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FOR CLEAN JOURNALISM

Senator John D. Works, of California, has introduced a bill in the senate making it a violation of the law for newspapers to publish details of crimes. In summing up the prospects of the bill passing he gives the following:

Senator Works said at the outset and repeated at the close of his remarks that he did not expect his bill would or could be enacted into law, because in the first place the cry would be raised that it was unconstitutional and transgressing the rights of freedom of speech and the press. He further said that not in this way could the desired end be attained, for clean and reliable journalism could be reached not by legislation and compulsion, but by education and the co-operation of newspaper publishers themselves. He merely embraced this opportunity, he said, of calling to the attention of the people of the nation, from his seat in the United States Senate, the gross evils of present day journalism and urging a nation-wide effort toward their correction.

Such a bill enacted would, undoubtedly, be a curtailment of free speech, and as Senator Works says, could hardly be passed, but his motive in bringing the subject prominently before the public is to be commended and it should bring a hearty response from the press, but what will the result be?

The publishing business is like other occupations. It has in it those who are chasing hard after the "almighty dollar," and as the appetite of a large class of readers has been whetted up and fed on details of crime, and demand their daily portion, there is money in supplying that demand, and the man that is chasing hard after money is not bothered much with an active conscience, and cares little for the moral effect.

The human being is a piece of machinery which is hard to control, and control, to be effective, must come from a higher source operating within the individual. There are conditions and possibilities embodied in man which are not recognized by the average mind and are only disclosed by a close search of self.

Liquor takes hold of the nervous system and a man becomes a drunkard; opium will enslave him, also, as will the use of tobacco; if morphine gets a trial upon his nerves it is almost impossible to shake the deadly enemy loose, but there are other things that will fasten upon his being, and while they may not be looked upon, with such deadly horror, yet they are destructive to higher incentives and keep the person on lower ground if not on the downward

trend.

Persons may even become what is known as "dreamers," and the air castles they build or the webs they weave in fancy will take such hold upon the mental powers and affections that they are only satisfied when being fed upon their favorite pastime, while they still remain unsatisfied because they cannot realize the actual reality of their dreaming.

A like condition obtains in the commission of crime, or in any sensual pursuit; the desire so whetted and fed takes such hold upon the being that it leads on to ruin and degradation if followed to the end. "Drunken on the blood of the saints" was the term used by John, the revelator, to describe the condition attained by those who had sought to annihilate the good because of the Christlike life they led, which was condemnation to their own course.

So it is possible for man to become drunken on pleasure, crime or drugs, to the extent that will lead him away from the high pedestal that he might reach, and these conditions can not be corrected by taking away man's agency, but must be overcome by higher moral education.

OUTLOOK DUBIOUS

There has been considerable war talk lately, mostly coming from Japan, but now Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, has stirred up congress by a war speech in support of the California anti-alien land law.

Secretary Bryan, as the administration representative hurried across the continent, to Sacramento, California, in the interests of milder measures, but it is doubtful if his visit will be effectual.

Conditions have hardly taken on an amicable look. The Huerta government, of Mexico, is said to be on its last legs, and the Balkan trouble may rise greater than ever, as Austria is reported to be hurrying her forces toward the Montenegrin border and seems bound to have a row with that country, whether the rest of Europe back her up or not.

It looks much as if the present spirit of unrest will be satisfied with nothing less than a general row and a few more Sisson speeches will help to bring it about.

If these agitators succeed in stirring up a fuss they should be placed in the front ranks and kept there till the trouble passes, providing they last long enough to see the end of it.

The President's Daughters

Naturally, to be a president's daughter is to get into print. But there are different ways of doing that, and different estimates formed of the character, aspirations and personality of the daughters of different presidents. It would not be gracious, nor even good taste to institute comparisons, but one may speak of the daughters who now are in print as the occasion warrants.

The White House just now boasts a wealth of President's daughters, and, moreover, they are young women clearly inclined to follow their father in the line of intellectual activities that count for something. Their

Thomas A. Edison Faces the Camera on Sixty-sixth Birthday



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TALKING movies—Edison You link the two together just now because the electrical wizard recently succeeded in inventing talking movies that really talked and moved in unison. So this picture of Thomas A. Edison as he looked on his sixty-sixth birthday only a few weeks ago is interesting. It was taken in his laboratory in West Orange, N. J. He spent his birthday working. He refused to talk about his movies. "Let them talk for themselves," said he.

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intent is manifest to make their position in society and before the Nation count for something that will help to make this world a little better than it is. One of these young women especially—Miss Margaret—has earnestly engaged in a line of work that will make her position an asset of value to the people. She is actively urging before club women that they take a practical interest in the establishment of social centers, and she wishes it to be clearly understood that this work of hers is not actuated by motives of the faddist, but is earnestly and seriously undertaken as promising educational, social and moral good.

We cannot say how effective the work of this young woman may prove to be, but from its exemplary value alone we ought to expect great results. For if there is one field more than another wherein women can labor

to good effect it is in that of social betterment.

This President's daughter is trying her best to make this work of usefulness and of far-reaching benefit the fashion. Her position, as well as her own personal intellectuality, contributes to her success. It is a high use to which she is putting the circumstance of her new fortunes. And if her American sisters of refinement and public spirit shall properly appreciate her efforts, we shall have such a campaign for the establishment of social centers throughout the country as we have never dreamed of having.—Portland Telegram.

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