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A GOOD BILL.

Below will be found the bill introduced in the house by Mr. Dunbar, entitled "A Bill for an Act to prohibit the adulteration of food and drink and the manufacture of short measures and weights." It would appear that no person can have any objection to its passage except those who wish to adulterate articles of food or give short weight or measure. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. That the governor shall have power to appoint an inspector of all articles of food and drink manufactured or sold in the state; that such officer shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor.

SEC. 2. The duties of the inspector shall be to examine and, if necessary, analyze all articles of food or drink manufactured or offered for sale in the state, and if he find the same composed, in whole or in part, of ingredients unwholesome or detrimental to health, he shall condemn and forbid manufacture or sale of the same.

SEC. 3. The said inspector shall be paid an annual salary of \$1,500 per year, to be paid by the state.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall manufacture or expose for sale, in this state, any article of food or drink, cider, vinous, spirituous or malt liquors, adulterated with any material deleterious to health, shall pay a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than three months nor more than one year, or both fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 5. Any person who shall manufacture, put up or expose for sale, in this state, any goods, articles or packages, measuring or weighing less than they purport, or are marked or sold for, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not less than three months nor more than one year, or both.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the several prosecuting attorneys of the state to prosecute all violations of this act, and complaint of violations may be, at any time, preferred by any person.

Mob Law.

In an article deprecating mob law, but accounting for its existence in the failure of the courts to accomplish the objects for which they were created, the Chicago Inter-Ocean truly says:

"Justice should always be held superior to law, for law is a creation of human intelligence, while justice is an attribute of God Himself. When they go hand in hand together, a community is in no danger of falling into ways of barbarism; but when they are at variance, defense rests with the people, and if the remedy is heroic it is to make the cure radical.

The shortest courtship on record is here given: A Newton county, Ga., widower rode up to the gate of a handsome widow and asked for a match to light his pipe. The lady gave him the desired article, when he asked: "Did you ever think of coming to my house to live?" "No," she said; "if I had it would do me no good." In ten days they were man and wife—*New York Telegram*. That is not half as short as one reported from California. A miner fell in love with a girl at first sight; she was equally smitten with him, and the entire courtship was: "My pet?" "You bet."

No Possible Help

No novelist ever devised a more intensely dramatic and pitiful situation than was witnessed last week beside the track of the Southern Pacific Coast railroad near Alameda, California. There was an accident on the road, owing to the sinking of a part of the track. The engine was overturned, and the fireman, Dan Driscoll, was caught by two iron bars, one of which crossed his breast and the other one of his feet. He was not severely injured by this, but the bars held him inextricably fast, and meantime, on both sides of the track, which at this point lies on a low trestle bridge built across a long stretch of marsh land, the salt tide pouring in from the bay of San Francisco was rapidly rising. It was evident that unless speedily removed he would be drowned. Six men worked with desperate energy to save him. They wrapped sheets about his body and exerted their combined strength to pull him from beneath the bars that pinned him to the track. He cried piteously that they were killing him. They tried again and again, but without avail. A levee was built around his head to keep the water from reaching him. Buckets were brought, and as the water oozed in it was bailed out. Then they raised his head and held it as high as possible above the water. For two hours these labors were ceaselessly continued, but at the end of that time the levee broke and the friends of the doomed man found that they could do no more for him. The water rose rapidly about his body and reached his chin. Then all caught hold of him and tugged desperately, but in vain. A friend held his hand over the unfortunate man's mouth, but the water rose to his nostrils, and he was drowned in the presence of the helpless crowd.

One Way of Looking at It

The following paragraph is an extract from a speech delivered a few days ago by Hon. E. B. Eschelman, a prominent Democrat of Wayne county, Ohio. It sets forth in a remarkable manner one phase of the discussion of the liquor question of Ohio:

Before the war, in the good old Democratic days, a man could buy a good square drink of whisky for three cents—three drinks, morning, noon and night, for nine cents. Now one drink costs 10 cents, three drinks cost 30 cents. A laboring man or mechanic who earned only a dollar a day could, in the old Democratic days, buy three drinks a day and have 91 cents left with which to buy necessities for his family. Now a laboring man or mechanic who earns \$1 a day, after paying for three drinks of whisky, will only have 70 cents left with which to buy necessities for his family. And Governor Foster wants to have liquor so taxed that whisky will cost 15 cents a drink. If it were so taxed the workingman or mechanic with an income of \$1 a day, after paying for three drinks, would have left only 55 cents with which to buy necessities for his family. It takes a bushel of wheat, at a \$1 a bushel, to pay for 10 drinks of whisky now. If Governor Foster shall have his way, it will take a bushel and a half of dollar wheat to buy 10 drinks. In good old Democratic days the farmer could have bought 10 drinks of dollar wheat and have 70 cents left.

Twenty men have from time to time within a few months past been reported missing from Rock Island on the Clark's fork division of the Northern Pacific. Of these, twelve have been found floating in the Clark's fork with their skulls broken. Such is the harmony and good fellowship of life at what is known as the railroad "front."

For the Cabinet

A Washington special says: The report that John P. Jones will succeed Judge Folger as Secretary of the Treasury is believed to have a good deal of basis. Last fall, when it was known that Arthur would recast his cabinet, Jones' name was prominently mentioned in connection with a cabinet office. When he was asked about it he replied that he represented a sovereign state in the United States senate, and he would be a fool to exchange that for a clerkship, no matter how dignified. But it is thought he has changed his mind. A recent interview, which bears the marks of careful preparation, shows not only that he has vigorous ideas on financial questions, but that also his ideas are quite different from those which have guided Folger. Jones has gone on a stumping tour through the Pacific slope states. His course, not only in voting to override the river and harbor bill veto, but also in being one of the three senators who arranged convenient and dishonest pairings by which the bill was passed over the veto in the senate, did not cost him the friendship of the president, and it is believed that when Judge Folger goes, "Nevada" Jones may come if he will. William E. Chandler, however, would probably regard such a change as one for the worse.

Maurice Welch, of Norwich, Conn., earns his living by manual labor, and is so willing to do so that he voluntarily gave up his pension of \$4 a month. He wrote to the pension agent that his wound received in the war had ceased to trouble him, and that he could not conscientiously receive any more help from the government. An agent was sent to find out whether Welch was sane. He was.

Every day of my life makes me feel more and more how seldom a fact is accurately stated; how almost invariably when a story has passed through the mind of a third person it becomes, so far as regards the impression that it makes little better than a falsehood; and this, too, though the narrator be the most truth-seeking person in existence.—*Hawthorne*.

A famous clergyman, whilst preaching a few Sundays since from the text, "He giveth his beloved sheep," stopped in the middle of his discourse, gazed upon his slumbering congregation, and said: "Brethren, it is hard to realize the unbounded love which the Lord appears to have for a large portion of my present auditory."

The secretary of the interior has decided to reopen for settlement a large tract of agricultural land embracing about 10,000,000 acres in Northern Dakota, withdrawn from settlement by Secretary Schurz. The tract once formed a part of the great Sioux reservation, but purchased by the government from that tribe.

When a man kums to me for advice, I find out what kind of advice he wants, and give it to him; this satisfies him that he and I are two as smart men as there is living.—*Josh Billings*.

Mr. Charles Townsend, of Sedalia, Mo., had rheumatism of the worst kind. A sea trip was a failure as to renewing his health, and he was going home to die. An Ex-Consul of Great Britain advised the use of St. Jacobs Oil, with the result of curing him in two days.

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