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Keeping summer boarders seems to be a very lucrative business, till the grocer's, the meat man's and milk and butter man's bills begin to come in and then you begin to see why the balance on your ledger is so small. But when the ledger takes no account of the good cheer, the inspiring fellowship, the charm and delight of the personality of the true summer boarder; may there be increase.

The weather the first of the week, was of the genuine New Orleans sort, hot, humid and adhesive; every thing you touched or looked at stuck to you, even to your meat relations. In the higher altitudes you may have very hot weather but the air is more furnace-like and you perspire freely, but your perspiration does not seem like mucilage. Our humidity is a strong factor in many people's ill health, especially those with throat and lung difficulties.

Justifiable Defense

It is strange, sometimes how much some people know about law who are totally ignorant of nearly every feature of it. Not along ago one of these wise ones was beating the administrator of the law, eastern decrees, stating how things should go, when someone asked him if he had attended the trial. No, he did not. Did he hear the evidence? No, he never heard a word. Well, what if I should tell you such and such facts were brought out evidence? Oh, that would change matters. Oh, 'twould, eh? What then becomes of your sweeping statements?

We have heard more of this sort of "wisdom" within a week on the law of assault and battery, than Blackstone, Story, Kent, Cooley and scores of other legal lights ever dreamed of. For the sake of these "learned" fellows we quote a single sentence from the famous case of Ogden vs. Claycomb, Ill., 375. "The rule is * * * that more violence can be used than a reasonable man would under the circumstances, regard necessary to his defense. If he strikes a blow not necessary to his defense or after all danger is past, or by way of revenge, he is guilty of an assault and battery.

We offer one suggestion, and here the evidence shows that the plaintiff had his hand firmly hold of the defendant's head pulling and jerking him about as best he could. Perhaps some folks would expect said defendant to meekly submit to that process, and make no exertion to defend himself or get free from the plaintiff's clutches. And then, on the other hand, perhaps he would not be so meek; opinion differ. Put yourself in his place and what would you do?

The End Of The St. Louis Strike.

The St. Louis strike ended and a settlement has been made between the transit company and the employees. Today the whole civilized world is shaken over conditions in China and surely there are serious enough. In all the history of civilization, not only civilized nations but even peoples approaching barbarism have held the lives of ambassadors and other national representatives as sacred, and now there is a serious fear that the diplomats of various nations in China have been assassinated. Whether true or not, a condition exists that makes such a disaster possible and perhaps even probable. All civilized society is justly aroused, but what shall we say of conditions right here in the midst of our own country of those civili-

zation we boast so much? For nearly two months a condition has prevailed in St. Louis little, if any, short of anarchy, and all because of a traction company and its employees. During that time sixteen lives have been lost, hundreds of people, many if not most of them innocent, have been injured by dynamite, bullets, and other missiles. A brutality little short of diabolism, has been exhibited toward even defenseless women and girls for no offense except riding on the cars of the transit company.

It may be safely said that the loss to St. Louis, during these two months of anarchy, is greater than the loss of the tornado some three or four years ago which swept out nearly one-third of the city. The long-drawn contest in Chicago concerning industrial conditions, not yet at this writing settled, has been less violent but even far more detrimental to and destructive of material prosperity. When shall the end of these things be? How long shall the great middle class of this country which is so often ground between the upper and the nether millstones, between capital on one side and so-called labor on the other, how long shall this class be forced to suffer? Is there no remedy? Surely there is and it must be applied. Little by little, thinking men and women are approaching the solution. Just what it is and how the remedy shall be applied, may still for years to come, be a somewhat uncertain quantity, but come the remedy must and will.

A Live Church.

It is worth something to see a man or organization of any kind that is alive and growing. We went to Chicago Sunday last, on the invitation of some friends to "see the new church" and especially their minister. The church is about a year and a half old and numbers 170 members. They worship in a hall which costs them about \$65.00 per month. Last year they raised for all purposes, about \$15,000. They have a tract of land on the corner of a prominent street, out near Garfield Park, about 125 by 100 feet which cost them \$15,000 and all but about \$800 is paid for and could be sold at quite an advance over the cost price. But they won't sell a foot of it. In time they will have an "institutional" church of the best modern type and there, various buildings, including a big, easily accessible auditorium, will cover every foot of that big lot.

Now I found this church composed of young people with those in middle life, and not over five and twenty with gray hairs. They largely severed from the parent church for the sake of organizing a modern, up-to-date church, ministering to all the needs of the people, not being contented with merely saving men's souls. Hence their idea and plan for the "institutional church". Then they looked around for a young man of the right sort and stuff, of like mind and found him in the person of W. H. Geistweid, pastor of a large wealthy and influential church in Springfield, and he left his big church, big salary, to cast his lot with this new Chicago enterprise, to build from the very foundation up and live on a small salary, do lots of hard work and when he dies in a few years, as he will unless he holds up, leave a monument behind him.

That young Tabernacle Baptist church is the most promising and inspiring thing we have seen in Chicago for some years.

Since the "blind pig" business has been stirred up we are flooded with circulars, price lists, etc. from liquor dealers. One from Kentucky promises to send a consignment so the railroad or express folks will think it a case of theological books, and they won't "sneak" on us either. Now gentlemen let us say "we are not in it". We are not even the professional "sticker" in the blind pig slaughter house. Filtered water and O G Java, three times a day in liberal quantities, will do us.

John Gray graduated from the public school last week with the other members of the class and some friends thought of sending upon the stage at the close of his speech, a real live setter dog, instead of the traditional bunch of roses. But on reflection, it was thought that a real live dog would be an encumbrance to "Jack" this fall as he goes away to school to fit for college.

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