Flesherton Advance.

"TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR."—"PRINCIPLES NOT MEN."

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The Aftermath.

After the Christmas sales, which were extraordinarily large this year, we find left in stock a fine line of goods which we think everyone will concede is

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Industrial Home Notes

(By an Inmate)

A dying man driven in a cutter from Holstein on Saturday last to the House of Refuge died the moment he was brought into the house. No blame attachable to the authorities of the municipality in which he lived.

The most sad and solemn incident which has been witnessed at this institution since its inception occurred on Saturday last. Your cor. observed a double cutter, containing two men, drive up to the front door, the driver got out, tied the horses, and entered the house, the other man remaining seated in the cutter. On looking out a few minutes later I saw the cutter empty, and came to the conclusion that another inmate had arrived On leaving my room to ascertain, I was informed by the matron that such was the case and she was afraid the poor man was dying. I then went to the centre of the corridor and found the poor man had just breathed his last. It appears that after getting out of the cutter he walked up the steps, with assistance, but on reaching the top step he fell forward on his face to the floor, was instantly carried inside but only drew two or three breaths and then expired. The superintendant had, a short time previously, gone to the village on business and the sad and solemn event must have been a severe shock to the worthy matron in her husband's absence. The deceased was apparently about 78 years of age, George Daley by name, a carpenter and waggon maker by trade, having a workshop in Holstein, but I have not yet been able to ascertain whether or no he was ever married or had any friends or relatives living. In the absence of Dr. Eno, the house physician, Dr. Sproule came to the house to view the body and pronounced death caused by the last stage of Dropsy, being, as he said, practically dead before he came, and the sudden fall causing the water to envelope the heart and result in immediate death. The body and limbs were swollen to an enormous size, and the Dr. reccomended that the body be interred just as it was with as little delay as possible. Undertaker Chapman took away the remains for interment between six and seven o'clock the same evening. On first consideration the event had the appearance of gross neglect on the part of some one in not attending to the case sooner, but it is gratifying to state that no person but himself was blameable for the sad occurrence. Evidence goes to show that for more than a year he had been under medical treatment, and having a great repugnance for hospitals or houses of refuge, persistently refused to be sent to either, and latterly even refused to take the medicine prescribed by his physician. The municipal authorities however took no further notice of his protests and sent him here nolens volens, and very justly, too.

Ed. Black, who, at his own request, was discharged from the institution on March 13th inst., was readmitted on new committal papers on Friday last. Not quite two weeks away. Perhaps some of these other old chaps who are anticipating their departure in the near future, will discover, too, that their day of usefulness is past, that the services of old men are no longer required Times are changed, people must keep abreast with these progressive times, and it is absolutely necessary that to do this young, strong and intelligent men and women are the only fit material. Reflect, comrades, reflect, and make yourselves content in any situation you cannot better. Remember that contentment is a gem worth more than diadem.

James Dunlop, who recently tried to escape is apparently beyond making any further attempts. He has been confined to his bed in the hospital room the last 10 or 12 days. He is not able to make much noise now, takes but very little nourishment, is getting very feeble and may drop off any day.

Since writing the foregoing items I learn that telephonic communication was had with Holstein concerning the deceased George Dale. Word was received that no one knew anything about him further than that he had been seven years a resident there, was a member of the Methodist church, and that the only thing to be done was to bury him the best way the manager could. We have no doubt but that the municipal authorities were perfectly justified in their action of sending him here, at the same time it seems very sad that there were not christian friends enough to be found in the church of which he was in membership to intercede for the postponement of so long a drive in an open cutter on a cold March day, for a man in his condition and taken out of his bed. I feel confident that the members of Flesherton Methodist church would never sanction so unchristian-like an act to any member of their church in the vicinity.

Once more was our divine service room crowded from reading desk to door and a few seated in the corridor yesterday.

[We have been obliged to slightly curtail the budget this week.—ED.]

Local Option Enforcement

To the Editor of The Advance

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The township will soon be face to face with the problem of the enforcement of local option. It is gratifying to be assured by one of the ex-license commissioners that directly the licenses held by the several hotels throughout the township expire on the first of May, and will not be renewed during the regime of local option, that there need be no anxiety or fear of liquor being sold without licenses by any of the aforesaid houses. This statement was emphasized by the commissioner and he gave reasons for his conclusions, namely, that being an officer for a number of years, and during that time several licences throughout his district had been withdrawn, and he was not aware of one case of the closed bar rooms infringing the law. But, sir, if it be correct what some of the well informed men opposed to local option affirm, that there will be dives and dens without number throughout our township where liquor will be sold, it will be our duty to prevent this, or else the last state will be worse than the first. We were fully aware when we carried local option the fight was only beginning. In almost all prohibition measures of the liquor traffic what has brought the act into disfavor has been the secret and open violation of law. We declared again and again during the campaign that we had better machinery behind local option to secure its enforcement than that of any other prohibition measures on the statute books. And I see that on the Bill introduced into the legislature by Hon. W. J. Hanna to amend liquor licenses, etc., in referring to local option he makes this statement: "Municipalities are also given the power of enforcing local option bylaws by the appointment of paid officers who shall have the power of inspectors." Now, Sir, I would assume that these special officers to be appointed in addition to the regularly appointed inspector, should greatly help in seeing the law enforced, although I must admit that I am not sanguine that even with this addition we have all that is required in seeing that the law is not violated. You were kind enough to give a short article in your last issue of the executive committee of Centre Grey Alliance. The convention to be held on the 9th prox. is to consider amongst other things what steps should be taken by the citizens to help to the enforcement of the law. No more serious matter could engage the attention of our people than this. When the Dunkin Act was carried in this county some of the most ardent advocates of the Act were the first to ask for its repeal, and why? "Because of the lack of accommodation for the travelling public, the confusion rising therefrom and the open violation of the law throughout the county. The citizens of this village were so deeply impressed with that fact that to leave matters as they were then would be detrimental even to local option, and to a limited extent produce similar results, and that moral reform on liquor suppression would be set back. To conserve our enthusiasm and to prevent it from evaporation it was decided to build a temperance hotel. This has materialized in a most gratifying way (I mean that we have obtained the sinews of war) and doubtless by this time the charter for the joint stock company may be in the hands of the committee. The question of accommodation is the crux of the situation where local option is adopted. Why so? Because, for this reason, that few hotel keepers who have made money in the liquor business will keep a temperance house, as the gilt edge of their profits of from $4000 to $5000 per annum is cut off. Therefore accommodation must be provided for in towns and villages if local option is to be a success. What has brought Owen Sound so magnificently to the front in moral reform? Simply she had the wisdom to provide the accommodation necessary prior to the vote on local option.

Local option being only granted to us for three years from the first May, when that time expires we want our majority increased for its renewal. You say this is premature? No sir! There will be no difficulty in getting that if we attend to two things—firstly providing accommodation; secondly, by seeing that the law is enforced. Now, sir, the first for us here is on the way of being accomplished and we have only to consider the second. In our coming convention one of the great questions that will be raised is "Can we as citizens do anything to help the officers of the law to enforce Local Option." Some of us 'tis true have done much to see the law enforced under license, simply because we do not believe in licensing men to do evil to injure a brother. But it is a very different thing when there is no license, if men get drink and give evidence that they are under the influence of liquor. It will be the duty of local option men to help the officers of the law to find out by every lawful means where the drink was obtained. If we do not we are worse than fools to give the thought time and attention to get a law passed, see it violated before our eyes and be dumb. No, sir, that's not to be. But what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and therefore I would suggest that we appoint a committee of three at different places throughout the township; that the members of each of the different committees be made known to the vicinity where they are appointed, so that any person or persons having suspicion of liquor being sold in a dive or den, etc., or run across any one under the influence of liquor they at once report the same to a member of the committee. The committee itself will not go about with its eyes closed. At the same time we do not commend prying into other people's business. Yet the law must be honored and the penalties for its violation enforced. Nothing would grieve one more than to see any unfortunate fellow placed behind the bars, but every man who puts law at defiance exposes himself to its penalties, and not only that, but in his inmost soul he knows he ought to be punished for the violation of law; not only that, but he knows that inspectors, and even citizens, are not doing their duty if he is allowed to go scott free. We wish ill to no man. We simply give the note of warning. We have secured local option and we wish to retain it. We will if our citizens will be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. —L. W. THOM

Terrible Tragedy.

Allan Parks Burned to Death

Just as we go to press we learn of a terrible tragedy at Tyrone, four miles from town. Some time Tuesday night the residence of Allan Parks was burned to the ground and the unfortunate owner consumed in the fire. The victim was a bachelor and lived alone. The remains were recovered but burned almost beyond recognition. Mr. Parks was well known as a musician and was a member of Prince Arthur Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Flesherton.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCoy, near Hazzard's Corners, in Rawdon Township met with a painful accident one day last week. Her hair caught in the machinery of the windmill and to save her from being drawn in, her father had to hold her while her scalp was literally torn off. The injuries are serious, but the doctor says the child will recover. —Norwood Register.

On Wednesday afternoon, Arthur Wildding, the young man who was sent up from Dundalk, appeared before Judge Hatton, charged with criminally assaulting a young girl under nine years of age. Wilding entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to one year in the central prison. A largely signed petition from residents of Dundalk asking for clemency influenced the judge in passing sentence —O.S.Sun

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