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The action of the western railroads Tuesday, in refusing to grant a thirteen days' limit to tickets to St. Paul, on account of the coming national G. A. R. encampment, will probably result in the loss of the gathering to that city and the turning of the money to eastern roads. Of all organizations in the United States, the Grand Army of the Republic is entitled to the concessions asked. No other convention attracts so many excursionists, and nothing else has done what the old boys in blue have accomplished toward making it possible for railroads to do the business they have for so many years. Yet these men are turned down. It seems entirely unreasonable and wrong.—Aurora Beacon.

We are now fast approaching the time when the village will receive its light from an electric light plant, which will be under the control of the village. The board of trustees have become thoroughly interested in the matter and they have taken some action looking toward the establishment of a plant here. Our council is an energetic and progressive body who are interested in the village to such an extent that they may be relied upon to do the right thing at the right time, and what they may decide to do will be for the best interests of the people. We are going to have electric lights and the plant will be of the best. This accomplished, Downers Grove can lay claim to being second to none in the matter of waterworks, lighting, and other improvements. Public works of any description is always a benefit to a town, attracting the attention of the outside community and announcing, as it does, the progression and public spirit of its inhabitants.

Speaking of what free trade and democracy are doing for the manufacturers, Eli Perkins says: "Why, we are knocking them out. We've killed the Yankee lace factory at Wilkesbarre, and are buying ship loads of window curtains in Nottingham. We have shut up a third of the woolen factories in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the British steamers come loaded with woolen cloth from Bradford. Why last year we shipped 25 per cent more woolen goods from England than we did under McKinley in 1892. We democrats are keeping the woolen mills in Leeds and Manchester going day and night. And see what we are doing for our sheep at home. The slaughter houses at Kansas City and Omaha are killing millions of sheep from New Mexico and Wyoming. And wool! Did not our grasping farmers used to get 35 cents for it under McKinley and now we are sending gold to Australia and buying Swan river and Van Dieman's land wool for 10 and 15 cents. I tell you we democrats are running things wild. We have to, for we know you republicans are coming with the Keeley cure in '96."

There does not appear to be any sufficient reason for American glorification or hurrah over the statement of Lord Salisbury at a public banquet on Friday last that he accepted the Monroe doctrine as laid down by President Monroe. He accepted the doctrine in his dispatch to Secretary Olney, but it has not settled the Venezuelan question by any means, nor will his fresh utterance do it, nor will it affect the determination of the United States to ascertain whether the proposed action of the English government is not in contravention of that doctrine. So far as Venezuela is concerned, Lord Salisbury may claim he is in favor of the Monroe doctrine as promulgated by Pres. Monroe, because he claims that Great Britain is not about to extend monarchical government over any American territory beyond the limits of British Guiana. But that is the very question involved. Venezuela asserts that the territory west of the Schomburgk line is here. But confining the issue to the former, if Great Britain seizes that territory and it belongs to Venezuela, then she is extending the principle of the monarchical government over new American territory and is violating the Monroe doctrine. As Lord Salisbury refuses to settle the dispute by arbitration, the United States has been forced to appoint a commission to ascertain the exact boundary line. When that is done there will be an opportunity to decide whether Great Britain is violating the doctrine or not. Her premier so flamboyantly

announces he accepts. In a word this is another Salisbury bluff, which will deceive no one who gives the matter a moment's thought.

W.C.T.A. Column.
BY MISS M. BLISSER.
WHITE BUTTON MOVEMENT.

But few have much of an idea of the extent of this temperance movement among railroad men known as "The White Button Temperance Pledge." This little white button with the letters R. R. T. A., meaning Railroad Temperance Association, or Railroad Total Abstinence, is now worn by over 130,000 railroad men in the United States and Canada, and it is but a little over three years since the first one was handed out by its author, the Honorable L. S. Coffin of Ft. Dodge, Ia. In a conversation with him a few days ago the writer learned these facts as to the origin and progress of this wonderful work.

Mr. Coffin while in Washington, working to get his coupler bill through congress, for greater safety to railroad men in handling cars, was invited to address a large meeting of railroad men in one of the large opera houses in Baltimore, and in the course of that address he remarked "that such was his confidence in railroad men of this nation, he believed if it was left to them to decide by vote whether there should be a saloon within two miles of any railroad station or not, there would be such a unanimous and mighty vote of "No," that it would well nigh make the whole land tremble," and thereafter such a tumultuous and long continued applause, he had to wait quite a while before he could proceed with his address.

The approval of his remark made a profound impression on his mind and so much so, he felt it was incumbent on him to devise some way by which such a feeling among these men could be crystallized, and taking a hint from Miss Jennie Smith, a nation wide-known worker among railroad men and National Evangelist of the W. C. T. U., he, after consultation with some of the leading temperance men in the Brotherhood Orders of railroad men, contracted with a firm in New York for the first 10,000 buttons, paying \$40 per thousand.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers held their international convention in Atlanta, Ga., in 1892. With a good deal of hesitancy and yet with faith in the men and cause, he went to the convention taking with him 1,200 of the buttons. There were some 500 or more delegates to that convention, representing divisions in all the states, Mexico and Canada. He thought if he could interest these delegates enough to get them to each take a few home to their divisions, it would be a good start. He was cordially received by the boys and invited to address the convention, not only on this proposed temperance movement, but on Sunday rest and congressional legislation for safety appliances on cars and engines. To use his own expression of how the White Button Movement was received, he said: "Those 1,200 buttons went so quick it made my head swim," and he had to express down there to Grand Chief Arthur for 5,000 more to satisfy the demands of the delegates for enough to take back to their divisions.

He has since met with all the other brotherhoods in all their national conventions and given out buttons, and there is scarcely a mail but brings requests for more "White R. R. T. A. Buttons," until now between 135,000 and 140,000 have been given out, and he says that his observation is that this pledge of total abstinence is kept more sacred than any temperance pledge he has any knowledge of.

He is constantly in receipt of letters from mothers, wives and from the men themselves, telling them in most pathetic language of the good that has come to their homes through the little White Button. Here is an anomalous movement for temperance. Mr. Coffin is at the entire expense of the whole movement. He said it was a great question with him of how to get them on the coats of the men. No one would think of asking a man to pay a small fee when getting him to sign a temperance pledge, and the thought of asking the man to give a few cents for a button was repugnant to him. Then again, were they sold to the men at bare cost, some might think it was a money scheme and it might lose its moral force. After a great deal of deliberation, he decided there was no other way but to give them away freely, and the result has proven the wisdom of this course.

The boys, he has learned, often reason this way: "These buttons must, in the aggregate, cost Mr. Coffin quite a large sum of money; now, if he thinks enough of me to spend his means in this way for me, I will wear this button in good faith." So Mr. Coffin is making nothing out of this wonderful movement. The larger it grows the more it costs him. I understand that it has already cost him over \$4,000 in the work for the buttons alone, to say nothing about his work and time spent in carrying it on. He expects to see the day when the boys will make the movement unanimous. To this end he writes and visits the journals of the brotherhoods a great many thousands. "O," said he with a sigh, "if only the great public whom these brave men serve so faithfully day and night, would only make them half way and not stick saloons under their noses to tempt them to drink, how soon the grand work would be accomplished."—The Dial of Progress.

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I ever used," writes one lady, in regard to Hood's Pills. "They are so mild and do their work without any griping. I recommend them to all suffering from constiveness. They will certainly bring your habits regular. We use no other cathartic." Hood's Pills are rapidly increasing in favor. 25c.

The first leap year proposal has come to light. Today a Kookak gentleman received a pretty, unique and suggestive card from a lady tried about 500 miles from this city. There are five ribbon bows of different colors, neatly fastened in the card, one in each corner and one, the most important, in the center. Accompanying each bow is a verse. In the left upper corner appears the following beneath a bow to match:

"If for me there is no hope
Send me back my heliotrope."
In the right upper corner:
"If your love for me is true,
Send me back my bow of blue."
In the left lower corner:
"If you are another girl's fellow,
Send me back my bow of yellow."
In right lower corner:
"If of me you sometimes think,
Send me back my bow of pink."
And in the center:
"If with me you wish to wed,
Send me back my bow of red."

The recipient of this leap year proposal said it was his intention to return the bow of red.—Constitution-Democrat.

THE HABITS OF CHILDREN.
Should be closely watched and regulated by mothers. Carelessness in childhood often leads to serious troubles in after life. The digestive organs and bowels should be kept in the best possible condition to insure good health, not only for the present, but for years to come. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a harmless but potent remedy, corrects all such evils in children. Twenty doses (for children) 10c at Carpenter's.

Sidewalk Ordinance No. 15.
An Ordinance providing for the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Randall street, between Church and Washington streets.

Be it ordained by the president and board of trustees of the village of Downers Grove in the county of DuPage and state of Illinois:

Section 1. That a sidewalk be constructed on the north side of Randall street, between Church and Washington streets, in said village of Downers Grove, Illinois, and immediately in front of the following lots and lands, to-wit: Lots 14, 15 and 17 of Curtis' subdivision of Lot 27 of Assessor's subdivision of sections 7 and 8, N. R. 38-11 in said village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, state of Illinois.

Sec. 2. That the whole cost of said sidewalk shall be levied upon said lots and lands in proportion to their frontage upon said sidewalk.

Sec. 3. Said sidewalk shall be constructed under the supervision and to the acceptance of the street commissioner of said village, and the same shall be of the width and constructed of the materials and in the manner as follows: Said sidewalk shall be four feet and eight inches in width and constructed of the best number one common pine lumber. The planks shall be laid crosswise and be not less than 11 inches in thickness, nor less than six inches or more than ten inches in width, same to be supported by and securely nailed with wire nails (twenty penny) to three pine stringers not less than 2 by 4 inches, securely bound together at the joints. Said stringers to rest on flat stone blocking or cedar posts.

Sec. 4. That the owners of the said lots and parcels of land are hereby required to construct said sidewalk in front of their respective lots, agreeably to the provisions of Section 3 of this ordinance, within thirty days after the publication thereof.

Sec. 5. Upon the default of any owner or owners to construct that part of said sidewalk immediately in front of his or their respective lot or lots within thirty days after the publication of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the said street commissioner to cause the same to be constructed in behalf of said village at the cost of said owner or owners. The said street commissioner shall certify to a bill of the cost of said sidewalk constructed by the village in front of said lots, showing in separate items the cost of grading, materials, laying down and supervision, and file it in the office of the village clerk, together with a list of the lots and parcels of land touching upon the line of said sidewalk, the names of the owners thereof and the frontage of their respective lots on said sidewalk.

Sec. 6. The village collector is hereby designated as the officer to collect the special tax herein provided, and to whom warrants for the same shall be directed.

Sec. 7. The village clerk shall in all respects comply with the provisions of an act of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, entitled "An act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force in the State of Illinois, July 1st, A. D. 1875. Upon failure of the Collector to collect said special tax pursuant to the provisions of said act, it shall be the duty of said Clerk to make a report of such special tax in writing to the County Treasurer and ex-officio County Collector on or before the 31st day of March, A. D. 1896, as required by said act. Passed February 3, 1896. Approved February 3, 1896. W. S. CARPENTER, President. BERT. O. WHITE, Village Clerk.

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