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WATERSON ON PROHIBITION. "Moral Idiots and Red-Nosed Angels." He Calls "Dry" Advocates.

It is worth the while of every reader to know what manner of fight the Louisville Courier-Journal is making against prohibition in Kentucky.

The disposition to question the motives of those who are not of our way of thinking in matters of faith, political and religious, seems an inherent failing of frail humanity.

The ready revolver in a somewhat unusual role played the star part in a tragedy on a Seattle streetcar yesterday.

A WORK OF SUPEREROGATION. Again the question as to what shall be done with our ex-Presidents has been brought to the attention of Congress.

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