NOT QUESTION OF PINTS OR QUARTS

Ministers Object to Use of Beer at Students' "Smokers" at Institute of Technology.

A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE

Deplore Step Which Seeks to Establish Among Students Beer Drinking Habits of German Universities.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Recent reports of the inauguration of "Kommers" at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, having aroused the clergymen of various denominations, the matter was considered formally by Baptist, Methodist and Congregationalist ministers. At the Methodist preachers meeting, Rev. Dr. W. T. Worth, of Auburndale, reported for the investigating committee saying that Dr. Pritchett, the president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, wrote the committee a letter in which he said the amount of beer drank at the "Student Smoker" was only 56 pints for 97 men, and that he allowed gatherings of classes on the property of the institution, where a simple lunch was furnished, to have a moderate amount of beer, rather than have the students meet at hotels and restaurants. The investigating committee declares that it is not a question of pints and quarts but a question of principle. Resolutions were adopted by this body and somewhat similar ones presented by Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon at the Baptist meeting, deploring the step taken which seeks to establish among students the beer drinking habits of German university life." A resolution offered at the Congregationalist ministers' meeting was tabled and President Pritchett invited to address that body next Monday on the students problem.

BIG PRUNE SALE.

Two Hundred Carloads Sold to J. K. Armsby Company.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 24.—The California Cured Fruit Association has just sold 200 carloads of prunes to the J. K. Armsby Company. This in connection with the brisk sales of the past 10 days leaves not more than 100 carloads of last year's crop and a very limited supply of this year's pack in the association's warehouses. It is stated that the balance of the crop will be disposed of within 30 days.

$30,000 GIFT.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Yale University has received a gift of $30,000 from Robert K. Smith, Melessia A. Smith and Ernest W. Smith, of New York, to carry out the intention of the late Rev. Edward A. Smith, Yale, 1856, formerly a member of the corporation of the university to esablish a fund in memory of his father, the late Isaac E. Smith, of New York. The income of the fund is to be applied to the current expense of the academical department.

OIL FOR FUEL FOR LOCOMOTIVES.

One of the railroads on the Pacific coast has been experimenting with oil as fuel for their locomotives in place of coal, and if it proves a success will be adopted. While there may be some doubt as to the success of this new fuel, there is none concerning the curative value of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has been given a thorough trial during the past fifty years and has never disappointed any sufferer from dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation or biliousness who has given it a fair trial. What it has done for others in the past it will certainly do for you now. Try a bottle and you will be convinced. The genuine has our private die stamp over the neck of the bottle.

PUPILS PRESENT PLAY.

Interesting Feature of Adair School Christmas Exercises.

The entertainment given Monday evening by the pupils of Adair school was a splendid success in every way, and reflected great credit on teachers and pupils alike. The assembly hall was crowded to the doors when the curtain rose for the first act. The piece presented was a children's comedy in three acts, entitled, "The Widow Mullins' Christmas," and to say that the large gathering of patrons of the school was pleased with the efforts of the children is putting it very mildly.

The first act represented the study room of two well-to-do boy students, Guy and Swy Millington, who planed to surprise the Widow Mullins, a good woman of the neighborhood, who was troubled in more than one way by the care of thirteen children. The boys plan to dress up as Santa Claus, come down the chimney of the widow's home, loaded with good things for the children, and thus enliven the widow's Christmas.

The second act represented the widow's cottage, the children making ready for school, and was replete with laughable incidents and enlivened by a number of pretty songs and recitations. The widow's overgrown son, Peter, always hungry, was a laugh to look at him and a source of great amusement to the audience. The third act represented the widow's cottage on Christmas eve, the children engaged in playing games, popping corn, etc., and the widow telling the time-honored story of Santa Claus. The children retiring and the oldest daughter falling asleep while rocking the baby, a chorus of pretty little fairies appears and heralds the advent of Santa Claus, who soon appears from the chimney place, accompanied by his assistant, Zero. The children, in returning to hang up their stockings, catch the old fellow and a merry time follows, in which the children receive their presents.

The little play was very well presented and the pupils are to be congratulated on the success of their entertainment. The cast of characters was as follows:

Guy Millington, Student and Santa Claus	Morris Adair
Swy Millington, his Younger Brother	Victor Agren
Widow Mullins	Clara Larson
Mary Ann Mullins	Martha Paldanius
Sarah Ann Mullins	Eva Mellbohm
Maria Louise Mullins	Mamie Wilson
Faith Mullins	Wihna Young
Hope Mullins	Clara Seafeldt
Charity Mullins	Mabel Larson
Peter Mullins	Byron Cornelius
Tom Mullins	Tony Mercuria
Harry Mullins	Willie Morton
John Mullins	Albert Porter
James Mullins	Louis Malagamba
Dick Mullins	George Faysky
Fairy Chorus	Children

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Barth, of Portland, is in the city.

Arthur C. Callan is in Portland for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Noonan were over from McGowan yesterday.

Will Madison left last night for Independence, to spend Christmas with his parents. Mrs. Madison is also at Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wright, of Portland, are in the city visiting with Mrs. Wright's parents, Judge and Mrs. J. H. D. Gray.

Miss Susie Kirwin, of the Wilbur Kirwin Opera Company, came down yesterday afternoon on the Gatzert, the guest of Mrs. John Talbot. Miss Kirwin returned last evening.

IT DAZZLES THE WORLD.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It's severest tests have been on hopeless victims of Consumption, Pneumonia, Hemorrhage, Pleurisy and Bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup, Hay Fever, Hoarseness and Whooping Cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by Frank Hart who guarantees satisfaction or refund money. Large bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

A GLOOMY CHRISTMAS

LONDON FEELS EFFECTS OF WAR AND BAD WEATHER

Casualty List Calls Forth Expressions of Regrets From Leading Journals.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—"Christmas for the third year in succession finds this country engaged in war," is the burden of editorials in London papers this morning, and regrets are expressed that the casualty list issued today totals 49 killed and 71 wounded. Satisfaction, however, is found in the fact that the process of attrition brings the end of the struggle perceptibly nearer.

In London wretched weather threw a gloom over the festivities. Shopkeepers suffered heavily as the down-pour kept thousands of people indoors.

Among the great cities of the world New York is regarded as having the greatest cause to rejoice for material prosperity. Rome and St. Petersburg are fairly prosperous, but Paris, Berlin and Vienna are all suffering from bad trade conditions.

STRIKES A RICH FIND.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H., "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for femal troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Heart's Drugstore.

SALMON NOTES.

(Seattle Trade Register.)

Fairhaven had a salmon sensation last week over about 20,000 cases of salmon which B. W. Huntoon, local manager for the P. P. & N. Co. locked up in a warehouse to prevent the National Storage Co. getting possession, the latter concern claiming it had not released the salmon,—which is stored with it as canned and receipts issued, sent to New York and when negotiated are returned.

The London Grocers' Gazette of November 30 says of the London market: "Dullness prevails in every department of the canned goods market, and, as far as first-hand transactions are concerned, salmon meets but little demand. Consumptive demand is, for the season, apparently good throughout the country." The Liverpool report says: "Canned goods generally have been quiet in consequence, no doubt, of many of the buyers engaged in dried fruit. Salmon continues, however, in good inquiry, with a large consumptive demand. Prices are steady."

The Alaska Packers Association has placed orders for 1200 piles to be delivered Feb. 1 for the new cannery at the entrance of the Anacortes harbor, where the company has increased its holdings to 40 acres. The present buildings will be used as warehouses and the new cannery will be a very large one, with the latest machinery. The present cannery put up 39,000 cases this year. The six canneries at Anacortes this year packed nearly $2,000,000 worth of salmon, or say 500,000 cases. The P. P. & N. Co. has bought 200 feet of Anacortes waterfront and it is believed the company will also build another cannery there.

While the increase pack this year is enormous, the present low price will stimulate the demand at home and abroad and it must be remembered that the demand for canned salmon is increasing yearly aside from the growth in population. It may be urged that the demands for troops in the Philippines and South Africa led to an unusual demand last year, which is true, but the Trade Register thinks the government is likely to make further requisitions for this food this year that will withdraw considerable for consumption. Just now the demand for canned salmon in the east is slow and if pressure were made to supply other than stock-filling requirements there would probably have to be further concessions with sales.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache. Only 25c at Hart's drugstore.

Feet.—The clergyman did not altogether forget the spirit of his stern old theology. I am a worm, he protested, intensely, but I am no centipede! In these words did he find voice for the thoughts that surged up in his breast, as he contemplated the 34 pairs of carpet slippers which the Christmas donation party had left.—Puck.

Scandal Spoiled.—Did you hear that Mrs. Upperstreet was separated from her husband? Mercy, no! Tell me about it. Well, they were down town shopping together yesterday, and they got separated in the crowd.—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS.

(By T. De Witt Talmage, D. D.)

Songs greeted the birth of our Savior. Angelic tongues with living fire sang the incarnation as they hovered over the hills of Judea. The music was resonant with joy. From the hour that the virgin laid her baby on pollow of straw in the manger, all Christendom has since that time made the anniversary of this Natal Day a season of gladness—a season of unbounded joy!

Wreathe the laurel, twine the bay,
Christ was born on Christmas Day—

There were special reasons for these heavenly songs sung by the celestial chorus, for there was joy in God's great heart,—joy among the first-born sons of light, joy thrilling all the heavenly empire—joy that is yet to be put in the new song sung by redeemed millions around the throne of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

It was the music of Liberty. When these heavenly hosts sang their Gloria in Excelsis the whole world was resting under galling yokes of oppression. Slavery was universal. Taskmasters were everywhere severe to those in servitude. Greece, Rome, and Palestine heard daily the groans of those in bondage. The world was in chains. But the song of the angels rang the death knell of bondage. The babe was God's emancipation. His distinctive mission was to set at liberty the captives and proclaim deliverance to the bruised and crushed sons of toil. Under the mild and genial influence of our holy Christianity, fetters fall off everywhere, until now in this morning of our new century there are few nations to be found that hold serfs. Glorious freedom! Triumphant achievment of the Cross, wherever it is lifted chains are broken and spiritual emancipation is proclaimed.

It was the music of hope. Until Jesus appeared all the ancient religions had offered only a message of despair. No light fell upon the grave, or illumined the vast beyond. Darkness reigned in supreme, sullen, majestic, and not a single star of hope gilded the future. The grave was an eternal prison. But the songs sung by the heavenly choristers on that eventful night heralded hope to a lost world. Into the soul of sinning humanity came the sweet rays of joy and peace and blessedness, and looking down into the grave all fear had vanished, for sin, the sting of death was gone, and cancelled by a glorious Christ the Lord. They looked and beheld—

On the cold cheek of death smiles and roses are blending,
And beauty immortal awakes from the tomb.

And this is our Christmas joy that Jesus has lifted into immortal hope the grave of all our beloved friends who sleep in him.

It was the music of Victory. When Jesus came the great mass of humanity were in surfedom and the dignity of labor was not comprehended. Toil was regarded as a degredation. Laborers were despised, and all forms of manual industry held to be a disgrace. But the Son of Mary and Joseph came to teach the world a new philosophy, and by honorable industry he proclaimed the dignity of labor, and taught that

The honest man tho' ere sae poor
Is king of men for a' that—

Jesus counts the beads of sweat upon the brow of every son of toil. He notes all injustice done the laboring classes—and only as his spirit prevails among men will the great conflict between labor and capital cease. But that day is coming ere long—the glad Christmas of the ages—

When man to man the wide world o'er
Shall brothers be and a' that

It was the music of complete redemption. The value of human soul, the infinite greatness of man as an heir to immortality had not dawned on the conception of the world before the song of the angels was sung above Judea's hills. The incarnation meant the redemption of the individual man—regenerating the heart, and elevating him to communion with God, and companionship with the angles. It links earth to heaven, and proclaims what scepticism, agnosticism, infidelity and false science never whispered, that joy and peace flowing from a full pardon of sin was possible for all men when the song of songs was sung—"To you is born in the City of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

Christianity is a religion of song. Agnosticism has no gloria. Confucianism and Brahmanism have no inspiring anthems or soulful hallelujahs. Dreary, weird dirges reveal no glad hope for the present or future to heathen nations. Moral melodies are generated the instant Christ is known, for His love is the source and soul of praise. Faith in Jesus awakens gladness and creates a freeness, fulness, and depth of songfulness that the great question with a believer is "How can I keep from singing." Christian hope gives birth to a great uplift of cheerful optimism. Christ leads the world's great orchestras today for every soul he has redeemed rejoices in a hope of glory. The believer's face is radiant with gladness, and his speech inevitably flows into chants, anthems and glorious melodies. Where false religions have any music it is generally found to be what one has most truthfully called "plagiarized praise."

The cruel taunt of infidelity that the religion of Jesus is only for the mournful, defeated and disconsolate has been disproved, for Christianity is jubilant, and has given to the world the sublimest oratorios, which are peerless in their militant spirit and hope of triumphant conquest. The literature of today is full of sweet lyrics, and the Christian musicians, the masters of sacred song the world over, are endeavoring to lay fresh laurels around the cradle of the infant Redeemer. Paganism is bankrupt of poetry, scepticism is songless, materialism knows nothing of soul-stirring melodies. But when Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was incarnated, he put into the heart of humanity musical vibrations that will never cease, but roll out their harmonies long after

The sun grows cold, and the stars grow old,
And the leaves of the judgment book unfold.

Ring out your songs of praise to our infant King, for his sceptre shall soon be swayed over all the world, in that promised "age of gold."

When peace shall over all the earth
Its final splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
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Mr. Bryan professes to be entirely cured of the presidential fever. If he isn't, it certainly is not on account of a lack of drastic treatment for it.—Chicago Tribune.

NOTICE!

Bids for the purchase of hull, masts and standing rigging, in one lot and the equipment and sail, running gear, boats, furniture, tools, etc., in second lot, of the French barque "Ernest Reyer," now stranded at the mouth of the Quinault River, State of Washington, will be received at the office of the undersigned at Portland, Oregon, not later than 2 p. m. of the 26th inst.

HENRY HEWETT,
Lloyd's Agent.

Portland, Oreg., Dec. 21, 1901.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Astoria Iron Works will be held at their office on January 1, 1902, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the board of directors.

JOHN FOX, President

Attest:—
W. J. BINDER, Secretary.
Astoria, Oreg., Dec. 19, 1901.

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Any person going to Nushagak river or Nome about the 15th of next January and desiring a companion, should call on or address Emil Anderson, Grays River, Wash., or Foster's Exchange, Astoria. Dog teams will be furnished at Mushagak River and on to Nome if necessary. References given.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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OF ASTORIA.

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 10th, 1901:

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$240,074 61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,976 13
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		115,911 74
Other real estate owned		6,100 45
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		6,164 29
Due from State Banks and Bankers		53,391 60
Due from approved reserve agents		92,353 36
Internal-Revenue Stamps		199 00
Notes of other National Banks		2,145 00
Nickels and cents		300 13
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$113,300 00	
Legal-tender Notes	1,000 00	114,300 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% circulation)		625 00
Total		$645,270 29

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		50,000 00
Surplus fund		25,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		36,445 70
National Bank notes outstanding		12,500 00
Due to State Banks and Bankers		143 95
Individual deposits subject to check	$481,033 29	
Demand certificates of deposit	120,112 35	521,151 64
Total		$645,270 29

STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of December, 1901.
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