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EDITORIAL

KEEP THE PREMISES CLEAN.

The old style of what was called Queen Anne fronts and Mary Jane backs in architecture has passed away, but too often is it still the case that all the ornament and beauty appears on the front of the house and the front premises, while the rear of the house is bare with the backyard given over to old cans, bottles, boots, and shoes, and other rubbish to offend both the eye and the nostril.

And it is just here for esthetic and sanitary reasons the utmost vigilance should be displayed. Most people are proud of their front lawns and gardens, but they do not "point with pride" to the back yard with its unsightly conglomeration. Yet such premises are not only unattractive but form a breeding place for vermin and disease.

All manner of evils and with good reason, are charged up against flies, rats and mosquitoes. They are carriers of typhoid germs and other diseases, yet oftentimes people who keep their homes spotlessly clean and who take pride in well trimmed shrubs and mown lawns will allow rubbish to accumulate behind the house or in the alley where flies and vermin luxuriate to spread their deadly work.

The substitution of oil for coal on ocean-going steamers promises to be years. It is said that no serious disadvantage, as against coal, is to be come quite general within a few found in the use of oil, while it prevents very many advantages, among them being cleanliness, economy of fuel and space, thus allowing more room for cargo and passengers, in the ease with which the ships can take on their supply of fuel, and in the automatic feeding of the oil to the burners which does away with the heavy expense and hard work of stoking coal fires. On the Clyde in Scotland a 5000 ton vessel is now being built which will in effect be a motor boat. There will be no funnels, boilers nor coal bunkers. The engines can be started in five minutes instead of fifteen hours necessary to raise steam with boilers, and it is estimated that 100 tons of oil will carry the boat as far as 300 tons of coal. These improvements, if realized, will add greatly to the comfort, convenience and speed of ocean travel.

There is a renewed talk of the three Scandinavian nations forming a union or confederation. It would be a good thing, and good policy would seem to demand it in view of the enormous strength of the adjoining nations. Each Scandinavian nation standing alone has no chance against a strong, aggressive power, as Denmark learned to her cost in the war with Prussia in 1863 over Schleswig-Holstein. But Denmark, Sweden and Norway would present a formidable front to an enemy. With the feeling caused by the separation of Norway from Sweden happily subsided, and with the close ties of race, religion, language and customs, to say nothing of the sense of self preservation, distinguishing the three countries such a union or alliance ought to be easily reached.

Some things must always be taken for granted. Some of them are—that when a train in motion meets with an accident it is always going a "mile a minute;" that "the woman in the case" is always pretty, beautiful or attractive; that when a man is rescued from drowning it is just as he is going down for the last time; that when castaway parties attempt to light a fire every match but the last fails to ignite; that the man who takes the other side in a controversy is wrong; that the prominent violators of the law are innocent; that important witnesses in great corporation and other trials suffer from imperfect memory, and that wealthy criminals are insane until they are acquitted, when they recover their sanity miraculously.

Ministers in France are usually short lived and that of M. Monis will probably be no exception. They begin office with a vote of confidence

carried by an overwhelming majority, and they leave office after a short experience because of a vote of what practically amounts to no confidence. This is bound to be the case when the deputies are split up into a number of groups instead of being concentrated into two large opposing parties. Fortunately the nation is so attached to a republican form of government that no serious effects are likely to follow the repeated rising and falling of ministers.

A banker very recently paroled from prison after serving a penitentiary term of several years, says that his health improved in prison, and he ascribed it to plain, wholesome food and regular hours. This leads to the reflection that if many people who now suffer the consequences of too much wining and dining and late hours would but curb their appetite, take simple food, and go to bed at seasonable hours they would enjoy the great blessing of good health. But some people are so foolish that they require a term in prison to make them do it.

For years Abe Ruef of San Francisco has tried every expedient to keep from going to prison, and with some success. He seems to have reached the point where he is shown in all this is characteristic of what evil men will do to gain their end. If good men in the furtherance of their ends would more often show similar enterprise and persistency civic and other righteousness would make greater progress.

For the past two or three years nothing has been heard of the bugler that sounded the charge of Balaclava. Previous to that time his death was recorded regularly about every six months, and his bugle was kept simultaneously and sacredly in about half a dozen different places several hundreds of thousands of miles from each other. Is the bugler really dead at last?

Ideas of character are not always as broad and high and positive as they might be. The man who limits himself to abstaining from falsehood, dishonesty and violation of law is content with a negative character. What is needed in addition to abstinence from wrong doing is a positive right doing revealing itself in a broad, active, generous attitude towards others.

The exit of so many prominent senators and representatives from Congress will not cause the heavens to fall. However notable any man may be he is not essential to the continuance of government or national life. Men may come and men may go, but the nation survives and government continues to perform its functions.

The undecided man, the man without a real purpose in life is like the character of whom it was said that "he was everything by turns, but nothing long." It is the decided, purposeful man who has an aim and keeps to it through weal or woe who wins out.

The age of selfish monopolies of all kinds is bound to pass as the result of the increasing sense of justice, right, and human brotherhood.

Recent events have caused a great searching of heart with many politicians and a purer political atmosphere may now be expected.

Don't get soured in life. It never does good but does do lots of harm. Sunshine and sweetness are needed everywhere.

Most slang terms are unnecessary and inelegant. To use words in season and out of season destroys their force and meaning.

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WAVERLY.

W. A. Schurman left Friday night for Montana where he has accepted a position as manager of a lumber yard for a large concern in the west.

Mrs. Dave Jellis arrived home last Thursday from a visit with her parents and brothers in Middlesboro, Ky., and Jellicoe, Tenn.

Miss Mabel Lonsberry spent a part of last week in Watertown. Sunday evening about 60 friends surprised Miss Lonsberry. She expects to move to Watertown in the near future.

Miss Julia Ginsbach, Ruby Jellis and Nick Kleir were home visitors over Sunday.

Miss Rose Marsh has returned to her studies at the business college and Miss Maggie Marsh has returned

to her claim at Lemmon, being called home by the sad death of their sister.

KRANZBURG.

John Fischer was visiting with John B. Fox Tuesday.

Max Klein was visiting with his aunt Mrs. Roeder the past week.

Ike Calvert left for Mason City, Iowa, where he will visit with relatives for a while.

Joe Fox was a business transactor in the live city Friday.

John P. Ries was a Watertown passenger Monday night.

A party of young folks gathered at the home of Joe Ruhr one evening this week. The evening was passed in playing cards and a good time was reported.

John Nil of the live city was in the burg Tuesday.

Mike Lentgen was visiting with his sister Mrs. Nick Anders Tuesday.

Katie Lindner of the live city was in the burg Sunday.

Mrs. John B. Fox who has been very ill is recovering slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haan called on Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fox Sunday.