they are not apprised of the fact that there is a fire, they are not upon the scene, and, as a consequence, there can not be volunteers. There are many things in connection with the department the city council would do well to give its attention to. The department, as it is now conducted, does excellent work and gives good satisfaction, but the council should provide it with means to do still better service. It can not be too efficient.

THE gas companies of this city are probably aware of the fact that the fuel for glass and other factories in the Indiana gas belt is almost exhausted. Being thus apprised, it is not out of order for this paper to suggest that these companies put forth an extra effort to get these factories to locate here. That would mean a market for the product of the gas companies and would augment the industrial activity of this section. If we would have more of these industries, it is high time we are up and doing. Get together, gentlemen, and bring more factories to Clarksburg. Increase the weekly and monthly pay-rolls and business will increase too. The first of the year is at hand. May there be determined and united effort to advance every interest and may our industrial and commercial strides be longer and stronger than in any twelve months of our history.

REFORM candidates ought not to use the saloons and dice to further their political interests. It is an evidence of hypocrisy. The people are too wise these days to be deceived all the time.

A SALOON is not an appropriate place for a reform candidate to open his campaign.

THE people have about come to the conclusion that certain reform candidates should first reform themselves before they agitate other reformation.

Death of Infant

A son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawman, residing near the Fair grounds, died Saturday evening and was buried at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the F. O. F. cemetery. It was only a few hours old.

Painter, Paper Hanger

Come to Life.
We are still under Hendrickson's store but not a part of the foundation, but painting, papering and painting signs. With a full corps of sober men we are prepared to do all work at short notice and up-to-date style. Give us a call and let us figure with you. We will save you money.

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Amusements

"Gypsy Jack," Jan. 23

Despite the apparent sway of farce comedy and "show girl" performances, the old-fashioned melodrama still claims its devoted adherents. That this is so, without a doubt, is practically proven by the unstinted success which has greeted Willis Granger during his present tour with "Gypsy Jack." Not only is Manager Edward C. White highly pleased with the reception which has greeted his new star, but the latter has, by his intrinsic worth as a melo-dramatic actor, proven his fitness for the role of the gypsy boy, which is the leading character in the production.

Miss Katherine Willard is adding new laurels to her reputation by her rendition of "Aria" in the emotional drama, "The Power Behind the Throne." Miss Willard has proved her ability and exceptional talents in the production, so much so that her tour is one continuous ovation. Nothing is lacking in scenic effect, stage mechanism or costuming to keep "The Power Behind the Throne" up to the topmost standard, while the star's support "play up to her" with admirable skill.

The Tide of Life

Effingham, Ill., Nov. 7, 1902.
"The Tide of Life" played my house on November 7, to a big house and gave entire satisfaction. The company is a well selected one and the scenery and electrical effects extraordinary. The specialties far surpass any presented here so far this season.
EDWARD AUSTIN,
Manager Opera House,
Edwardsville, Ill

Return of a Great Production.

A pastoral, natural drama, flavored with the local color of Tennessee life, describes "A Romance of Coon Hollow," which has been one of the substantial triumphs of the last eight seasons. This success is due to the magnificent scenic effects, among which are a realistic steamboat race between R. E. Lee and Natchez, and a cotton press in actual operation. But the play meets favor on worthier grounds. It is splendidly constructed, the characters are flesh and blood being the plot is dramatic and interesting, and the humor genuinely funny. The electrical effects, showing a night in a southern country place, are novel and pretty. A "red hot" troupe of darkey male and female plantation dancers, and an excellent vocal quartette, add volume to the entertainment. "Coon Hollow" will be seen at Grand Opera House, one night, Tuesday, December 30

Astonishing Memory.

Horace Vernet is the best example of visual memory. He could paint a striking portrait of a man, life size, after having once looked at his model. Mozart had a great musical memory. Having heard twice the "Miserere" in the Sistine chapel, he wrote down the full score of it. There are soloists who during twenty-four hours can play the composition of other masters without ever skipping a note.

A Difference.

"Actors are not much like ships," remarked Hamlett Egg thoughtfully. "Why this observation?" inquired Brutus De Trick. "Well," answered Egg, "ships are sometimes stranded on the rocks. Actors are stranded because of a lack of rocks."—New York Times.

Parental Discipline.

Nervous Parent—Stop that! Haven't I told you the last fifty times I had to correct you for that I wouldn't speak to you again about it?—Los Angeles Herald.

By a series of elaborate experiments a scientist has come to the conclusion that bees are not so intelligent as house flies.

Appreciative.

A housekeeper who has been employing a colored washerwoman for several months was surprised to see her appear last week in a hat trimmed heavily with crapes. "Why, Julia," she asked, "is any of your family dead?" "No, no," was the reply, "but one of my best customers gave me this hat, and I didn't want her to think I don't prelate nothing!"

VICARIOUS RESTITUTION.

The Preacher Got the Hens and the Decees Was Revoked.

Not long since a respectable colored preacher, who was noted for his ability to "cut out" people from the pulpit, was hurling thunderbolts of invective against his congregation because of a great wave of lying and stealing that was sweeping over the city. Among other things, he said: "No longer'n las' night some one come an' stole de las' two chickens dat me an' mah ole 'oman had. I b'lieves de thief is in dis house right now, an' I hereby countersigns him to evahlastin' punishment. De nigger dat stole dem chickens is a-gwinter burn fur it sho. Yo' hyeah me? De 'cree has gone forth!"

Next morning a colored man with two fine hens came up to the preacher's door. He said: "Parson, hyeah's yo' chickens." "No, sah," said the preacher, eying the chickens closely, "dese ain't mah chickens." "I knows dey ain't peractly yo'wn," explained the parishioner, "but dese is to tek de place of yo'wn. Yo' chickens wuz et up 'fo' de 'cree went forth, an' las' night after I went to bed my conscience hurt me so tell I had to git up an' go ova to Marse Bob's house an' git two mo' chickens. Parson, do tek dese chickens, an' fur de Lavd's sake tek dat 'cree back too."—Lippincott's.

English Deer Hunting.

The running of the deer begins in November, and it is said they often take as keen an interest in the hunt as their pursuers. The hounds are never allowed to kill them, and the same ones are often run for several successive years. Twenty-five of the heifers and does are selected for the season's sport, and two are usually run in a week. The one chosen for the day is drawn in a queer looking two wheeled covered cart to the appointed place. The back of the cart is lowered until it is level with the ground. When the door is opened, the deer steps out, sniffs the air, with his head up, and takes a sweeping glance around before he is away like a shot. He is given five minutes "law" while the well trained hounds and horses stand tremblingly impatient to be off in pursuit. The old English staghounds have become extinct, and foxhounds, bred for the purpose of the chase, have succeeded them. So fleet are they that the horses become jaded in their efforts to keep up with them.—Century.

London Church Curiosities.

In St. Dionis, in Fenchurch street, there are four monster sringes, which were at one time the only form of fire-brigade appliances in London. The celebrated golden tombstone in St. Katharine's Bagen's park, is very well known. It is a tombstone, or rather, a small slab of pure gold, surrounded by an oak frame. Many people are unaware that the body of Nell Gwynn reposes in a vault in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and a still larger number of persons are ignorant of the fact that beneath the same church there is still in existence the old parish whipping post. Beneath St. Etheldreda's church, in Ely place, is the only subterranean place of worship in London. It is a completely furnished chapel with sitting accommodations for 200 people. St. Etheldreda's is the oldest Roman Catholic church in England.

Needed a Rest.

"Rest is not quitting the busy career," says the poet. The truth of the saying was impressed on an Arkansas family by Lulu, their colored cook. She was fat, lazy and "notional," says Harper's Magazine, but her cooking was perfect, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawton ignored her whims and reduced her work to minimum.

Good cooks were so hard to get that the question of adding a feather's weight to Lulu's duties was discussed in a subdued whisper. One day Lulu resigned her position.

"Why, Lulu," asked Mrs. Lawton, "what is the matter? Is the work too hard for you?" "Well, ma'am," replied Lulu, "I'm all tired out. I'm going home and take in washing and rest up."

An Ancient Greek Relic.

As a memorial of their victory in their final and desperate struggle at Salamis to hurl back the invading east, the ancient Greeks made a tripod from the golden cups of the Persians' armor, and the bronze of their soldiers' armor. It bore on its sides the names of every city whose soldiers fought and fell in the supreme moment of a nation's life. That tripod still exists at Constantinople, a national relic which has endured longer than the states whose deeds it consecrated.

Quite Prosaic.

Mr. Farwest—I met my old schoolmate, Lakeside, today, for the first time in an age, and I thought from the way he acted when I mentioned you that you and he must have had some romance or other before we met.

Mrs. Farwest—No romance about it. We were married for a few years; that's all.—New York Weekly.

Short Method.

Caller—Mr. Sharpe, I have come to ask your advice as to the quickest way to be relieved from my debts? Lawyer (thinking for a moment of something else)—Pay them.—Chicago Tribune.

She Had Him.

He—Carrie, I believe you think I'm a fool. She—And yet you say I'm always in the wrong.—Boston Transcript.

Among the curios of Windsor castle is a chair made out of the trunk of the famous elm by which Wellington stood at the battle of Waterloo.

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FOR SALE—The building on corner of 3d and Pike streets now occupied by the Clarksburg Produce Company. Must be removed by January 1st so work may be commenced on the new building. A great bargain. Call on or address W. Mason, Chapel street Home Phone. dec19-26.

LOST—On Main street, a lace collar in envelope from Boughner & Sons. Reward if returned to this office. 24-2f

WANTED—Tailoress, or girl who has worked at the trade. P. O. box, 181. dec 26-3f

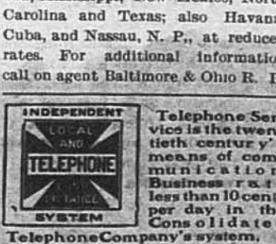
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FOR RENT—A desirable house on Locust street, near Chestnut, newly papered and in good condition—eight rooms and bath room and cellar. Apply to Homer D. Boughner, 402 Main street. dec 26-3f

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