



The Honorable John J. Gilbert.

The following communication was sent to the Graphic by Luther F. Symons, cashier of The First National Bank of Lewisville, Indiana, with the request that it be published:

In the removal of John J. Gilbert, Henry County, Indiana, loses one of its best citizens and Newberg, Oregon, gains a man with "clean hands and a pure heart"—the very name "John Gilbert" means honesty, integrity, morality and everything of which the highest type of a Christian gentleman should stand. Mr. Gilbert was held in such high esteem and reverence that the vilest street loafer was silenced in his presence, when neighbors, communities or factions were arrayed against each other, John Gilbert true to his habit of not destroying his influence by hasty words, or taking sides; but in his good judgment when conditions were ripe he would give his words of advice and counsel in a way that none could take offense at his well chosen thoughts and words which always resulted in great good.

Impetuous and high tempered men have temporarily condemned him for his failure to fly at conclusions and to express opinions into which his sober second judgment had not entered, but during his 72 years in Indiana he never wavered from his well chosen path.

In education Mr. Gilbert has done his full share, having given his large family of children the benefit of the best schools in the land, some of them graduating at Rich Square, Spiceland, Earlham, LaFayette and Bloomington. No deserving cause of charity failed of support at the hands of Mr. Gilbert. He helped to build every church and schoolhouse within a radius of many miles of his home. In his early days he was a leading spirit in the development of the country, the building of roads, bridges, clearing and draining the soil, all were advanced by his interest and energy.

In later years his counsel and advice was sought in the organization and development of the dairy interest, the telephone system, the gas company and the banking business; and when some unruly member of one of these organizations would try to make trouble, the "Peace Maker" John Gilbert was put to work and success most always crowned his efforts. His county will miss him; his neighborhood will miss him, and most of all his church will miss him—it will be many years, if ever, the Friends Church at Lewisville recovers his loss.

As he has not entirely disposed of his interest here there is a ray of hope that he may return to spend his declining years among the people in whose hearts he will always live, and should he come back he will be received with open hands and no apologies will be asked of him.

But while he is among you we commit and commend him to you, feeling that when you have known him as we know him that your estimate will be our estimate and that you join with us now in conferring upon him the title of "Old Man Honorable."

LUTHER F. SYMONS,
Lewisville, Indiana.

Making Public Libraries.

The most important question for the public library is "What books shall we buy?" In many towns the reading committee is a recognized adjunct of the library and the librarian has the verdict of several different minds for aid in his task of selecting new

books. Most of the voluntary readers are likely to be women, and the service they render the community is a real one, if their judgment and taste are sound.

On the other hand, a complimentary commendation of a book as "very interesting" may do actual harm when the book lies in the debatable land between bad and good—the land of current fiction and trashy juveniles.

A great meeting of English librarians recently set forth some general principles which should help determine the desirability of books. First, they declared the notion exploded that a taste for good reading develops from reading poor books. The very contrary is true. The habit of reveling in cheap fiction is destructive of a wholesome pleasure in sound reading. The love of books, like the love of virtue, feeds in high, clean, sweet pastures, not on refuse, and not even on husks.

Again, the demand for certain books does not require the public library to supply them. It is a specious argument that the taxpayers' money should answer the taxpayers' desire. More than sixty per cent of the books drawn from the public libraries are works of fiction. The thin, tasteless stream of modern fiction is too often the library's chief offering to the community.

Certain libraries adopt the rigorous measure of buying no fiction until it is a year old. The librarians agreed that the rule is an excellent one, if it is slightly elastic in its actual application. At all events, the helpful advisory reader for the public library is the man or woman who believes that in proportion as a good book is a blessing, a poor book is a curse.—Youth's Companion.

Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by the Yamhill County Abstract Company, McMinnville.

Robt C Grames & wf to Roy Robertson; blk 66 Dundee; \$200.
Louisa J Cain et al to B F Myers; lots 9-10-11-12 East Sheridan subd; \$2070.

Fred A Jacobs & wf to Riverside Orchard Co; Braley farm near McM; \$26,370.

Jos Leno & wf to Jane Petite; 20 a in sec 34 t 5 r 8; \$260.

Amos Wise & wf to Richard F Emmerson; 68.92 a in sec 1 t 6 r 4; \$800.

Edw F Steventon & wf to B C and Florence Dennis; 60 a in Jno Flett dlc in t 2 r 4; \$3000.

Alex Smith & wf et al to Margaret Smith; n 1/2 blk 57 LaFayette and 2-35 a in Joel Perkins dlc in t 4 r 3; \$10.

Jas Duncan to Frances Kelso; n 1/2 lot 4 blk 12 Hurley & Larges ad Newberg; \$1200.

J Woods Smith (Trustee) to Willamette Valley Cond Milk Co; blks 19-20-21-22 Oak Park ad McM; \$2087.

Julia A Gault to S F Keith; lts 1 to 8 inc blk 15 Oak Park ad McM; \$600.

J S Bickford & wf to W H & Nora Broyles; lots 6-7 Oak Park ad McM; \$1100.

Marie D Curtiss to W E Burke; e 1/2 G C Rogers dlc and 47.73 a in sec 10 t 3 r 2; \$10,250.

Thos E Miles & wf to C S Fling; 2.27 a in O J Walker dlc in t 3 r 2; \$681.

Mary Meda Snell & hub to Jas & Anna C McFarquhar; n 1/4 sec 6 t 5 r 5; \$1600.

Chas H Babcock & wf to Romige Hess et al; 155.50 a in T J Hubbard dlc in t 3 r 3; \$6375.

J A Beagle to W G Beagle; lots 129-130-131 Davton; \$1000.

E P Wallace to Ora K Nance; lot 4 blk 3 Smith & Phillips ad Amity; \$150.

J S Martin & wf to Edw McCann; lots 1-2-3-4 Baker & Martin ad McM; \$270.

L B Antrim & hub to Douglas

& Inez Cave; 1.25 a in Adan Matheny dlc in t 3 r 3; \$350.

Jacob Harrington to Julia C Harrington; 40 a in Wm Smith dlc in t 3 r 3; \$650.

N E Regg & wf to Munroe Land Co; se 1/4 sec 32 t 2 r 6; \$4500.

Julia W Riley & hub to Mary C Tidd; lot 8 blk 17 Johns ad McM; \$1850.

Alonzo Hadley & wf et al to L M Parker; lots 1-2-3-4-5-6 blk 11 Newberg; \$1.

Jas E Mellinger & wf to Lydia M Newton; 39.60 in Stewart Hanna dlc in t 4 r 3; \$4000.

B F Alumbaugh to Gertrude Greenhoot; 173 a in sec 15 t 2 r 5; \$1.

Howard Walton & wf to W R Carter; 5 a in Jos Hess dlc in t 3 r 3; \$500.

Howard Walton & wf to Mary E Carter; 15 a in Jos Hess dlc in t 3 r 3; \$1500.

S W Parrish (gdn) to Fred Worth; 273.30 a in Luke McKern dlc in t 3 r 3; \$2018.

John Shetnerly & wf to Saml Irwin; lots 3-4 blk 1, Fairview ad Willamina; \$150.

R W Wardle & wf to W A Howe; 0.26 a in Carlton.

Alex Gigoux & wf to J W Messenger & wf; 4 a in N Martin dlc t 4 r 4; \$2000.

Marriage Licenses.

Grace E. Webster, age 27, to Alfred T. Jones, age 38.

Anna VanHorn, age 28, to Chas. J. Hines, age 26.

Mary Maynard, age 18 to Edward A. Hutchens, age 22.

Arka Antrim, age 18, to Lewis W. Penrose, age 22.

Invalids—and Orthodox Medicine

Did you ever think of it—Why are there so many invalids in the world? They do not seem to be growing fewer though the Old School physicians have had charge of people in sickness from childhood up, for the past 4000 years. Why haven't the doctors with their drugs made a healthy race? There certainly have been enough master minds among them. To what else can it be due than the inefficacy of their drugs? Does their three score of remedies for rheumatism look like they had a "specific" for it, or that it is anything other than guesswork. If their drugs were the panacea for human ills that they claim for them, the doctors would have put themselves out of business hundreds of years ago, and there never would have been any chance for a drugless method of healing to gain a foothold. Why is it that these drugless measures are gaining new adherents constantly if it isn't for the good effects on invalids? Osteopathy has made wonderful strides during its brief span of sixteen years existence.

It is enough to give a night-hawk the shivers to think of some of their drugs. There's morphine, the nerve paralyzant, the pain deadener, and yet when given it stops all curative processes at once. The physicians themselves bemoan the character of this drug. R. P. Wilson, M. D. of Reddick, Fla., says in an old copy of "Medical Brief" published in St. Louis, Mo.: "Physicians have long felt the want of a remedy possessing the desirable properties of morphia, but free from the disagreeable effects of that drug." I should think so! Yet not finding it they continue using "morphia" though they know it is an invalid producer.

But it has no better claim on that position than the stimulants—all rank poisons. From the way some people use "whiskey and quinine" (whether prescribed or not) to knock out the La-

grippe and a mixture of "rock candy, whiskey and glycerine" for a cold and then have to send for the osteopath on account of a "splitting headache, a rapid heart and a raging fever" it would seem that these drugs are finding their level too. Who is it that cannot point to a doctor's prescription of some "bracer," as "brandy, sherry or wine," as the beginning of a downward career ending in a "drunkard's grave?" One thing is sure: if osteopathy cannot help you, it won't hurt you either now or hereafter. It is a fact patent to all that the stimulants stupefy in the end. All stimulants have their reaction. The depressants and stimulents go hand in hand as invalid producers.

What of absinth—that death-dealing drug? It is a "cordial," a distilled drink, and, according to Jean Vuilleumier, a Swiss writer, "Besides alcohol it contains about a dozen various herbs, such as absinth, anis and hyssop. Its devotees call it delicious, exquisite, refreshing, stimulating." It is a supposed stomachic tonic and an intoxicating agent. "Due to the many essences which enter into the composition of this drink and its high grade of alcohol, the nervous system is weakened, the will becomes paralyzed, the tendency to drink again and again becomes irresistible." Leading doctors and chemists of the local and federal government of Switzerland have, within two years, declared that "absinthism" is the worst form of alcoholism. That government has put its ban on its manufacture and use.

H. F. Rand M. D., medical superintendent St. Helena (Cal.) Sanitarium says in "Signs of the Times" (Oct. No.) published in Mountain View, Cal., that "Absinth is not only a poison, but also a stupefying principle which adds its action to that of alcohol. It is extensively used in France—is benign more and more generally used, not only in France but in our own country. Its terrible effect on the human body can hardly be described." Then think of physicians prescribing it. The death rate in France is now in excess of the birth rate. "This is one of the results to the French nation of the use of intoxicants and drugs."

One can get an idea of the character of absinth by a quotation from Dr. Sajous, an eminent French authority. He declares: "It surpasses in perniciousness any beverage known." And that is only giving expression to the opinion of the leading physicians and scientists in the world. Again this leading physician of France says: "It is so powerful that it is taken usually only in very small amounts—about one-half ounce producing effects which completely demoralize the central nervous system and the brain, producing a condition closely resembling epilepsy." Let America take its warning and beware! Or the folly of France will be her portion too.

You see it isn't osteopaths alone that condemn the use of these pernicious and poisonous drugs. I could name a dozen others. No osteopath ever said more harsh things of drugging and drug-doctors than a score of big M. D's. themselves whom I could mention. Yes, there are still invalids in the world—and they are increasing not decreasing, thanks to this stupendous use of these stupefying and poisonous though "popular" drugs.

DR. H. D. BOWERS.

A young Iowa doctor has discovered that the ankle is placed between the foot and the knee to keep the calf away from the corn.

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