

THE CHURCHES AND THE SALOONS.

The attitude of churches toward saloons is a matter of public interest that is constantly forced upon the attention of communities during political campaigns. Especially in municipal politics does this relation between religious societies and places where drinking is carried on become strained. Each exerts a political influence and in a measure each counterbalances the influence of the other.

Of course, if saloons are violating the laws in selling liquor or permitting gambling there is only one way to restore the infracted majesty of the law and that is by legal process of complaint or indictment. There is no doubt but that saloons have violated and are now violating laws of this city, county or state.

It is easy to see that the churches have not made much progress in their warfare on saloons through politics, or by means of political campaigns. We will not here discuss the reason why, whether it be the impotence of the church, or the power of the saloons, or the depravity of the voters. We will raise the question, is there not a better way? Is there not a moral obligation on the churches to acknowledge that in two instances at least all men are equal—before God and under the constitution.

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The Portland Sun is a powerful paper. In its brief career it has apparently converted a number of our leading Republicans to free and unlimited coinage of silver.

about in a thousand years. Now the church recognizes only the actual and possible evil in the business. It should reach out its friendly uplifting hand to the possible good in the saloon-keeper as a man. If he is guilty of an offense against society, society is guilty against humanity in demanding such a degrading service of any human being as dispensing intoxicants and poisons.

Let the church look with forgiveness upon the weakness of human appetite, let it deplore the depravity of ignorant human beings who get drunk; let it denounce moderate drinkers and pernicious social customs; but let it withhold its saving influences from any class of men. Let its ministers go in kindness and fairness to the saloon-keepers and as men and gentlemen ask them to close on Sunday, or ask whatever in reason they can ask as men and Christians and gentlemen to influence them for right conduct.

The ideal system of finance, the president says, is the absolute divorcement of the government from banking. That principle is as sound as it was when Jefferson wrote that the only function of the government in dealing with money was to fix the standard and keep its mints open for coinage.

Watsonville, Cal., started in with a factory in 1890, having a capacity of about 300 tons, and each year they have increased their capacity, until now they are able to treat 800 tons of sugar beets a day. The farmers were slow to get started in the beet industry, but the profits from raising beets have been so much more than those of raising grain or fruit that the applications already presented to the factory are greater than the capacity of the factory for another year.

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The subsidy bonds of the Pacific railroads are maturing. Of \$60,000,000 issued to the Central Pacific, \$392,000,000 is due next month. The Pacific railroads owe the government several hundred millions and the managers want an indefinite extension of time to pay it in.

Salem has more new buildings under way than any town of its size on the coast as our New Year's edition will show.

Salem is now the Mecca of the state politicians seeking elections at the hands of the next legislature.

The Midland is promised an illustrated sketch of a recent visit to the picturesque home of the Swiss patriot, Andrea Hofer, by the talented Amalie Hofer, one of the editors and publishers of the Kindergarten Magazine and of various kindergarten publications.

THE SECOND LIFE.

Purgatory and Paradise Compared by a Man Who Has Seen Both.

A Miracle Worked in the Rural recesses of Borodino Creates a Sensation.

(From the Evening News, Syracuse, N. Y.) Albert Applebee was a very sick man, he had been ailing for months and had been compelled to remain home, unable to attend to his business. His friends stood or sat about the few small stores in the village of Borodino and discussed his sad condition.

Then came a change, he entirely recovered his former self and soon went about his work whistling as blithely as a lark. Now he is just the same genial, jovial fellow that he was before. This was a surprise for everybody had given him up for dead.

"Well, it was just this way, began the carpenter, who is a good-looking man of about fifty summers. 'In the fall of 1891 I had a siege of grip which took me by the heels and threw me flat on my back in bed. It was a pretty rough time for me as I was very sick and never expected to get up again except feet first in a coffin. But I recovered after a long sickness, but was left with an ailment which was quite as dangerous as indefinitely more painful. I had scrofula in my head for two years and a half or over and there was a sickening discharge from my right ear. I took about every medicine known to the medical fraternity but could get no benefit.'

"I was also troubled with a severe pain in my stomach and indigestion which made me feel that life was not worth living. Last fall I began taking a medicine known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People which were recommended by a friend whose wife had read of them in some of the country papers. But I gave it a trial and was surprised to find that it benefited me. I tried more and persevered and at last, thank God, I was cured. My ear has discontinued discharging and for the last three months I have been perfectly well. I make these statements merely because I think the world should be acquainted with this remarkable remedy."

Mr. Applebee finished his story and climbed the ladder to resume his work, there was no halting about his footsteps and in about a little time as it takes to tell it, he was hammering shingles in the roof, sitting there the picture of health.

Several of Mr. Applebee's neighbors were seen by the reporter and they in turn expressed their confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills after seeing the wonderful change they had wrought on him. One said the cure was simply wonderful as the man had lost his appetite and could not sleep and was a total wreck.

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