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PERSONAL LIBERTY

When national prohibition was still a matter of next year or the year after, the big majority nearly everywhere seemed favorable to it, or at least tolerant of it. With prohibition an imminent certainty, there is a noticeable backwash of hostile sentiment.

Much of this opposition is due, no doubt, to the efforts of the liquor interests. But much of it is the expression of voluntary feeling on the part of disinterested citizens who feel that, after all, prohibition may be an unwarranted and grievous limitation of their 'personal liberty.'

Such citizens can do no better than read the admirable summary of the situation presented, in the Ladies' Home Journal, by William H. Taft, a man who will be suspected neither of selfish interest nor of provincial and bigoted view. He says:

"There are many men, as we know, who might drink liquor and be moderate in its use. But we must recognize that liquor is a very considerable source in stimulating crime. We must recognize that it places a large part in the production of poverty and suffering not only for the excessive drinker himself but for those related to him and dependent on him. Such a man in many ways imposes a burden on society at large. The restraint of the liberty of the individual to whom the use of intoxicants is enjoyable and harmless is but a slight restriction on his general freedom of action. It is something he may very well be called upon to give up to save for society those whom it depraves and destroys. The drinking of liquor is a social practice and is increased or minimized in a very large degree by the opportunity and proximity of access for

many who would never drink at all unless it was set under their noses by the infesting presence of saloons in liquor is allowed. The comparative cheapness in the production of alcohol and beer, even with a heavy tax laid upon them, enables the venders to reap a heavy profit from every retail sale. The temptation to the lazy, seeking a means of livelihood without effort, and prompted by distillers or brewers landing credit, forces upon a community saloons everywhere, because even in a hole in the wall a considerable daily income can be earned. The political machine of saloonkeepers and liquor dealers wields, through the ubiquitous saloon, a vicious and pernicious influence upon voters.

"This army of the immoral and vicious effects of the free manufacture and sale of liquor upon the community can leave no doubt that the curtailment of personal freedom in effective prohibition is small as compared with its benefit to society. This settles its conformity to true principles of personal liberty."

Moreover, he argues, "the people have spoken" and "this is a democracy." Let the critics—who are mostly of

foreign birth—imbibe "American spirit instead of American liquor, at least long enough to give the new system a fair and honest test."

CITY NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Morning worship at 10:30. Sermon by Rev. Pleasant Powell, D. D. Music by chorus choir. Sabbath school at the close of morning worship. We observe Mother's Day. Everyone wear a white flower. Dr. Powell who was for some time pastor of the college church at Hamilton, New York, and was then called to a professorship in Colgate University. At the present time he is making a trip to the Pacific Coast, being on a leave of absence. Rev. Mr. Young has known him for many years, and says that he is a good man and an exceptionally good speaker, and that he will have a message that is worth while. It is hoped that we may have a full house to greet him on Sabbath morning. Mr. Stever says the church will be heated. Methodist Episcopal—

George H. Bennett, pastor. "Priest, Levite or Good Samaritan—Which Are You?" will be the subject at 10:30. Sunday school 11:45. Epworth League prospers—come at 7 p. m. Dr. C. A. women, executive secretary of the great Centenary Movement, will speak at 8 o'clock on "Your Job in World-

Reconstruction. Baptist Church

The services of this church are planned to help the people worship God and live the true Christian life. The pure Gospel of Christ is presented to all. Worship 11 and 8. Bible school 10. Young People's meeting 7. A number will be taken into the church by baptism Sunday night. Special music and song service. A trio by Inez Wood, Jewel Jones and Elizabeth Young will be given and Mother's Day will be observed. You are welcome. Grace Church—

Rev. A. W. McFarland, acting pastor in Rev. Williams' absence. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Mother's Partnership With God." Special music. You are assured a cordial welcome at this service and especially the mothers.

Christian Church

Sunday is Mother's Day. There will be special services with an interesting program from 10 to 12. For the morning subject the pastor will bring a lesson from the lives of some mothers of the Bible. There is a special message for you at the evening service on the subject of "The Greatest Men in the World."

St. Mary's Church Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Archbishop Christie will officiate at the early service and will speak from the gospel of the day. At the late service a class of 40 children and adults will be presented by the pastor

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for Confirmation, which will be administered by the Archbishop. The sermon at this service will bear on "The Qualities and Duties of a Soldier of Christ." Vespers will be sung at 7:30 p. m. The series of sermons on the "Appearances of the Risen Christ" will be continued at this service. The public will be welcome at these services.

United Presbyterian "Liberty and Law" will be the subject of the morning sermon by the Rev. William Watson Reid, at the United Presbyterian church next Sabbath. The evening service will not begin till 8 o'clock, and both the dreamer and the wide-awake individual will

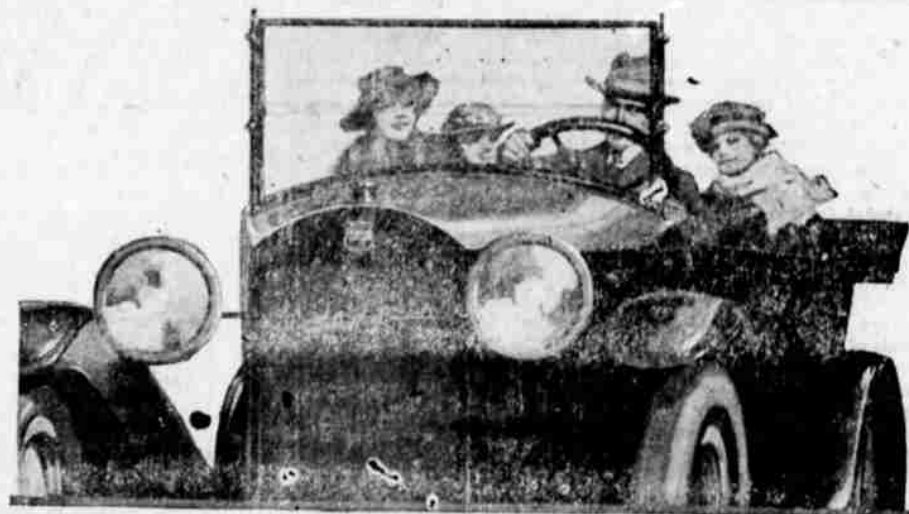
find the discourse on "The Chambers of Imagery" helpful and interesting. Preaching services, 10:30 and 8. Bible school 11:45. Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.

Seventh Day Adventist Church C. E. Erntson, pastor. Preaching Sunday at 8 p. m. Subject, "United States in Prophecy." It is very interesting to know what is foretold in the Bible about our great nation. Come. Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene Salem Road and Sherman St. Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. "Samson the Nazarene" Evening service 8 p. m. "The Watch-

Word." Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening 8 p. m. All cordially invited. Rev. Harold J. Miller.

First Spiritualist Church Rev. G. H. Brooks of Los Angeles will speak, and the society will hold their services in the parlors of the Cottage Hotel, 219 W. 4th St. Sunday at 2:30 and 8:15 p. m. Afternoon subject taken from the audience. Evening subject "Does It Harm the Spirit to Communicate to Mankind." Tests and messages after each lecture. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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