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## The Temperance Revival.

A great temperance revival is now sweeping over this continent, enlisting the best efforts of the temperance people everywhere. The few but staunch laborers in the vineyard of temperance, who have been laboring patiently and devotedly, with so little to cheer their hopes or revive and keep alive their devotion in the cause, have once again donned their armor, and with fresh courage and a new zeal are again, with redoubled effort, renewing the warfare against the great vice of intemperance. The people, from every quarter, are crying out against the injustice and wickedness of a traffic that has such a baneful influence upon society—a traffic that destroys soul and body, and has not one redeeming quality.

Everywhere the city and county authorities have been appealed to by the people to discontinue legalizing this traffic; and now the people of this great nation are besieging Congress to give this matter earnest and careful attention. Seeing that the people are in earnest in this matter, and that some action is demanded, a bill has been introduced into the Senate of the United States, the object of which is to create a Commission to investigate and report concerning the effects produced by the use of distilled or spirituous liquors, as distinguished from those produced by the use of fermented or malt liquors. This much at least has been gained by the agitation in the cause of temperance—an admission that intemperance is so great an evil that it calls for a Commission, composed of the foremost men in the land, to scientifically investigate and report facts—facts based upon deep and profound scientific research, and authenticated by such a weight of authority as shall command assent and induce conviction. There is no logic that satisfies reason which is not based upon facts, and the most fervid eloquence fails to decisively influence the judgment when not backed up by statistics. Once satisfy men by plain, unvarnished, incontrovertible facts, that a certain course is ruinous, and the great majority will avoid that course. We hail this movement as one step in the great reform that is dawning upon our country.

The Senate bill creating this Commission, instructs it to inquire into the "economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspects" of the liquor traffic in connection with crime, pauperism and the public health. It is further instructed to take testimony "as to the practical results of license, and restrictive legislation for the prevention of intemperance, in the several States" where these methods have been tried. We hope this Commission will faithfully and earnestly perform the duty imposed upon it, and shall anxiously await the report of their investigations.

It is said that of the fourteen precincts in Benton county but four held Democratic primaries, and the aggregate vote of the four was less than thirty. The Republicans did much better polling an aggregate vote of seventy odd.

## Woman to the Front.

The Republican Convention of Lane county, which convened at Eugene City last Saturday, among other excellent nominations, for the office of County School Superintendent placed in nominations Miss Ella Sabin, an accomplished lady, who is probably as well qualified for the position as any person in the county. Miss Ella is not only accomplished, "smart as chain lightning," to use a common expression, but she possesses a most attractive appearance and winning manners. Of course Miss Ella will walk over the track, for no matter who is pitted against her, he'll have about as much show of an election as a feline is supposed to have in that sulphur-heated region, so often spoken of, without those prehensile toe-nails that are so valuable to it in other situations. Hurrah for Miss Ella, and for the good sense of the Lane county Republicans in placing her in nomination. Now let the State Republican Convention place a handsome and accomplished lady on the ticket as the candidate for State Superintendent of public instruction, and our cup of joy will be full to overflowing. The millennium is upon us—Ror!

## A New Phase of Temperance Reform.

A new and peculiar phase of associated temperance reform is reported from Sweden. The workmen of that country, among whom drunkenness in the past has been fearfully prevalent, have organized leagues among themselves for the restriction of this vice. No married man, by their rules, is permitted to even enter a public house, although he may keep and moderately indulge from his own private bottle of brandy at home. Bachelors are allowed to enter public houses, as they are supposed not to have houses where they can keep a private bottle, but are allowed to order but one glass of liquor with their meals. But neither the married man or the bachelor is allowed, under the penalty of a heavy fine, to "stand treat" or "set 'em up for the boys." These rules are intended to cut off the ruinous temptations of social drinking, and are made especially stringent in their application to married men, as their disobedience would not only affect them but their wives and their little ones. Very few men, comparatively, are so small-souled and mean as to get mischievously drunk alone. Boon companions are much more dangerous to the man of weak resolution than the mere temptations of the bottle. Therefore it would seem that the Swedish system is not without its benefits, and its adoption might prove beneficial here where the practice of "treating" and being treated prevails to such an alarming extent.

An enthused theologian, calling himself Dr. Wright, has started a new Biblical theory, namely: that the colored citizen of African descent did not descend from Adam and Eve, and cannot trace his lineage to Ham, the son of Admiral Noah. On the contrary, the progenitor of the negro was a distinct creation, being in fact the "serpent" that tempted Eve to sin. Dr. Wright proposes to demonstrate that such is the case, and he seems to imagine that the world is going to take a profound interest in his theory. But we don't see how it is going to affect the present status of the colored citizen or the Fifteenth Amendment.

## Facts for Voters.

MR. EDITOR:—The following extracts from a letter just received from Baker City, may be of interest to the taxpayers of Oregon:

"Times were quite lively in Albany, were they not, during the Democratic Convention? Possibly you saw some of our Baker City people. Several went down—J. M. Shepherd, Esq., formerly of Albany, A. H. Brown, and others. The last named gentleman is said to be one of our best citizens; in fact he is a church member, and is supposed to be an honorable and Christian gentleman. Has an excellent family. If I could stop here I would prefer; but I must continue my story, that you may have some idea of our people. Mr. Brown is a merchant, and in his store you will find a barrel of liquor, free to his customers. On the receipt of the news of his nomination for State Treasurer, the people (Democrats) were happy—"hurrah for Brown!" A hundred guns were fired; speeches were made; saloon doors were thrown open to all; whisky was free (at Brown's expense). Our banker and other prominent men led the crowd from one saloon to another, till they had all the cigars and whisky they could carry. Among them were quite a number of boys, from fifteen to twenty years of age, drunk, some of them for the first time; middle-aged men were drunk; gray-haired men were drunk—all revelled together in the same cesspool of whisky and blackguardism."

Now Mr. Editor, I ask if this Mr. Brown would be a safe man to trust with the finances of the State of Oregon. For my own part I am utterly opposed to entrusting any man with office who is a dealer in or user of whisky in any shape whatever. Let us put sober, honest men in office, and then, and not till then; need we look for the burden of taxation to be lightened. J.

The people demand as with one voice, the repeal of the infamous litigant act, and the defeat of all those now asking office at their hands, who have grown fat off the money filched from their pockets through its operations. They demand the repeal of the Portland Police Bill, kept in force over an unwilling people by a cowardly, time-serving Governor. They demand the repeal of all laws increasing the salaries of State officers, contrary and in the face of the State Constitution.

Wm. P. Pugh now comes to the front and refuses to stay put as the Democratic candidate for County Surveyor of Marion county. This is the third Democratic nominee in Marion that has declined to allow his name to be used by the party as a candidate for office: Let the Democratic managers, Bill Watkins, Grover & Co., now advertise for sealed proposals to furnish a county ticket composed of bedrockers who will stay on the ticket until its defeat is announced in June.

A telegram dated London, March 31st, says a message to the Times says the steamship Nile was lost on her voyage from Hongkong to Yokohama, and all her passengers drowned. Among them were the Japanese Commissioners to the Vienna Exhibition. Hongkong dispatches say the number drowned on the steamer Nile was eighty.

Secretary Richardson has privately intimated his purpose to soon retire from the U. S. Treasury.

The bark Spirit of the Dawn, from Portland, Oregon, arrived in Liverpool, March 29th.

Greathouse, the missing miller of Silverton, has been heard from at San Francisco.

Silver bearing quartz has been discovered near Lewis river, about 25 miles northeast of Vancouver.

During the month of March, thirty-one persons were examined in San Francisco for insanity, twelve of whom were women.

One of the first planks in the Republican platform must be a plain, unequivocal and outspoken one against the purchase of the locks by the State. This is a matter upon which the people will allow of no equivocation. The State wants nothing to do with the locks, and are not willing to be taxed one dollar more for their purchase; and no man can be elected to office who takes the opposite view.

Senator Kelly writes from Washington as follows: "I have had several interviews with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in relation to what is known as the Wallowa Indian Reservation to the people of Union and Baker counties, to have that valley set apart for renegade and dissatisfied Indians merely for a summer resort. The Commissioner seemed to be impressed with the same idea, and has very strongly intimated that Joseph's band of Nez Percés would be compelled to remain on the Nez Perce reservation, and not hereafter be permitted to molest settlers. I understand Mr. Kimball is opposed to having the Wallowa valley set apart for any such purposes as the Superintendent recommended, and thinks that Joseph and his band ought to be compelled to go on the Nez Perce reservation, where they probably belong."

W. A. Owen, who arrived in Jacksonville from Elk creek last week, brings news of a fatal accident which resulted in the death of Hi, Abbott. It seems that Hi and Al Winkle were engaged in dispatching a panther about 10 o'clock P. M. of the 23d, which had been treed by the dogs. Abbott had shot the animal, which fell among the dogs and was punishing them severely. Abbott went to their relief and was getting the worst of it, when he dropped his gun to grasp his knife for better warfare. The gun was cocked, and in falling went off, accidentally shooting Hi. He called to Winkle that he had been shot, and told him to save the hounds. These were the last words he uttered, for when, after killing the panther, Winkle went to assist him, he found him dead, shot through the body.

A fire at Millerstown, Pa., began in the Central Hotel, in which seven persons lost their lives. A girl jumped from the third story window and was fearfully injured. Sixty-nine buildings were burned, including the Central and Hanlon houses, the Opera House, Reed and Durant's hardware store, Clink's hotel and two other buildings on the west side of Main street, Butte & Co.'s Bank, Express office, and Millerstown Savings Bank. More persons are supposed to have lost their lives, but seven bodies have been recovered.

The daily stage between Santa Cruz and San Jose was stopped by a single highwayman on the 1st, and the passengers, four men and two ladies, robbed of about fifty dollars.

## PARAGRAPHS.

Weather splendid.  
Court still in session.  
Health of the city good.  
School election on Monday.  
Plowing is the order of the day with farmers.  
Prof. Garrison went to Eugene on Thursday.  
REGISTER for the campaign only 75 cents.  
See advertisement of White Prince, the Percheron stallion.  
Jo Liggett's meat shop is finished and occupied.  
The game law went into force on the 1st.  
Don't forget the school election on Monday.  
Grover speaks his little piece at Scio to-day.  
Dog skin gloves are the latest style—to be had at Harper's.  
New goods for Harper & Co. are beginning to arrive.  
Croquet has assumed its most virulent form.  
John W. Brunner has been convicted of grand larceny, and will enter the penitentiary soon.  
Circuit Court will probably last until the middle or latter part of the coming week.  
The Court House has been secured for Rev. McAllister, Universalist, to-morrow.

Wm. Rumbaugh will put up a building on corner of Fourth and Baker streets, for a broom factory.

There are forty bridges and nineteen gates on the Canal, between this city and Lebanon.

The temperance revival still continues, the meetings each evening being well attended.

Wm. Poe, of this county, convicted of incest with his own daughter, will be sentenced to-day, probably.

Dave Thompson has been suffering with a swelled head, &c., effects of of pison oak, but is doing well at the present writing.

On Tuesday night the temperance meeting at the Opera House was addressed by Judge Powell, Elder Bishop and Father Harmon.

Mr. Carter, of Lebanon, left this city on Thursday for the Ochoco country via the Dalles. We hope the Indians won't get him.

We believe all the prisoners in our county jail have had a hearing, been convicted, and will soon commence an apprenticeship with Watkins.

The marriage ceremony is to be said over two young and handsome citizens hereabouts, on the 25th. Guess who it is!

Hardin Dawson, on trial in the Circuit Court during the week, charged with rape on the person of his half-sister, now Mrs. Delia Backus, was found guilty of incest.

Court adjourned Wednesday at noon until Friday at 1 o'clock P. M., to enable Judge Bouham to attend the funeral services of his sister-in-law at Salem on Friday.

Probably in the case of Dickens a new Grand Jury will be empaneled, and if indicted he will be tried at the present term of Court.

The District school will open on the 13th inst., with T. J. Stiles as Principal, J. K. Kitchen and Mrs. Mansfield, assistants.

Baum has sold about two hundred calico dresses since the arrival of his new goods, and still there is call for more. Oh, no! our folks ain't going to the ball, neither!

Joseph Shertz, on trial for the killing of Van Emerson, at Sweet Home, some months ago, was found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon, and sentenced to one year in the State Penitentiary.

The Grand Jury found an indictment for bigamy against Bob Constable, March 27th. On Sunday, Deputy Sheriff Parker started for Jackson county, where he arrested Constable, and returning, reached this city on Thursday.

At the temperance meeting on Wednesday evening, a committee consisting of five ladies and an equal number of gentlemen, were appointed to form a permanent temperance organization, said committee to report as soon as practicable.