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Prohibition.

The republican party of Maine, in order to hold the prohibitionists and prevent them from supporting a separate ticket, which would give the state to the democrats, have for many years been accustomed to make a record on paper in favor of prohibition, while their officials have constantly winked at the violation of the law, and thus held large numbers of lawless liquor sellers to the support of their party. All persons who have any inside knowledge of political doings in Maine know that this course is regularly pursued by the republican party of that state.—*Oregonian.*

There is hardly any question that can be raised which assumes a wider form than does the question of prohibition. It takes in government and, as a consequence, politics, has a bearing on religion, touches health and largely embraces morals. The parties to the controversy appear to be wholly irreconcilable. Macaulay somewhere says that the most ridiculous spectacle that possibly can be presented is the British public when it takes on one of its periodical fits of high morality. In that case its virtue becomes perfectly outrageous. The general course is to assume the proposition, whatever it is, then investigate it, and afterwards break up in an effort to formulate it.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that a family likeness is sometimes discernible in this country. Prohibition is not a new party in the United States. It comes to the front periodically. In 1852 it fastened on the Whig party, and did almost as much to break it up in one or two great states as the slavery issue. This time it has taken possession of the Republican party, but without the least improving the prospects of that organization. The peculiarity of the Prohibition party is that when it runs a ticket of its own it polls very few votes. But when it dominates one of the historical parties it swells to large dimensions. Prohibition has been carried in two states—Kansas and Iowa—by the Republican party, but at a heavy loss in votes to itself. Prohibition is not now enforced fully in either state. In Iowa the constitutional amendment ordering it fell in the courts. In Kansas, though its vitality has not been impaired, it is only the law in small towns. The issue as it spreads from these states has become very diluted. Outside of them it takes the shape of high license, but whether that is going to promote temperance is an unsolved problem. It appears to have an economic rather than a moral tendency. It is bringing some relief to the owners of real and personal property, but so far is not producing any very conspicuous temperance effects. The indications are that it will not largely diminish the consumption of spirits anywhere. Nothing can be claimed for it in the name of temperance but that it will make people travel farther for their whisky.

A PARIS special says: The rumored plot to restore the monarchy in France is probably a canard. Still, on the principle that coming events cast their shadows before, the story may be taken as an index of what is considered possible, if not probable, in the existing state of public feeling in France. One thing alone is certain, and that is that the present situation will not last very long. Paul de Cassagnac has declared that the Bonapartists are not disinclined to throw their lot with the Legitimists if a strong government can be secured thereby. The exasperation of the clergy and the Catholic party at the attitude of the government toward religious corporations is a powerful factor in the situation. The recovery of the Count De Chambord will rather tend to preserve the present status quo. His death would have widened the divisions of parties and brought the Royalists into line. At present public attention is divided between Suez, Madagascar, Tonquin and other foreign places, but when the events connected with these points pass out of notice and France begins to look at home, a change of some kind will be imminent, if not inevitable.

Ecône's population has increased 150,000,000 in the last half century, and is increasing now at the rate of 4,000,000, besides sending abroad 1,000,000 emigrants yearly. This growth has so far outrun food production that Russia and Hungary are now the only European countries that count on raising all their own food supply. Forty years ago Great Britain alone looked beyond her own soil for breadstuffs and provisions. Now the utmost resources of the soil are taxed in vain to feed the population of Europe after Russia and Hungary are left out of the calculation. In 1850 the total value of our exported food products was less than \$27,000,000. In 1880 it was sixteen times as much, or nearly \$440,000,000. Cattle on the remotest ranges of Texas and Idaho now command better prices than they brought on the cultivated farms of the old Atlantic states in 1880. Wonderful as our increase in population and production has been, it has not more than kept pace with the growth of Europe's demand for all the surplus we can produce.

The N. Y. Herald prints a cablegram in relation to the Confederate bonds and says: Aside from the fact that some of the original foreign purchasers are willing to club together and see if anything can be realized, the whole truth seems to be that a clique of speculators who have handled the bonds several times, and each time at a profit, have been seeking a new excuse through which to unload once more, and that "Taboo the South" is now their watchword. If the clergy-men and widows who are the prospective victims of this new trick could be made to understand that the south has no reason to care anything for either the threat or the bonds, the bubble would burst at once, for the trash can not be sold at any price whatever to any intelligent investor in either Europe or America.

The Agents' General of all the Australian colonies have demanded of Lord Derby that he annex the eastern half of New Guinea and the Western Pacific islands, so as to prevent France and other powers from forming penal settlements and naval stations to the detriment of English colonists in these countries. The colonies are willing to share the cost of the annexation. Lord Derby advised the colonists to take the islands under their joint protection on their own responsibility. He said he could not advise the government to extend the Queen's dominions any farther.

Oscar Wilde, during his recent lecture in London upon America, found that his audience was very keen to see an opportunity to play a quiet joke upon himself. Among other things he told his hearers that it was a common thing in American theatres for people, when they did not like the entertainment, to leave the room, whereupon a considerable portion of his audience got up and filed quietly out. Oscar did not quite like this prompt adoption of American habits, but could not fail to appreciate the point of the situation.

A YOUNG English lady has shown what the fair sex can accomplish in the severe sciences. She had been refused admittance to a series of lectures by Professor Huxley on biology, but at last gained his consent, and has beaten her 250 male opponents.

JUDGE HILTON, who succeeded in breaking up the business of A. T. Stewart has again demonstrated his policy by excluding Israelites from his hotel at Saratoga. The Judge should go to Hungary where he would find more congeniality than here.

An Arkansas man named Ewing killed his daughter because she wanted to marry against his will. The next day the neighbors hanged Ewing.

Odd Fellows Land and Building Association.

THE DEDICATION OF THE ODD FELLOWS hall will take place at 8 P. M., Tuesday, August 11, 1888. An Excursion and Picnic to Cape Disappointment will be held by members of the order, starting from Gray's dock, at 11:30 A. M. All members of the order, in good standing, are invited to participate in the excursion and dedication services. Each member will please provide lunch for himself and family. All who wish can go down at seven A. M., and the committee would suggest that so many go at that hour as possible, to look out a place for the picnic. L. W. CASE, A. J. MILLER, Committee of Arrangements.

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