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THE GROWTH OF TEMPERANCE.

The New York Tribune asserts with sober seriousness that the great insurance companies of the United States are preparing a new form of policies to be issued to persons, who are total abstainers from all intoxicating liquors, with a reduction in premiums of from 15 to 20 per cent over the premiums exacted from those who admit to a moderate use of intoxicants. This, according to the Tribune, is based on the tables of actuaries, showing that the average duration of life of the total abstainers among the insured is sufficiently greater than among the moderate users of intoxicants as to justify the reduction given in their favor.

The business concerns of this country are doing more temperance work of a highly effective character and purely for commercial reasons than any other agency, prompted by any other or more exalted motives, says the Post-Intelligencer, commenting on the Tribune's statement. Great transportation companies have made it a rule to discharge peremptorily any employe using liquor while on duty. Some of them carry the rule still further and make it a cause of discharge if a man uses intoxicants at any time. They will take no chances with employes of that kind.

The man who uses intoxicants to excess at any time finds it more and more difficult to secure or to keep employment. The moderate drinker, who never goes over the line, is also falling under suspicion in many lines of business, and his opportunities for employment will grow less as the business sentiment on this subject stiffens more and more, as it will.

The moderate drinker has heretofore taken comfort in the fact that physicians disagree as to the effects of a moderate indulgence in intoxicants upon the system; and that the great weight of medical opinion has been with the proposition that moderate and temperate indulgence in intoxicants is not injurious; many medical men inclining to believe that in cases it is actually beneficial. Now come the insurance actuaries and shatter this, with the cold weight of figures.

This is worth quite a number of temperance sermons. The young man of today finds that he has difficulty in getting and in keeping employment in many lines, if he is known to drink at all; and now he finds further that, if he desires to carry a life insurance, he will be compelled to pay an additional premium if he desires to continue to use liquor intoxicants in any form, even in the utmost moderation. It is quite safe to say the number of total abstainers will grow proportionately larger year by year.

DECREASING USE OF MEAT.

It probably wasn't entirely due to the arrogance of the beef trust, of which everybody has heard so much, that, as Callier's has been at pains to show in a recent article, Americans are eating less meat than they did 50 years or so ago, and are taking more to the use of vegetables, cereals, and dairy products. The fact that this people were altogether too prodigal in the use of animal food, and neglected the cereals, as well as the vegetables, by which the food of civilized man is varied. We could all afford to eat less meat, even though we "had the price," as the saying is. There is no doubt an active race, like ours needs some stimulating food, such as meats afford, for, although the Japanese are cited as a conspicuous example of what a people can do who eat sparingly, if at all, of meat, it must be remembered we are not built on the same plan. But, again, it must be remembered that meat is a heating diet, and too liberal a use of it is likely to make the user feverish and restless. That Americans are coming to recognize that fact is doubtless the true explanation, coupled with the other fact that we have come to know the nutritive qualities of the other foods, particularly the cereals. We all remember the story of the Scotsman's retort to the Englishman when told that in England "we feed oatmeal to the horses:" "Aye, and what fine horses ye hae in England, and what fine men we hae in Scotland."

It is the testimony of the writer in "Collier's" that Americans have grown healthier in the half century that has seen this change in the national diet, but that much of this result is no doubt do to more out door life, better sanitation and cooking; all of which is without doubt true. He estimates, also, that the total use of meat is reduced in the last half century to 36 per cent. Some of his figures of the consumption of meat in the past are certainly startling.

For instance, in 1850 100 Americans consumed 94 sheep, 118 hogs, and 25 beeves, while in 1890 they ate only 50 sheep, 43 hogs, and 20 beeves. The consumption of dairy foods is three times what it was 40 years ago.

But meat is not losing its hold on Americans by a long mark, nor is it likely to for some time to come, or until the time of the disappearance of the great cattle ranges of the West. The cost of meat to the great American public four years ago was \$1,625,000,000, while for vegetables we spent \$1,075,000,000.

HAWAII'S RACE PROBLEM.

Hawaii, small and, geographically, remote as it is, has a "problem" all its own which is as troublesome to it as the negro question is to the south, says the Brooklyn Standard Union. It is what to do with its "peasantry," for the group evidently has that supposedly exclusively European institution in its "midst." According to the Honolulu Evening Bulletin, the "bold peasantry," as the paper calls the class, is largely Asiatic, the "Princes and Lords" having "flourished and faded," meaning presumably the original natives, such as Captain Cook found when he first visited the islands. The Bulletin says there is not the same prejudice against the Asiatic on the islands as exists against them on the mainland, nor even as strong a feeling as that of the mainland against the European immigrant. Moreover, it is difficult to induce Europeans to come to the islands and settle. Again, many of these Asiatics are American born. Recognizing the fact that the second generation of the emigrants from Europe, thanks to our schools, become Americanized, what is puzzling the Honolulu contemporary is, whether Hawaii can make the same kind of an American out of the "American-born Asiatic" as the mainland makes of the European immigrant's offspring. To us of the mainland it certainly seems doubtful, but the Bulletin is sanguine of the success of the American people in whatever they undertake to do, declaring that they "have accomplished many tasks of regeneration that the world has said could not be done."

These remarks apply largely to the Chinese and Japanese, with the preponderance in favor of the former, if memory serves. Both these races are "perse," and it would probably take centuries to westernize, Europeanize or Americanize them.

Bishop Potter is reinforced by another prelate of the Protestant Episcopal church on the matter of the saloon where "no treating" is the rule of conduct. It is Bishop Cortland Whitehead, of Pittsburg, and he has declared that he not only does not disapprove of the New York bishop's attitude, but wants capitalists to establish in Pittsburg just such a "tavern" as they have in the subway, in the American metropolis. He says he believes that treating causes most of the drunkenness; that nothing can be accomplished by such as Carrie Nation, and that one of the greatest mistakes ever made was doing away with the canteen in the army.

With General Miles as adjutant-general of Massachusetts, everything will be ready for the anti-imperialists to move immediately upon our works as soon as the military tailors and the photographers are ready.

That Missouri county that wants to be annexed to Arkansas to escape the disgrace of being in a republican state can never tell how long it may have to keep moving if it once starts.

Mr. Bryan has resumed his attitude of total dissatisfaction with Parker, but can say nothing worse now than his remarks with which he prefaced his Parker vote.

The national pure food bureau begs leave to report that there isn't much of any, but the people won't worry until somebody begins to adulterate the adulterations.

Scientists are perhaps upon the eve of a great discovery that kleptomania can be most successfully treated during a period of about four weeks in jail.

It is charged that the prohibition campaign fund was misapplied, though it is not explained how a prohibition campaign fund could be profitably applied.

The geisha girls who fought against returning to the cherry blossoms of their native land, must have seen the Missouri apple orchards in full bloom.

If all the radicals want is to read out of the Democratic party the people who voted for Parker, it does not look like such an expensive job after all.

Mr. Bryan received more votes than Mr. Parker and yet felt the same aching void as to the material inadequacy of the total.

Col. Bryan is still poking around in the November debris, hoping to rescue some of his gallant subscribers.

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MARBLE GAME ENDS FATALLY.

Spokane Boy Killed, Perhaps, by Boy Companion.

Spokane, Nov. 25.—James Shannon, the 8-year-old son of James Shannon a railway conductor, was found dead in bed last night. A big bruise on the temple revealed the cause.

The lad was playing marbles yesterday and picked up some which were in dispute. Henry Coons, aged 14, admits that he threw a rock at the boy, but declares it did not strike him claiming the little fellow tripped, bumping his head. An inquest will be held.

WEIL CLEARS HIMSELF.

Suspect Bears No Resemblance to Bate's Murderer.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Joseph Weil, suspected by the police as being "Dove" the alleged murderer of Chauffeur William Bate, cleared himself today. At the Auditorium hotel, where "Dove" ordered the automobile for the fatal ride Friday night, it was said that Weil bore no resemblance to Dove.

Mrs. Wilkes Passes Away.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Marie B. Wilkes, the oldest actress in the country, died today, aged 88. Mrs. Wilkes was the original Widow Melnotte with Edwin Forrest, and was a member of companies of the most famous actors of her time.

Peru and Brazil Agree.

New York, Nov. 25.—News has reached here of the signing of a treaty

between Peru and Brazil looking to peaceful settlement of the boundary disputes between the two nations, and the adjustment of claims arising out of the boundary line disputes.

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