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SHUT OUT THE DRINK

There seem to be different lights on the trend of liquor consumption at the present time. Sir H. Johnston writes in the Nineteenth Century that "much has been achieved already during the last sixty years in shaking ourselves free of the tyranny of alcohol."

Over against these rosy views, however, are the stern statistics of drink. Each year, in increasing quantities, liquor heads the bill of expense in food and drink in civilized countries where prohibition measures are not in force.

A SOCIAL CENTRE.

It is becoming more and more a conviction that school buildings should be used for local purposes, they should be social centres and the people of the neighborhood should come to regard them as meeting places for instruction and entertainment of a happy character.

Not only in cities but country schools should, even to a greater extent, become the social centre of the community and everything of an elevating character should be presented to it by the leaders in the section.

A CENSUS OF THE SCHOOLS

That there is in Canada too great a proportion of children between the ages of seven and fourteen who do not attend school is the inference drawn in the latest issued bulletin of the census of 1911, which deals with schools and school attendance.

Of the population between fifteen and seventeen years, given as 405,578, only 110,082 attended school, the percentage varying from barely twenty per cent. in Quebec to over thirty-four per cent. in New Brunswick.

themselves. Their removal is one of the tasks that are presented to the school authorities, general and local, by the facts thus summarized.

INDIA STUDIES ENGLISH.

In conversation recently with the representative in India of a leading London publishing house it was mentioned, says the United States Consular and Trade Reports, that India, and especially the province of Bengal in North-Eastern India, in which Calcutta is located, affords an important market for educational text books.

The more ambitious and intelligent young people in India evince a great thirst for education, as the principal means of rising superior to their environment and improving their conditions in life, so that every possible sacrifice is made to get an education.

The most elementary schools for natives in India begin their instruction in vernacular languages and then teach English later on, and finally considerable instruction in many courses may be given in the English language from English text books.

THE BRITISH AND MEXICO

Sir Edward Grey maintaining his attitude of friendly reserve toward the United States in regard to Mexico, and in doing so undoubtedly reflects the sentiment of the great body of intelligent Englishmen, remarks the New York Times. There is no question that the people as well as the government of Great Britain believe that our government is animated by worthy motives in its course toward Mexico.

At the same time there is to be noted in the British press, quite without reference to party, the expression of the feeling—in some cases, of a deliberate and reasoned opinion—that the only possible final outcome of the situation is the active intervention of the United States, the occupation of Mexico, and its reorganization on the lines of order and safety.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Tory papers are as silent as the grave as to the elections. Was the announcement premature?

The Toronto World (conservative) thinks that the forcible lowering of hydro rates in Toronto is a political play to the gallery, pulled off before an election.

It is in accordance with the spirit of the times and the genius of the American people that the first vessels to pass through the Panama canal should be merchantmen rather than warships.

While it is hoped that the A. B. C. mediators will be able to work out their plans concerning Mexico, if they really have any formulated, the feeling that they will fail in their undertaking is growing in the United States.

The progressive orchardist who follows modern practical methods of culture, spraying and pruning, picking, packing and marketing, will be the winner. The men who are not willing to follow these methods might as well realize first as last that there is nothing in fruit growing for them.

tells of his venom in reply to the Billingsgate of a contemporary and his final disposal of his "hot stuff." He says: "It was a warm little piece. It pulsed with life. It had a sulphurous odor. We regarded that little piece with some fondness. Then we counted twenty-five, rolled the copy papers into a spill, and used it to light a cigarette with. But we have all the satisfaction of having written that nice little piece." There are others.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Coming Inflection. Quebec Daily Telegraph. Soon the cheerful hum of the mosquito will bring added interest to the sober twilight hour.

As Good an Argument as Any. Peterboro Review. Women should not be given the ballot as long as they get off the street cars facing the rear.

No Value to the Farmers. Calgary Alberta. Of what value is the reduction in the duty upon harvesters and binders? The implement companies in Calgary are preparing for their season's sale, and have made no reductions in the prices of last year.

A Cowardly Gerrymander. Brantford Expositor. The Whitney government, with its gigantic majority, stoops to a cowardly gerrymander. Why not pass a bill prohibiting liberals from seeking election? Mr. Hanna would then, no doubt, be spared Proudfoot and Snider charges.

Dominant Influence. Washington Star. "So you think that men are shrewder than women?" "I don't see that," replied Mr. Growcher. "But you may have noticed that a lot of these ladies in gowns and persuade people to buy 'em are men."

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

The Elks baseball team of Portsmouth is being re-organized. The mayor to-day issued eleven new white helmets to the police. The custom house is undergoing repairs.

MORMONS IN EUROPE.

They May Shortly Be Barred Out of Switzerland. New York, May 11.—A cable from Geneva says: There are signs of trouble with the American Mormons settled in this country. Expelled from nearly every country in Europe they have made Switzerland their "centre of activity," and Zurich is their headquarters. Hunted from pillar to post they may be shortly obliged to change quarters again, as a very strong protest is up against them, gotten up by Swiss residents.

SALESGIRL WORTH MILLIONS

Husband Dies on Board Ship, Leaving Her Fortune. Boston, Mass., May 11.—By the death of her husband, Francis Skinner, on the steamer Caronia, en route from England to New York, his widow, formerly Miss Sadie Carn, becomes heiress to an estate valued at \$10,000,000. Mr. Skinner was a nephew of Mrs. "Jack" Gardner.

LIGHTNING'S ODD BREAK.

Struck Hydrant and Shot Off Water Supply. Hamilton, May 11.—A curious thing took place at Burlington Beach during a recent storm, when the water supply was stopped instantly. The workmen dug down at the hydrant. After going three feet down they found that a bolt of lightning had struck the ground and melted the iron and pipe into a mass of congealed metal, mixing the iron of the pipe into the brass and closing the pipes with a substance from the sand like glass.

CHIEF KILLED AT FIRE

Falls Through Roof, Losing His Life at Camden, N.J. Camden, N.J., May 11.—A fire which swept through the plants of the Camden Electroplating company and the New Jersey Auto Supply company, causing a \$20,000 loss, also the life of Chief Charles Worthington, of the fire department. He fell from a roof, and died on the way to the hospital. He had been chief thirteen years.

Francis W. Hartley Divorced

Vancouver, May 11.—Francis W. Hartley, Vancouver, manager of the Royal Trust company, was granted an absolute decree of divorce from his wife, May Hartley, a daughter of Sir John Reid. The petition of which the divorce was granted alleged misconduct on the part of Mrs. Hartley with H. Molson, her chauffeur. The couple had been married eighteen years. Mrs. Hartley and Molson are now in Australia.

The Barber's Mirror is the Duke's Paradise.

Today the Hon. Charles Joseph Doherty, Minister of Justice, celebrates his fifty-ninth birthday. Born in Montreal, he has spent most of his life in that city, being successively a lawyer and a judge of the Supreme Court of Quebec. He entered the House of Commons in 1908 and at once took his place as one of the leaders of the Conservative party. When he was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council in 1911 an amusing incident occurred. His new duties required his residence in Ottawa but not wishing to move his family from Montreal he determined to secure an apartment in Ottawa for himself. He went in the evening to a large apartment house and inquired for rooms. The janitor informed him that a suitable suite had just been vacated and Mr. Doherty might take immediate possession. He was shown into the rooms and was just on the point of saying that they would do, when a sound came from one of the chambers heavily laden with one of the chambers. On investigation, he found the Hon. Mr. Fielding asleep inside, he having been the previous occupant of the apartments. "Leave him alone," said Mr. Doherty to the janitor. "I suppose it had enough to have turned him out of office without driving him out of his home as well."

Wise and Otherwise

A woman's strength lies in her weakness. Marriage is more often an assignment than a failure. Deliver us from the man who feels entirely at home in jail.

However, a good man isn't necessarily a desirable neighbor. Men who pose as judges of human nature get a good many hard bumps. It isn't every fancier who can tell a dogwood tree by its bark.

Smarter Than Many Humans. "Flag—Wonder why people say 'as smart as a steel trap'?" "I never could see anything particularly intelligent in a steel trap."

POSS—A steel trap is called smart because it knows exactly the right time to shut up.

Monetarily Speaking.



"What's funnier than a bull in a china shop?" "A bear in a bucket shop."

She Understood Then. Applicant—No, ma'am, I couldn't work where there's children. Madam—But we advertised for a girl who understood children. Applicant—Oh, I understand 'em, ma'am. That's why I wouldn't work where they are.

And When Money Talks. Sound travels at the rate of 900 yards per second. Exceptions to this rule: Scandal: 1,000 yards. Flattery: 500 yards. Truth: 21-2 yards. Alarm clock: 7—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Indeed He Was. "Was your husband cool when you told him there was a burglar in the house?" asked Mrs. Hammer. "Cool," replied Mrs. Gabb. "I should say he was cool. Why his teeth chattered."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Prayer Answered. "Ah," he sighed, "if you only gave me the least hope I—"

Not That At All. "Grannie—And wit's the matter wif me tight leg, doctor?" "Doctor—Oh, just old age, Mrs. MacJougall."

Grannie—Hoots, man; ye're havin' the left leg's hile and sound and ye're both the same age.—Punch.

Birthdays Note

MONDAY, MAY ELEVENTH

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MOTHERS' DAY! Sunday, May 10. For mother living a flower bright For mother's memory a flower white. Leave your orders at F. J. JOHNSON THE LEADING FLORIST 324 King St. Phone: Store 230 Residence 1212 Greenhouse, 235.

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