CORRESPONDENCE.

A Linn County Man Discusses the Evils of Drink.

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EDITOR JOURNAL: In you issue of of the 5 inst is an editorial I read with much interest. In it you ask, "And why is it not better that the political activities of the people be engrossed with revenue and financial problems, or rather with political economy, than with questions like socialism or religion."

As I understand your editoriol these question of political economy are "protection and silver or free trade and gold standard." There are some of us who have for several years advocated a tariff commission. This body could not and should not have the power to establish tariff rates, but could make recommendations to congress, to be enacted into laws, and thus practically take the tariff question out of politics. I see no reason why this manner of treating the problem of our national financies would not work equally as well. Of course the politicians would likely be against this way of settling these questions, but the true patriots would be for it. There is another question commonly called only a moral question, but which has as as much, if not more of economy in it, as any other problem before our people, and that is the liquor traffic.

There are low mutterings all over our land and they will ere long break forth into the mighty shout THE SALOON MUST GO. Many shake their heads and say "this will never be." And why not? Is there not cause?

Let me briefly give a few of the facts we gather from the most reliable statistics at hand. There are 240,000 saloons in the United States. These have manufactured for us a standing army of 600,000 drunkards of whom 100,000 are boys between the ages of 16 and 20.

100,000 persons go down yearly to drunkards graves, and one boy out of every 5 families is taken to recruit these demonized ranks, one girl out of 15 families is taken to a life of shame, to feed the passions of those inflamed by strong drink.

$1,080,000,000 was spent last year for intoxicating liquors, making $15. per capita estimating our population at 72,000,000. An equally as great a sum was no doubt paid out in frustrating crimes caused by the liquor traffic.

There are, we are told, in New York City nine police judges who are paid $7,000 each per annum. As far as they have expressed an opinion, they say that from 70 to 80 per cent of the crimes they investigate were caused by intoxicating drinks. Taking the country as a whole it is safe to say that from 60 to 80 per cent of the crimes are due to alcoholic liquors. There are 4,000,000 Christian voters in the United States and probably as many more of moral men who abominate the unholy traffic. Were it not for old party ties these would come together and wipe the accursed business from the face of our republic. These party ties are rapidly being sundered I believe the fullness of time has come, and never again will the old parties sweep the country, as they have in the past. Never again will they win this Oregon of ours should the battle be for the same old issues. The seeds of discord and dissension have so widely and deeply been sown within the past few months that political harmony is quite impossible, and not at all probable.

Talk abous prosperity. It will never come in full blaze of its soul cheering rays until we as a people have first destroyed this heaven cursed soul destroying traffc.

The untold agonies, tears and prayers of untold multitudes who have suffered from this terrible sin, have come before, and are held in remembrance by him who has said "Vengence is mine, I will repay" that day of vengence is upon us. Its fearful shadow has brooded over us these weary years of depression and loss.

The blood of rum's victims crieth from the ground and will be avenged more than seven fold. When the avenger of blood is satisfied, then there will be light and joy, and gladness in all our dwellings.

CYRUS H. WALKER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A member of the Montana legislature was expelled for taking bribes.

Contested election cases in the late congress cost the government $124,826.

The governor of Utah has approved the anti-high and broad theater-hat bill.

A Boston man has written an account of how one can live on a dollar a week.

It is stated that the Czar of Russia is a physical wreck, his principal trouble being epileptic fits.

There are about a thousand Greeks on the Pacific coast, of whom 650 are willing to serve their country.

A Parisian was recently killed by a stuffed leopard. It fell on him and scared him into a fit of apoplexy.

The question of a harbor for Los Angeles has at last been settled San Pedro has been selected on its merits.

Some one has figured it out that the old soldiers are dying at the rate of over 100 per day or about 40,000 a year.

The Alabama legislature has authorized the governor to fund the bonded debt of that state with 50-year bonds.

There is no doubt that the federal courts will declare illegal the Oklahoma law, which forbids any man to make a contract payable in gold.

In Boston a thief walked out of a court room during the progress of a trial with a mirror in one hand and the judge's hat and overcoat in the other.

A California court has held that stocks and bonds of outside corporations owned in that state must be assessed there, where the owners reside, though they may be held outside the state.

STATE NEWS.

The census of the Jacksonville school district shows that there are 360 pupils of school age in the district. There are 179 boys and 181 girls, and the gain in the district over the census of 1896 is 18.

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Fred J. Miller, of Butteville, Marion county, has contracted 8000 pounds of his 1897 hop crop to Frank D. Miller, of Oneonta, New York, the price to be paid being 8½ cents a pound, 5 cents a pound to be advanced for picking money.

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