What Major General Shafter Thinks.

"I have always been strongly opposed to the canteen system or the sale of intoxicating drinks of any kind on military reservations, and have opposed it until absolutely overruled and required to establish a canteen at my post. I regard it demoralizing to the men, besides impairing seriously their efficiency. The plea that it furnishes a large sum, which it does, to improve the table fare of the men, is, in my opinion, a very poor one, as the Government of the United States is perfectly able to feed its men without any assistance from the profits of rum selling. I have absolutely prohibited the sale of liquor or the opening of saloons in the City of Santiago, and have refuesd permission for cargoes of beer to come from the States here.

"WM. W. SHAFTER."

The above was written by Major General Shafter at Santiago. The question of interest to us just now is by whom was General Shafter "absolutely overruled and required to establish a canteen at his post?" The Secretary of War would have the military authority to do it, but the President of the United States is commander-in-chief of the armies, and the Secretary of War is only his agent; therefore, the President is responsible for General Shafter being overruled in a matter of so vital importance to the health and efficiency of our

Furthermore, General Shafter does away very effectively the whole question of selling intoxicants under the canteen system in order that the soldiers may have delicacies and other advantages out of the income from the sales of liquors.

The Liquor Traffic the Chief Occasion of Crime.

"The malignant action of alcohol upon the brain, and through this organ upon the mind itself, is sometimes spoken of as that of an excitant of the lower faculties or the animal passion; and some times that of a depressant of the higher and rational nature. Per haps it is both; but we have no occasion to enter into the discussion. The subject compels brevity, and we do little more that suggest lines of thought.

"First. Drunkenness itself is, by statute and by reason, a crime -- a social nuisance.

"Second. Drink excites the evil passions-how much or how little t takes to do it is a question of temperament circumstances.

"Third. It fortifies for crime. "Fourth. It throws off the reins of prudence. Recklessness is one of the first fruits of drink. Reason teaches that crime is fully; alcohol clouds the reason.

"Fifth. It tempts to crimes especially of lust and robbery, by putting the victim in the power of he criminal.

"Sixth. And emboldens to crime by rendering its detection diffiult where the necessary witness s wholly or partially insensible.

"Seventh. Idleness and poverty ire prolific agencies in the proluction of crime; but intemperince is the main cause of these." From "Alcohol and the State"

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Save Our Trees.

chop down a tree, that it wil years to reproduce another. Central avenue was being imp the street the distance of the latter. matter a little fiire kindleth." This tree must have had fifty "ears' growth. A gutter could easily have been formed around its base a d the Root Beer, Ginger Ale. tree saved. In beautiful little Kenilworth, where trees are valued, looked at the big hotel, Thursday an immense oak tree which occupies afternoon. To say it has no superior nearly one half of the street has in the country is but the truth. been saved in this way, making a Others may be more gaudy, but not picturesque addition to the place. more substantial and elegant. The pal church, stone abutments have ranged and furnished in the best been built to save two trees. When style. The marked superiority of the plan of the parkway in Central the decorations is what attracts every avenue was adopted I had visions of visitor. It was all done by experts. trees, as in a park, and even hailed The big dinning room is not only big with joy the single solitary row of but it is elegant, all the tables being alas! a number of them died for Moraine, as was all the furniture of trees had remained gaunt monu rooms are unique and make one ments for several years, they were think he is in Paris or London or Amfinally removed. A fall and a spring sterdam. The kitchen, pantries, etc., has passed since then, fully four are in the "L" and so away from the years growth has been lost. was living parts occupied by guests. generally understood when the trees were planted, if any died, they were and noted the names of Mr. and Mrs. it that this is done? In viewing our H. Hamilton and Soulard LaMotte beautiful township high school build. of St. Louis; Prof. C. C. Clark of Alby the beauty of its surrounding sul of Chicago; Mr and Mrs. J. A. trees. Why do not our women's son, sails for Europe August 1st. clubs, the Ossoli and the Highland Park Woman's Club, take this matter A good protection in up and see that our trees are not needlessly sacrificed. In Geneva, Ill., the woman's clubs have formed A good protection in themsevies into a sort of Protective and Improvement Association and are now a telling power in that quaint little town. A beautiful tri bute to Highland Park by Mr. F. D. Everett, is the row of linden trees he so generously provided for the public school children to plant on Arbor Day several years ago. These trees are in a thriving condition and add much to the beauty of the school liy

grounds. It seems a pity this noble work schools a pretty custom has been es tablished. The graduating class plant a tree on the Arbor Day before they take their departure. The class BOSTON. select the species of tree by vote; the expense being equally shared by the members. In this way the class have Supremis Floor Finish ... a living tree as a monument. It is not absolutely necessary that the planting be in the school grounds, The Treatment of Floors any desirable place may be selected by the class as in parks or about public buildings.

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Correspondence. Mr. EDITOR:

In a recent issue of the "Chicago American," Edward Clark, a reporter, gives a distorted version of the arrest, and trial of C. W. Aldridge of this place, for shooting jay birds (not a dozen, only two), which does our town no credit. Mr. Clark touchingly alludes to the jays as "feathered songsters." I would like to ask the readers of this paper if they ever of the Park, spent Saturday with listen to the melodious songs of the friends here. jay? As well call the crow a "feathered songster" with his musical caw. Mr. Clark's opportunities in the past for studying jays, have been unlimited but perhaps the jays were different and could sing. One of in Europe, Father Madden of Oshour prominent citizens, who may kosh, takes his place at St. Mary's not be as "great an authority" as church. C'ark, but whose knowledge of bird life is not limited, said, "Will a jay is visiting her brother Arthur who eat gooseberries? Yes, anything has just returned from a month's from goose-berries to soft soap." So visit at Rome N Y. much for the "dietetic inclinations' of the Lird in question. We have had an ocular demonstration of the fact that jays will destroy the fruit and cannot see what difference it makes, whether it is Mr. Aldridge's small american fruit, the fact re- after this will make its local toll mains the same.

make; Mr. Aldridge was not arrested | get away. Dooley but by Constable Grant. Mr Waukegan. Dooley had nothing what ever to do with the case; his personal attack was uncalled for and unprovoked. The writer seemed to be proud of Mr. Dooley's "introducing his left hook" as he described it but accord-

the protection of the courts, without How little we realize, when we other cause or provocation, than a take personal dislike. One who knows Vhen anything, knows that a boy of fifteen, oved, malicious as he might be, never en-I saw a most magnificent oak chop- tered into this thing without ped down, because it extende into instigation. "Behold how great a

A CITIZEN AND TAXPAYER.

The Moraine.

We dropped in to see how things In Winnetka, opposite the Episco suites of rooms are admirably arelms which adorned the center. But of solid mahogany and made for the want of water. After the dead the entire house. The small dining We ran our eye over the register

to be replaced. Who should see to Albert Antisdel of Chicago; Frank ing recently, I was greatly impressed ton; Dr. Schwegel, the Austrian contrees, then came the thought, would Carey, Dr. and Mrs. Watson, and they too be sacrificed as is usually others of Chicago. David Briggs the case? I for one plead for the and wife, who are there for the sea-

Greater Chicago.

A move is being made to have Chicago absorb all of Cook county, and some time it will be done, but for the present there are vigorous protests. Evanston had a big public' meeting recently and vigorously opposed in brilliant speeches. E. S. Taylor said. "Chicago is notorious for its misgovernment. We sympathize with its people. We know its needs, but Evanston does not want to be inoculated with the same virus," and the people cheered lust-

James H. Raymond made a fine speech, as these words show. "There is no other city in the country that can match Evanston in educational facilities and its homes. Its reputation for natural beauty and the freedom its children enjoy from contaminating influences is known everywhere. There is only one Evanston on earth, and that Evanston can only be preserved by keeping its autonomy. For God's sake, let us preserve it."

Goodby for bigger Chicago and the towns and villages north of it, and Highland Park may well congratulate itself that it is outside of Cook county. The Park may yet absorb Highwood, Lake Forest, Waukegan, "Ziou" and other parts of Lake county, but no wedlock with Chicago.

Highland Park Localettes

St. Mary's church will have their church picnic August 15th.

J. C. Smart of New York, spent Sunday at Charles Streiber's. Geo. Barnum, a former resident

Winfield Ellis, who is well known

here, spent Monday in the Park reviewing scenes of his childhood. During Father Madden's absence

Miss Clotilde Bevillard of Chicago,

The Rev. Dr. Uraeg, professor of

theology, will supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church during the pastor's absence for the next two

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Mrs. Clarkson, nee Lulu Dautel, spent Monday with her aunt, Mrs. Will Obee Since Miss Dautel's marriage to Dr. John Clarkson, which occured quite recently, they have made their home in Chicago.

A. G. McPherson, in company with UPHOLSTERING ing to our way of thinking, a city several other electrical experts, rehas reason to be ashamed of an turned home from a trip to Greenbay officer who has so little principle and Northern Wisconsin. Part of that he will walk up and deliberatly the trip was taken in an automobile strike a defenceless man while under and part in a steam launch.

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