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Man is not safe, his personal destiny is not assured, and the welfare of society is not secured until he is temperate from the choice of his own will; temperate because he does not want liquor, not simply because he cannot get it. Substantial progress in temperance must come, can only come, from the spiritual emancipation of man's nature which enables reason and conscience to prevail over appetite, and which will be brought about by all these educational influences that add to the inner life. —Joseph H. Crooker.

NEED OF "GOOD" SALOONS.

The New York World says of the Subway Tavern, recently opened as a model saloon in New York City: Is a "good" saloon better than a "bad" saloon, or is it worse? This substance is the issue between Bishop Potter and the critics that have assailed him for participating in the opening of the Subway Tavern.

Bishop Potter contends that inasmuch as men always have drunk fermented and distilled liquors, and are always likely to, it is better to have the traffic conducted under conditions that involve the least possible degradation and the greatest possible benefit to the consumer.

The Bishop's critics insist that the drinking of all intoxicants is sinful, that the sale of intoxicants is the devil's occupation, and that the more respectable the saloon is made superficially the more dangerous it becomes to the morals of the community.

Two such schools of controversy can hardly find a common ground, but in the practical experience of life the weight of evidence inclines toward Bishop Potter's theory. The police, at any rate, will agree with the bishop. They know that the criminal product of the "dives" is vastly in excess of the criminal product of orderly saloons, and this is an argument that counts for something in measuring the moral value of the Subway experiment.

Von Plehve was a Poleander by birth and ancestry, and yet he attained the zenith of his cruelty by oppressing his own countrymen, in ordering arrests of suspected nihilists, and in suppressing all freedom of assembly or speech, in order to make himself strong with the czar.

Edison, the wizard, has played and worked with this mysterious force until he and his pupils have in a third of a century revolutionized the whole business of the world. What his and their discoveries have been worth to humankind could not be measured or stated in terms of dollars, even if the figure ran so far into the billions.

Notice, now, the connection between electricity and water—one secret, elusive, intangible, mysterious, awesome; the other common, purring, roaring, swirling, rising, falling—always, except in a desert country—visible, tangible, touchable, "limpid, volatile and free"—an absolute common necessity every day—all around us.

Put in gravity, the force—as the story goes—that closed Newton's physical eye while opening his philosophical eye—and you have the great trinity of earth.

Through gravity, water falls. A man—one who observes and studies—comes along and says: "There is force, power, going to waste; and the industrial world needs force, power, and is willing to pay for it." He can not carry the water to the mills and wheels directly, 20, 40 or 60 miles away; if he could, he could not keep the power intact; so he courts that secret, elusive, shadowy, flickering, tremendous "She" of the earth; gets a wire in touch with one of her myriad atoms; stretches it abroad, around; puts a little machine to be turned by the waterfall, and lo! without wood or coal or fires or steam or smoke, your cars run, up hill and down dale; your mill wheels turn night and day, with no strikes; your factories hum, your wheat is ground, your logs are sawed, your clothes are made, your fires are lit—the world moves, with such an impulse, all created or rather applied, within a third of a century, as has not been applied to it for a million years before. It staggers the imagination to con-

sider what harnessed and directed electricity will yet do.—Oregon Sunday Journal.

AN ESTIMATE OF DAVIS.

James G. Blaine knew Henry G. Davis, the democratic nominee for the vice-presidency, as a senator from West Virginia, and said of him in "Twenty Years in Congress":

"Henry G. Davis, a native of Maryland, entered as the first democratic senator from West Virginia. His personal popularity was a large factor in the contest against the republicans of his state, and he was instantly regarded by his party as its most influential leader. Mr. Davis had honorably wrought his own way to high station and had been all his life in active affairs as a farmer, a railroad man, a lumberman, an operator in coal, and a banker. He had been uniformly successful.

He came to the senate with the kind of practical knowledge which schooled him to care and usefulness as a legislator. He steadily grew in the esteem and confidence of both sides of the senate, and when his party obtained the majority he was entrusted with the responsible duty of the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations. No more painstaking or trustworthy man ever held the place. While firmly adhering to his party, he was at all times courteous, and to the business of the senate or in local intercourse never obtruded partisan views."

MURDEROUS WRECKS.

Fourteen railroad collisions, involving a loss of 257 lives and 366 injured, have occurred in the United States within the last seven months. The full list of wrecks since December 27, 1903, follows:

Baltimore & Ohio road, near Laurel, Md., December 23, 1903; 63 killed and 29 injured.

Pere Marquette road, at East Paris, Mich., December 27, 1903; 22 killed and 29 injured.

Rock Island road, at Willard, Kan., January 6, 1904; 17 killed.

Burlington road in St. Louis, Mo., three killed.

Chicago Great Western, at Dyersville, Iowa, February 25; seven killed.

Alabama Great Southern, near Kewanee, Miss., March 8, five killed.

Chicago & Northwestern road, near Chicago, April 7; three Indians killed and 24 injured.

Iron Mountain road, near Kimmswick, Mo., April 30; eight killed and 15 injured.

Baltimore & Ohio road, near Vincennes, Ind., June 19; 15 injured.

Wabash road, at Litchfield, Ill., July 3; 25 killed and 58 injured.

Erie road, at Midvale, N. J., July 10, 16 killed and 59 injured.

Rock Island road, near Havana, Ark., July 13; 21 injured.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois road, at Glenwood, Ill., July 13; 18 killed and 126 injured.

Rio Grande wreck at Pueblo, Col., Sunday, August 7; 75 killed.

Spiders That Form Colonies.

As everybody knows, spiders usually fight to the end if one happens to enter the web of another. Yet there are spiders that live together in peace. In South America one variety of spider forms colonies of several hundred members. These build a joint nest, almost as big as a hat. It hangs from high branches, and a silken strand, sometimes 90 feet long, dangles from its lower end to serve as a ladder for the inmates. In Venezuela, there is a spider which joins with hundreds of others in the manufacture of a giant web. Often they weave a web big enough to cover a whole coffee shrub. Inside this web is divided into cells, and the spiders not only agree perfectly, but often help each other kill particularly large insects.—Exchange.

Wesley Pyle, aged 19, was perhaps fatally shot by Rev. S. E. Menger, of Mount Tabor, M. E. church, Monday. A fire was raging in the mountains at the time, and the boy, wandering around in the smoke, was mistaken for a deer. The shooting was done with a 20-30 rifle and is thought will be fatal.

MIGHTY GOOD FOR CORN.

When you get up in the morning from your superheated couch With a brain all hot and addled and a temper full of grouch, When you wander to your office with a dull and fishy eye 'Neath a sun that's gayly blazing like a furnace in the sky, Oh it's hot, but don't you mind it, though you're wilted and forlorn; It's a little tough for mortals, but it's mighty good for corn.

When you stagger home to dinner in a blinding glare of heat And you smell the burning leather of the shoes beneath your feet, When your mouth is full of cotton and your collar's on the run And you bake and fry and frizzle like an oyster in the sun, Don't cuss about the weather and don't moan about and mourn; It's a little breath from hades, but it's mighty good for corn.

When you spend the humid evening full of anger and despair, Chasing round with cots and pillows after cooling breaths of air; When you're hot and damp and sticky and you think with mortal dread Of that little hot air oven that surrounds your waiting bed, You may contemplate resigning from this torrid earth in scorn, But you're foolish if you do it—this is hully for the corn.

—Council Bluffs Nonpartei.

Hearst's Bill is \$16,000. That it costs to make a race for the presidential nomination William R. Hearst will realize when he receives his bill from the Jefferson hotel in a day or two. Mr. Hearst engaged two floors and a half of this hotel, for which he must pay \$16,000. The rooms were occupied by his managers and friendly delegations for five days, which makes the cost something over \$3000 a day.

The empress of Abyssinia will make a pilgrimage to the holy sepulchre in Jerusalem in September.

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