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Reform By Action.

The following language was used by Governor Roosevelt at a recent address before the Jewish Chautauqua:

"You are never going to get a reform—permanent and lasting reform—by resolution. You have got to get it by the sense of performing duty, so it appeals to the individual. You are going to get good government, not by some movement or succession of movements each of which may be a little hysterical, but you are going to get it as each man gets it gradually fixed in his conscience, that he is to be held blameworthy to be held derelict in his duty if he does not, in season and out, do his duty as a citizen."

These words are eminently wise and have the true ring in them. It would be well for every law abiding, tax paying, moral citizen of Highland Park, to take note for they apply to him.

If there is in this city an immoral, unprincipled and incompetent person in high office, there is a way to get rid of him, but expressing sorrow that such a condition should exist, does not do it.

If there is an official whose duty it is to protect citizens, to enforce law, to preserve order, but who instead abuses citizens, spends his time in political canvassing for next election instead of properly earning the money paid him out of the city funds, and brutally beats unoffending people, then there is a way for the public to protect itself. But it is not by sitting down at home and saying, "It is disgraceful; it ought not to be allowed."

We have in this town a Citizens' League. This league recently showed itself capable of carrying out the wishes of the public. It is true they had authority by law and the opportunity to use the referendum, but the initiative is sometimes often more valuable than the referendum. The law-abiding, tax-paying people of this town can elect and maintain in office high-toned officials if they wish to, but they must do just what Governor Roosevelt suggests; namely, by "each man must get it gradually fixed in his conscience that he is to be held blameworthy, to be held derelict in his duty if he does not in season and out, do his duty as a citizen."

Banks vs. Saloons.

When the Franco-Prussian War ended in 1870 and the French nation found itself saddled with a heavy indemnity, it astonished the world the readiness with which the French government met the financial demands and especially so, when it was learned to what an extent the Peasantry were able, from their small earnings, to help out. The statistics of the French National Saving Banks for 1898 have just been made public by the government and the following statements and figures shown by the report are well worth the careful consideration of the American people as showing what the system of Postal Savings Banks can do for the common people.

At the beginning of last year 9,964,678 depositors, or a trifle more than 1/4 of the whole population including men, women and children, are shown as having an account with the government. These deposits aggregated 4,275,261, 422 francs which is an average in our money of about \$87.00 per each individual account. Nearly one-third of these depositors had an account amounting to not more than \$4.00 each; fully 1/3 the accounts represent savings of less than \$20.00 each, and most of the depositors come from the working classes.

It is a problem well worth the consideration of all Christian people, all philanthropists, what the effect of such a system in this country would have on the enormous amounts of daily earnings that flow sooner or later into the legalized saloons of the country.

Engineer Stoker.

The high school board has engaged Charles Stoker, the engineer at the Gray Electric works, for engineer at the new high school building. There were several applications for the position, but the board selected Mr. Stoker because in their opinion he combined more necessary and desirable qualities than anyone else. First, he is a licensed engineer, which proves his qualifications in that line. Then he is an electrical expert, and that they deemed necessary, as electricity will play so important a part in the

school in its new building. Besides, he is a skilled mechanic, and competent therefore to handle the power and machinery of the manual training department.

It was all these things, in addition to Mr. Stoker's excellent reputation, for thorough, honest, work; fidelity as an employee, and his exemplary habits, together with the fact that he has had some experience in this work in a Chicago school. It is highly complimentary to Mr. Stoker, that Mr. Wheelwright at the Gray Electric works, parts with him very reluctantly, after about two years service. While we personally know nothing of the qualifications of the other applicants, we do know the board has secured a first class man, and they assure us, they are pleased with their choice and we got our information from them.

God's Will.

We visited this settlement down on the lake shore in upper Glencoe, one day last week, and found about a dozen well set tents, one for a chapel or hall, another big one for dining room, two small ones for kitchen and storeroom, or for office of superintendent, and a lot more for dormitories for 125 boys and girls for the Chicago district.

They brought out about 125 boys and girls 4 to 10 years of age, kept them one week, took them back and brought out a new lot, thus during their five weeks stay, they give a week's summer outing to some 600 children from a congested district of Chicago, including many mothers of small children.

It costs about \$250 per week to maintain this summer home, still citizens of the surrounding towns have raised the funds to meet these expenses. Not only does it cost money, but also personal attention, care, wisdom, patience and tact to manage it and all its wards, and this is one of the most Christlike works in the world, and yet it is a kind of work from which we utterly shrink; we can't do it. At least so we feel. But Christ did it day after day for all those three and a half years of his public ministry, just because he so warmly and intensely loved men, women and children as human beings. What kind of Christianity is our's?

About China.

Our readers will be pleased to know that the public library board has put Miss Skidmore's new book on China, the "Lived Empire" on the shelves. It is a work of the first rank as respects that far away country, as she is an experienced author and has lived long among the celestials.

There is still another new work, entitled "Things Chinese," put up somewhat as an encyclopedia by J. Dyer Ball of the English civil service in Hong Kong. Mr. Ball has spent nearly his whole life in her majesty's service in China, and knows the country, its people, institutions, customs and history from "A to Z." His book is one of the greatest value, and a permanent value also for any one who really wants to master the actual facts of China. Like all encyclopedias it covers the entire ground from the origin and history of the Manchudynasty to the simplest village marriage ceremony. It is published by the Scribner; price we do not know. This with one or both of Calquhoun's works on China, and our library would be admirably equipped in this department.

Highland Park Localities.

Mrs. Wolcott, we understand, is spending her vacation while her husband is in Europe, at Kemper Hall, in Racine.

Frank B. Green, of the "Home Bakery" house, is enlarging one of his chambers by taking into it one end of his second-story porch, a very decided improvement.

Prof. Whyte will resume his preaching service for the Baptist church next Sunday morning. He is a bright, fresh man, who will give you something to think of.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hawkins are taking a brief vacation up in Wisconsin. No sooner had they gone than "Dick" and the Misses Hawkins planned a "good time." Hence they invited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norcross, Mr. Hall of the Fort, Mr. and Miss Smith and perhaps one or two others, to a social family dinner Saturday night. That these guests had a delightful time goes without saying.

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One Hundred Years Ago.

One hundred years ago, Washington, D. C., was selected as the permanent seat of the general government. The territories of Mississippi and Indiana were organized. Napoleon crossed the Atlantic. The battle of Marengo was fought. The total revenue of the government was less than \$10,000,000. (Last year it was \$100,000,000.)

The second census of the United States, taken in 1800, showed the population to be 3,909,000. The present population is believed to be about 76,000,000.

During the session of Congress, names of the members nominating presidential candidates. Nominating conventions were not held until 1832. John Adams of Massachusetts, and C. Pinckney of South Carolina, were the Federalist candidates; Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, Aaron Burr of New York, and the Republican candidates.

Fermented Liquors.

The amount of fermented liquor produced in the United States in 1898 was 37,530,000 gallons, or about one-half barrel every man, woman and child in the land. (This does not allow for the hogs, the only animal, by the way, except man, which will drink it.) Distilled liquors are included in the above statement.

New York stands first with 10,000,000; Pennsylvania 4,246,000; Illinois third with 3,600,000.

Our fellow Prohibitionists, let us all, and all, proclaim in our hearts a general amnesty for everybody who has grieved or disappointed us, and get together, and heads and hearts, and our issue next November; whatever differences remain—adjust them in the light of duty.

JOHN G. WOOLEY.