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Our Outlook

A JURY OF THIEVES.

The verdict of the Chicago jury on the Sunday law question is perhaps,

perhaps, of its abolition.

That the choice of the jurymen should be wholly left to the persistent lawyer—for or against—any accused person, until the trial itself may be held up for weeks, as we have seen it, at enormous expense, this died.

But when an accused is permitted through a bulldozing and sarcastic lawyer to select his own jury, it is time to declare that the matter must be taken out of their hands and given to the less partial and more intelligent court.

There would be just as much consistency in permitting a legal counsel for a burglar to hold up the trial until a jury of men who believe in burglary and practice it can be selected, as to refer a case against law breaking saloon keepers to men who declare that they have no sympathy with a law which restricts liquor selling and are themselves particeps criminis in the act which they are to adjudge.

This is what it amounts to when men who say they are drinkers and patrons of the Sunday saloon are selected as jurors to try a Sunday law-breaker, while the citizen who respects and honors the law is rejected.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Once again the value of Post Office Savings Banks has been attested. This time the testimony is not only that they tend to habits of saving but they contribute largely to maintain a circulation of the currency at times when fear would lead the people to act as their own bankers.

This, indeed, has all along been the contention of Postmaster General Meyer in his advocacy of the postal bank system. The most recent testimony comes from Holland, which is certainly not one of the greater or richer countries but just one of those which would feel keenly the recent stringency of money which has been the result of the depression. We learn that Holland "felt the effects of the general world-wide depression to such an extent that there were heavy runs on some of its oldest and safest private savings institutions. These banks did not have to suspend payments and when the run exhausted itself deposits began to return to them.

But in the meantime the money that had been withdrawn did not go into stockings, stoves, tin cans and other hiding places of the hoarder but instead it went into the postal

savings bank. In the first twenty days of November the excess of deposits over withdrawals in that institution was 1,156,659 florins. In the corresponding days of the five previous years the excess had ranged from 132,525 florins to 370,089 florins. Here then, this year was an increase of deposits more than three times as great as in the best preceding year."

THE IROQUOIS MOURNERS.

The public sympathy for the mourners of the dreadful Iroquois holocaust is still sincere and warm.

There are many who doubt the wisdom of the annual gatherings which re-open wounds that time only can heal and yet the feeling is strong that Chicago is guilty of the most callous, cold, materialistic indifference in permitting the building which was the scene of such awful slaughter to remain a place of popular amusement and gaiety.

Mr. R. T. Crane, the honorary president of the Memorial Association made a fitting plea in his address when he said:

"While Paris built a beautiful chap-

el to the memory of those who perished in its charity bazaar fire, and while all other cities of the world have acted likewise following great catastrophes, Chicago's cry has been, 'Let us forget,' declared J. E. O. Pridmore. "It is dishonorable; it is astounding; it is indecent. Yet within those four walls crowds to-night will make merry where 600 women and children perished. No chapel, no monument in commercial Chicago erected in memory of its martyred dead!

"The establishment of an emergency hospital to replace the Randolph street theater would mean that Chicago might hold up her head among the cities of the world. Chicago must stop long enough in the mad rush of life to approximate the noble impulses displayed by other municipalities. She must make atonement. Then and not till then will the purposes of this association be accomplished."

SOMETHING BETTER THAN SALOONS.

The American Ethical Societies have held a field day in Chicago and have

indulged to their hearts' content in flinging epithets at ministers and religious teachers.

We have every respect for all honest effort to promote ethical culture but it may as well be said, here as elsewhere, that good morals are not taught by smart criticisms of other people's methods.

lix Adler says, but it is the very business of teachers of every school of thought to give "line upon line, precept upon precept."

The ethical societies would soon exhaust all their vocabulary if they did not indulge in such repeating.

Their efforts to promote higher ethical conditions are not discredited but they would do well to remember that, after all, the average minister of the christian religion is the most important and persistent factor in moral culture known to American society.

Let any village or hamlet be temporarily without a christian minister and the whole community feels that the moral temperature has lowered. Few people would care to live in a city without a church and its minister.

Dr. Hirsch's cry against a puritan Sabbath is surley far fetched. If there were any danger of such Sabbath there might be some reason to speak. But American cities are almost as far removed from a puritan Sabbath as Sodom and Gomorrah. And this, first because lawless institutions are allowed to fling their doors wide open for vicious and immoral traffic of all kinds.

Dr. Hirsch says "give the masses something better than the saloon and they will abandon the saloon." Very well! No one objects. Certainly no reformer will put so much as a grain of sand in the way if Dr. Hirsch will lead forth "something better."

OPENING OF THE EVANSTON CHILDREN'S HOME.

Invitations are out to the opening of the Evanston Children's Home, on the corner of Ridge Avenue and Washingtonstreet, South Evanston. The opening will be in the nature of house warming. The fifty rooms of the beautiful new building and the boys' cottage adjoining will be thrown open for inspection to the many friends who have assisted in the building and furnishing of the Home, and the plan and purpose of the Receiving Home will be fully explained. By courtesy of the ladies of the North Shore Board carriages and automobiles will be in attendance at the Main street station of the Northwestern line to take visiting friends up the hill to the Home. The program includes inspection from 3 to 4 p. m. and at 4 p. m. dedication exercises.

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