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**The Canteen.**

There is manifest not only a great disposition to shield the President in the matter of violating the law of Congress in setting up the canteen, but a little effort is being made to wash the canteen system. But let us hear what editors say about it:

N. Y. Christian Advocate: "It is an abomination in the sight of God and all men not either tally or physically besotted."

Northern Christian Advocate: "A more dangerous foe to our brave soldier boys than the yards."

Iowa Commonwealth: "It is helping Spain to kill our own soldiers."

Omaha Christian Advocate: "Many parents who gave their sons freely to the service of their country are heartsick over the canteen."

Baptist Standard, Tex.: "Drag them (soldiers) down into the mire and slime of drunkenness."

Chicago Tribune: "Too much whisky juggling in the army camps."

N. Y. Independent: "An outrage that must be stopped."

Christian Advocate, Nashville: "Inexcusable and ought to be stopped."

Herald and Presbyterian: "Filling the pockets of distillers and brewers."

Jacksonville Evangelist: "The country's disgrace."

N. Y. Christian Advocate: "A curse that disgraces both the soldier and the government."

The Observer: "It slew more than Spanish bullets."

Wisconsin Christian Advocate: "As infamous as it is insistent."

**A Frank Statement.**

The following remarks were made by an officer of the League of Ohio:

"Gentlemen, the success of our business is dependent largely on the creation of appetite for drink. Men who drink like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created, our counters will be empty, as will our coffers. Our children will grow up hungry or we must change our business to some other more profitable. The open field for the boys. After men have grown and their appetites are formed, they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys. And I suggest, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will pay for the appetites that have been formed. all things create appetite."

**Still Waiting.**

In 1856 the grand men of the convention at Newburg, N. Y., laid the foundation of the Republican party, begged the Prohibitionists of the country to lay their issue for the time being and help save the nation, and these men, doubtless in good faith, pledged themselves to turn and help put down the liquor traffic. The Prohibitionists complied with the request. Now, have the issues been kept? Every four years the Prohibitionists have been asked to "wait just a little longer." They have been patiently waiting for almost half a century, anything toward keeping the

promises made in 1856 been done? How much longer must the Prohibitionists wait?

**PENSIONS FOR TEA TASTERS.**

**Movement on Foot for the Benefit of a Useful Class of Men—A Novel Proposition.**

The very novel proposition is being made that the government put superannuated tea buyers on the pension list, says a London correspondent. It is well known that tea is the chief beverage of all classes in the United Kingdom and the fact that the English people get the best tea in the world is largely due to care exercised by the buyers or "tasters," as they are sometimes called. Their health is often ruined by their occupation, as the tea acts as a drug that in the course of a few years ruins their nervous system and they become hopeless mental and physical wrecks. The proposition has been made that the dealers who employ the men pay the pensions, but they are not disposed to undertake the contract and ask the government to step in. This may be done, although there is a general feeling that the people generally should not be taxed for such a purpose.

Some of the more liberal of the tea merchants, however, have engaged to care for their old and faithful buyers. One firm claims to have 1,000 pensioners on its list; another has about 300. These are exceptions to the rule, as the majority of firms turn their tasters off as soon as the days of their usefulness are over. One of the firms interested suggests the formation of a benefit society composed altogether of tea tasters, but this meets with little favor, as the men themselves usually spend all their salaries as they go along and could not pay the dues that would be required. The life of the tea taster at best is not an enviable one and there is a general feeling that something should be done for their maintenance after they have become incapacitated for work by the narcotic they test for the benefit of the public.

**FOUNDED BY A FOUNDLING.**

**Large Business Enterprise of London Which Had a Very Romantic Origin.**

Very curious and romantic are the circumstances under which certain flourishing city enterprises have been founded. For instance, says the London M. A. P., there stands in the heart of Cheapside a noble pile of buildings, occupied by a firm whose name is a household word throughout the kingdom. The founder of that business was mysteriously dropped on the doorstep of a city church and sent by the authorities to the Foundling hospital, where he was named after the church in question. He was afterward intrusted to a respectable woman, who undertook to bring him up with her own family.

Soon after his inquiries were made at the Foundling hospital about the boy by a young and beautiful lady, whose name and rank—she was evidently of aristocratic origin—remained shrouded in mystery. A solicitor was ultimately instructed to pay the boy's foster-mother a certain sum monthly. This continued until he arrived at the age of about 14, when he was taken away, put to a good school and finally started in life. Plucky and pushing, he developed his business until it became one of the finest of its class in the city. He died a wealthy man, without having penetrated the mystery of his birth.

**Fate of the Confederate Seal.**

The result of the last confederate council of war held at Abbeville, S. C., in May, 1865, was soon known all over Abbeville, and the generals and the secretary of war were kept busy for hours signing honorable discharges for the tired soldiers, who immediately applied for them. During the evening Mr. Benjamin asked for a hatchet, and with it he defaced the confederate seal. About 12 o'clock the same night the confederate party continued their retreat in the direction of Washington, Ga., and while crossing the Savannah river in the darkness some one suggested that the seal be thrown overboard. This idea was at once approved, and when the boat reached midstream it was dropped with a dull splash into the sandy river bed of that beautiful southern watercourse, where to this day, its mission fulfilled, it serenely rests.—Mrs. Thaddeus Horton, in Ladies' Home Journal.

**A Remarkable Record.**

An extraordinary record has just been completed by the death of an aged priest in the diocese of Rosenau, Hungary. He was one of half a dozen young ecclesiastics who over 60 years ago on the same day completed the theological course at the seminary. They were ordained priests on the same day and for 60 years labored together in the diocese. United they had been in life, they were hardly separated by death, for in the short space of two months all six have died, their ages being 82, 83, 88, 86, 80 and 81 respectively.

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