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MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

The Landlady of the Temperance Hotel Makes her Debut.

On Thursday afternoon last, Mrs. Robinson, of the Temperance Hotel, Flesherton Station, appeared before Squires Armstrong and Richardson in the Division Court Clerk's office here, to answer to a couple of charges preferred against her by License Inspector Campbell.

The first charge was for keeping liquor on the premises contrary to law. The License Inspector being duly sworn, testified that he had found liquor on the premises. A brown jug, containing one gallon of whiskey, was found in the landlady's bedroom. Jug produced. Their worships sniffed at the opening, after the cork had been withdrawn, then touched their respective tongues to the bottom of the cork itself. It was whiskey. Mrs. Robinson frankly admitted the correctness of their surmises herself, but said she got it for the sole use of her family. She had always kept a little drop around the house, but only for medicine. Was not aware that this was contrary to law, until now, when the certainty of a heavy fine made her painfully cognizant of the fact. She did not keep whiskey for sale. Declined to be sworn, but made a statement, which was committed to writing. Said she got the whiskey on the very day the Inspector visited her. Got it in a liquor store, but declined to say whose or where. Fined $20 and costs.

Charge number two: selling liquor without a license. Dates specified, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3rd and 4th. J. H. Campaigne, blacksmith, Flesherton Station, being sworn, testified that he was in the bar-room of the Temperance Hotel on Friday. Was there on business with his cousin, Sam Campaigne. Drank nothing whatever. Did not drink cider. Did not bring a bottle of anything away with him. Was in the same hotel Saturday evening. Sam Campaigne and my blacksmith were there also. I treated. Did not drink cider. Did not ask for anything in particular; merely asked for something to drink. It was stronger than water. Enough of it might make a man intoxicated. Do not know whether it was whiskey or not. Positively could not say whether it was whiskey, but it was certainly stronger than water—that's enough, now! Did not pay for the drinks. Offered to pay, but it was not accepted. One of the others treated but that was all the treating there was done. Did not see any money paid. Miss Robinson attended bar. Did not see the landlady. Only stayed a short time, but could not say how long or when I came in or when I went away—that's enough now! [Witness seemed considerably irritated by the sharp cross questioning, and frequently exclaimed "that's enough now!"]

The case was postponed until this afternoon, in order to procure additional evidence. Particulars next week.

FLESHERTON STATION.

Interesting Items Collected for The Advance.

By an Occasional Correspondent.

Mr. McGinnis, the new hotel-keeper here, is becoming quite a popular host.

A Literary Society was formed here recently, and on Tuesday evening of last week the members thereof indulged in an exciting and interesting debate. Subject: Which would be the most beneficial to the early settler, the ox or the horse?

Mr. Purdy, post-master here, is able to move around again.

The Durham stage-driver has put in an appearance here every day this winter, notwithstanding inclement weather.

Campaigne has rented his blacksmith shop to G. McKelvanie.

P. Harrington is the new night operator in the C. P. R. office here.

W. A. Parker was visiting friends in Priceville a few days last week.

Miss Sarah Hogg has been visiting friends at Eugenia.

Mrs. J. Phillips—formerly of the Station and now of Bolton—has been very ill but is now recovering.

W. J. Wadsworth and family removed to Toronto last Thursday.

Donald McPherson has returned from Michigan.

The landlady of the temperance hotel here has got into trouble with License Inspector Campbell, who had her before the magistrates last Thursday on two charges of (1) keeping liquor on her premises and (2) selling the same contrary to law. Fined $20 and costs on the first charge; hearing of second postponed one week.

ANTI-TOBACCO LEAGUE.

Contributed for The Advance by The Fighting Editor.

Anti-Tobacco League nuthin! That is what I say. What's the *Herald's spur* kickin' at anyway? Seems to hev a hobby fur startin' up a lot of societies, sich as wild injun redmen etcetery, to keep track of which is enough to knock the cogs of a fellow's brains out of gear. Humph! strikes me I'll hev to git another club and load it with dynamite, so's that every time I strike anybody there'll be an explosion, likewise a funeral—and I'll provide the corpse. Its fairly aggerwatin'. Here the spring's comin' on, too, and I'll be awfully busy with them sky-larkin' tom tooters of Spring Poets. Why in thunder can't the *Herald* bottle up his old Anti-Tobacco Leaguers for a few months and give me and the boss a show. They'll keep.

The other day—Friday I think it wuz—in comes the boss (I mean the Editor) with a lot of letters and papers. In course he reads the letters first. He read two or three of 'em, and then picked up one that didn't 'pear to hev anything in it but the envelope. "Hallo!" says he, "what's this?" A little slip of printed matter dropped out. He took it up and read as follows:—

"He who doth not smoke hath either known no great griefs or refuseth himself the softest consolation, next to that which comes from heaven."—*Bulwer-Lytton.*

"Here, bub," says he, addressin' me (he's blamed familiar with me, that's a fact) "you can just count me out of that League. Write what you like for THE ADVANCE next week, but you must express your own sentiments, my boy." As if I'd bother my head with other people's foolishness. I've quite enough to do to attend to my own, thank you.

But this Anti-Tobacco League is a great racket and no mistake. Our devil says he'll raise the mischiefs own racket if he should ever chance to run up against the man that wrote that piece in the Herald about him. The day the article was read to him, he fired a lot of type into the Gehenna box and swore he would have revenge if he had to pawn every hair on his head. I told him he'd better size up his man first—that's the way I always do. Once a man called me a cussed blue shark of a liar in a somewhat unfriendly manner, and put a stick on his shoulder and dared me to knock it off or be called "cowardly custard." He was about 70 lbs. heavier than me, so I just turned on my heel and treated him with silent contempt. Next day a little chap, who looked like a walking stick, said I was a prevaricator. The undertaker and tombstone man got a job, "in course." Always size your man up.

But dropping Spring Poets and coming back to this tobacco business, I am of the opinion that a great deal could be said on both sides. There's the man that would like to smoke but can't—he is a Leaguer. There's the man that never smoked—he's a Leaguer. Ther's the man whose better half is such in reality—he's a Leaguer and no mistake about it; if he weren't, he might as well have the bell tolled for his funeral right away. There's the youth that's courtin a nice young lady over the way, who strongly objects to smoking—he's a Leaguer. There's the man to whom smoking is positively injurious—he's a Leaguer. Then there's the man to whom smoking has always been a pleasant and harmless pastime, but who, in a moment of enthusiasm or impulse, gives it up—he's a Leaguer—*never!*

Ahem! P'raps now I have said enough about Anti-Tobacco Leaguers. Nevertheless I could say much more, and if I can only get a quiet evening to myself before the crop of Spring Poets are ripe, I'll let people know a thing or two about this tobacco business that'll knock 'em cold with surprise. I will and no mistake.

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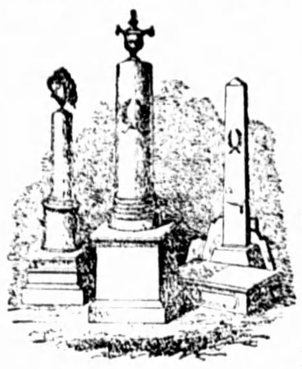

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