

WORTH REMEMBERING.

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Wadsworth Events.

The Waddells are entertaining people from the city.

George Lennin is recovering from a very severe illness.

Mrs. Michael Lux is entertaining a niece from Waukegan.

The Rosecrans people had their harvest picnic on Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the creamery stockholders will be held August 17th.

Mrs. John Emery is entertaining her sister, Miss Bertha Gunther, of Chicago.

Our genial newsman, L. M. Carnegie, now handles the Chicago Evening Post.

Mrs. Bridget Casey of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hogerty, Sr.

Mrs. Furlong, of Chicago, visited with Patrick Madden and family on Monday of this week.

Fred Taylor, of Taylor Grove, is improving rapidly, being able to drive out. He is at present on a visit to McHenry county.

Mrs. Susan Welch and daughter Susie, of Chicago, are visiting friends and relatives in the vicinity of Rosecrans and Gurnee.

The presiding elder, Rev. Mandeville, preached the quarterly conference sermon at the Rosecrans M. E. church, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Henry Shepard entertained Mrs. Hopper, corresponding secretary of the W. C. T. U., on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Seven or eight candidates were initiated by the Ben Hur lodge on Saturday evening. The lodge has nearly reached the hundred mark for which they have been aiming.

The patron of the creamery, are well pleased with the pictures which they have just received of that institution. Mr. George Elleson, of Milwaukee, is the photographer who did the work.

It looks very much as though Talcott would carry the republican primary in this township for the state's attorneyship, on next Friday. Dr. Jamison seems to be in the lead for coroner. Not very very much is said about surveyor.

The last ball game played between the rival nine of our village resulted in favor of the Ben Hur team. It is reported that on account of their inability to agree, the outfit so recently jointly purchased by the two teams, will be sold. What about fraternity?

A number of farms have changed hands in this locality during the past week. E. H. Rood has sold his farm to Chi-

cago parties for a consideration of \$45 per acre. Mr. Rood will make his future home in Chicago. James Nelson and John Woodhouse, living on the Milwaukee road, have both sold their farms, as has also Mr. Pope living east of Gurnee. The last mentioned gentleman will return to England to live. We have not been able to learn the prices paid in any except the first deal.

Inconsistency.

In 1893 a law was passed by congress to compel railroads to adopt a regulation air brake on their cars, and to attach an automatic coupler. A reasonable amount of time was given the companies to comply with the law. The time expired January 1, 1898, but was extended to August 1, 1900. The object of this law was the very commendable one of saving life. The roads entering Chicago owned 447,046 freight cars and 8,970 passenger cars. To comply with the above law the companies have expended about \$50,000,000; as it costs about \$110 to furnish an air brake and an automatic coupler.

When we compare the number killed by railroads by reason of imperfect coupling, and the lack of air brakes, with the number that annually fall victims to a legalized rum traffic, wouldn't it be well for the government to exercise a little more consistency. Why not pass a law that shall result in saving some of the lives that are annually wasted through the rum traffic? But then there is a difference. The liquor traffic is a great political power and this counts for a great deal with the average lawmaker.

Hopeful Signs.

It is no uncommon thing for a believer in the prohibition of a legalized rum shop to fall out of the ranks, return to the old parties, or what is very common, become disgusted and not vote at all, but there is certainly no occasion for the members of the prohibition party to be pessimistic. If they will watch carefully the signs of the times they will see many little under currents, some of which are becoming quite strong, and all looking to the overthrow some day, not far distant, of the whole business.

One by one, railroads, steamship lines, large manufacturing, and other great financial institutions are drawing the line closer and closer, and more emphatically refusing to employ men who drink. The same thing holds true concerning the cigarette smoker. There is getting to be a wide spread feeling amongst men

to refuse employment to the man who indulges in cigarettes, or at any rate to look upon him as an undesirable person to have around a shop. Many large city firms absolutely refuse to employ cigarette smokers.

Insurance companies more and more restrict the policy holder in the use of intoxicants, and quite a number of them absolutely prohibit it. When it comes to be distinctly understood that a man who indulges in intoxicants and cigarettes will have his chance for securing a position greatly lessened, he will come to realize that it don't pay to indulge either in the one or the other.

Not long since a gentleman asked for a position in our employ. He began to show his numerous letters of recommendation. There were many conditions in his favor, but with them was the odor of strong drink, and we seized the first opportunity without necessary rudeness to inform him that no amount of testimonials, no number of favorable qualifications and conditions could possibly offset, for our purposes, the one evil of drinking. The man looked somewhat surprised, but when he saw that was exactly what we meant, he took his departure, it may be, a sadder, but perhaps also, a wiser man.

Political Orators and Papers.

"Solon compared the people to the sea, and the orators to the winds for that the sea would be quiet if the winds would not trouble it."

It is to be sincerely hoped that the presidential campaign this fall will be a campaign of agitation, but as the sailor dislikes a calm at sea for it means no progress, so too, a hurricane at sea is an object of dread. What the country needs is agitation, but not a hurricane; candid discussion not blackguardism. It is the most natural thing in the world that any party in power whether republican, democratic or populist or prohibitionist, should desire "to be let alone," but if it were possible it would be a calamity sooner or later to the country. The slave power wanted to be let alone. The democratic party had become too inert to make any serious opposition; the whig party was too intent upon securing position to refuse compromise even with an institution, naturally their political enemy. A new party had to come into existence to put down slavery. It of necessity had to be a party not entangled by any weights in the form of prejudice or previous alliances, and so there are to-day many people who have heretofore voted with the republican party, but who now are alarmed over the question of imperialism. Now a few have never or at least have not recently voted with the republican party are not opposed to the attitude of the president in the matter of the Philippines, but feel that they are justly indignant over the tariff question as affecting Porto Rico, and so we are in a magnificent position to stand three months more or less in a good honest discussion of our national situation and political tendencies.

We need political orators; we need debaters; we need the press, nevertheless we do not want tornadoes; we do not want treachery; we do not want orators who are

WANTED.

Good articles reviewing the political situation from Republican and Democratic standpoints. The parties will have equal representation in our columns. Candid discussion desired.

bought; we do not want a press subsidized, and when the election comes, that man or party who is responsible for purchasing directly or indirectly a single ballot is a traitor to the country.

Alcohol and Hot Weather.

One of the lessons which the fatal hot weather teaches most impressively is the danger in alcoholic stimulants. A very considerable number of the deaths reported from sunstroke were occasioned by too free indulgence in ardent spirits.

The first impulse of every human being when suffering from the heat is to drink. Sensible people drink sparingly of non-alcoholic beverages. People who are a little less sensible drink great quantities of mild drinks. Only suicidal fools rush to the barroom.

Alcohol causes cerebral congestion, which is soon aggravated by high temperature. The alcoholic is always a fair mark for sunstroke. The cases reported in the newspapers of men falling dead from their chairs when they have not engaged in violent exercise or subjected themselves to exposure are usually found to have been caused by liquor drinking.

Then why do men drink in hot weather? That is a question which amazes physicians, who see more reeling drunkards in the street during a period of high temperature, when a man must be in the finest health to resist death, than at any other time. But it is not more difficult to answer than the question: Why do men drink at all?

The above clipping from the Chicago Times-Herald is eminently true and sensible. It corresponds to the daily observation of every level-headed, thinking and observing man. It is in keeping with the teaching of most physicians, and yet we see it every day ignored, but what strikes us forcibly is this. The Times says: "Only suicidal fools rush to the barroom." Who are suicidal fools, and why are human beings suicidal fools? We build asylums at public expense for lunatics and unfortunates, but we don't legalize institutions expressly to manufacture lunatics and unfortunates. If such institutions are found to exist they are squelched by law, but the saloon must be perpetuated despite the fact that it is annually making suicidal fools by the hundred thousand.

There should be nothing "to amaze physicians" in the custom of men drinking in hot weather. First, because the physician ought to understand the laws of mind, as well as body, well

enough to see the inevitable consequence of violating certain laws; and secondly, because physicians ought to know that the habit of prescribing intoxicants in sickness is a constant cause of so many becoming suicidal fools.

The Herald's final question, "Why do men drink at all?" is certainly pertinent. Sure enough why do they in this day of enlightenment? The truth is, they are taught by law and by custom to commence the habit of drinking, and invariably with the supposition that there is no danger in their particular cause and that total abstinence is silly and womanish. And yet not one of the 75,000 who fell into drunkard's graves last year in this country came from total abstinence ranks.

The following statements are known to be close to the facts:

A licensed saloon for every 298 people in the United States.

In New York City a short time ago there were twenty-six murderers awaiting trial. Let us remember that four-fifths of all murders are caused by drink.

In 1897, the United States shipped to the Philippines not more than \$663 worth of beer and no whiskey. Last year the shipments of beer amounted to \$71,635, and those of whiskey to \$34,571. Perhaps such as this accounts for why the missionaries sent to convert the heathen found it necessary to give their time to the American soldiers.

Over 82,000 arrests in Chicago last year and the city prosecutor of Chicago says, 75 per cent. of them were due to drink.

W. O. THOMAS.

The Prohibition Ratification meeting was held at Lake Bluff, Wednesday evening, August 8th. The speech of notification of Judge Barnes of his nomination for governor was made by Alonzo E. Wilson, of Chicago, state Prohibition secretary. The response of Judge Barnde was high-toned, dignified, and eminently magnanimous toward his Republican and Democratic competitors, and was a fair presentation of the Prohibition issue.

Speeches were also made by H. C. Tunson, Prohibition candidate for state treasurer, by Col. H. P. Davidson, candidate for Congress in this district, and by other eminent speakers.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. Dan Sheen of Peoria.

The so-called "Indiana plan" of prohibition work is being introduced in Kentucky and already three congressional districts are well organized, with "evangelists" in each.