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OPIUM SMOKING.

The alarming increase of the opium smoking habit is becoming a topic of discussion in Northern papers, which demand a more rigid enforcement of the laws against the opium joints which seem to carry on a flourishing business in the most densely populated sections of the cities. The New York Sun, in an editorial speaking of the growth of the habit and of the opium joint business in New York, says:

These opium smokers seem to have no race prejudices against the Chinamen, with whom young girls will associate and frolic without the least repugnance. A common vice brings them on the same level, and common degradation makes them natural companions. The sense of decency is utterly lost, and no vestige of self-respect remains. Respectable and disreputable men and women, Chinese and Americans, consort together while they are under the influence of the drug. No matter how rough and vile the place, how densely crowded and how stifling the air, they are not driven from it by any sense of delicacy or repugnance.

If this vice of opium smoking has grown so rapidly and spread so widely during the past ten years, what will be its extent a quarter of a century from now? Is it not possible that it is going to be one of the greatest of our social evils?

To guard against so terrible a possibility, the police must everywhere be on the alert to break up at once every opium joint that begins its demoralizing and degrading business. But are there not today open in New York not a few such establishments which are well known to the authorities? Cannot a police detective always guide the curious stranger to places where he can investigate the effects of opium smoking on the minds and morals of its victims?

It is a surprising thing to one not addicted to the habit, who has ever visited one of these joints and witnessed the practical operations, how any one not totally lost to reason, could become a frequenter of such places. What potency in the drug that can so enslave its victims.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The New York Sun is not much of an admirer of the present civil service law. But in this the Sun is consistent, for when the law was under discussion in Congress it vigorously opposed it. It submits the following in reference to this subject as suitable for incorporation into the State Democratic platform:

Whereas, The civil service of the State should be conducted upon Democratic principles, to the end that economy, efficiency and integrity may prevail among all public servants; and, whereas, it is most desirable that every citizen, whether in office or out, should be kept alive to the duty of paying a serious and constant attention to public affairs; therefore be it

Resolved, That in all offices of appointment as well as in offices of election the tenure should be for limited periods, so that changes may be had, and we condemn and repudiate the idea of permanent or life tenure as anti-Democratic and calculated to introduce a bureaucratic aristocracy in the form of an independent and privileged class of officeholders.

Resolved, That we condemn and repudiate the system of competitive examinations conducted by cumbersome and highly paid State and municipal boards as the only means of securing appointments in civil service.

Resolved, That every head of a department or bureau, whether in the State administration or in the administration of a county or municipality, should appoint from among its subordinates a suitable board of examiners to ascertain the qualifications of candidates for appointments, the members of which board should serve without any additional compensation, and no person should be appointed who is not found by proper examination to be qualified for the work which is to be done.

It is a noticeable fact that in this country, North and South, notwithstanding the vast preponderance of whites over blacks in the North, nine out of ten, at least, of the assaults upon women are committed by negroes.

The steamship Gallia from New York for Liverpool, which was disabled at sea by a broken shaft, arrived at Queenstown Saturday.

The Physicians' Investigator has watched for a number of years the effect of oat meal upon children, and thinks it makes them weak, mentally and physically. As an exclusive diet it impoverishes the blood. The Scotch, though strong, are a dyspeptic race, and at all events what may be good for them is not necessarily so for us in this climate.

Two young telegraph operators in St. Louis celebrated the Fourth of July by going on a royal bender. They wound it up about two o'clock in the morning by one kicking the other to death. The live one is in jail, to be tried for murder and to meditate on the results of that spree.

A Frenchman has patented a process of making butter by passing a current of electricity through milk, thus rendering the operation of churning unnecessary. A similar method is to be used for cheese making, and to restore rancid butter to its original sweetness of flavor.

Water must be getting scarce in the neighborhood of Philadelphia. The price of milk has been raised.

The Man at the President's Elbow.

Pioneer Press.
Mr. Bayard is the Premier, nominally of the Administration. But he hasn't a tinge of Lamont's influence. Nor has any man in the Cabinet. The private secretary is virtually a member of the Cabinet—and more: if he is not at the head of the Cabinet he is ahead of it in points of opportunity. He is with the President constantly outside of office hours—riding, walking, smoking and chatting. The two are as intimate as brothers, and more so than most brothers. Now, all of this is in no wise discreditable to either Lamont or the President. But it is a little surprising to Democrats of all grades, and especially to members of the Cabinet.

Lamont as you see him, has not the appearance of a great man. Senators and members who want the President to make an appointment for them take good care not to offend the private secretary. In ordinary life they might not remember to recognize him after the first introduction. But this isn't safe for a political leader now. A step or two from Lamont's desk is a door opening into the Cabinet chamber and so connecting with the library the President's business office. Senators and members long ago caught onto the trick of going in to see Lamont, and stepping in to leave a word with the President, thus escaping the doorkeeper, who takes the visitor's card and keeps it for the scrutiny of the newspaper men. The manner of the private secretary is modest and quiet. He talks less than the President to his callers, and listens with close attention to all that is said to him. Between the two the President and the secretary, the rascals are likely to be found out if their stories do not hang together. It was discovered long ago by the politicians that the two men talked these matters over.

Soon after dusk you can see Col. Vilas with a big bundle of papers, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Lamar, Mr. Manning or Attorney General Garland step in quietly and alone, and pass quickly upstairs to the president's room. Lamont is welcome at all times. With the exception of Whitney and Manning, there isn't a member of the Cabinet whose recommendations are not revised by Lamont. The fact is a curious one and worth notice and study. Lamont's rise in opportunities is no more nor less phenomenal than Mr. Cleveland's advance from his Buffalo law office to the White House. From a newspaper reporter—a good one, mind you, with a keen scent for coming events and judicious in every use of his information—Lamont has slipped in between the historic lines of this first Democratic Administration since the war—an advent that is destined to grow in wonder as time goes on.

A Blind Man's Globe.

Detailed accounts are given in the Berlin and Paris papers of a monster movable globe made of copper, the work of a blind clock maker, and on the construction of which seventeen years were spent. The globe represents the earth, and like it, turns on its own axis by means of mechanism; an artificial moon moves round the globe in twenty eight days and six hours, while a movable metal band, in which the hours are marked, indicates the mean time in different parts of the earth. Round the upper portion of this immense globe, which weighs a ton and a half, and whose surface measures 126 feet in diameter, spins a railroad car, capable of holding six persons, and which serves to give a better view of the regions of the north pole. The painting of the globe is done in oil, and necessitated the employment of two men during the entire year. The sun is represented by an apparatus lighted by an intense Drummond calcium light, which enables the spectator to watch intelligently the origin and change of the different periods of the day, the early dawn, the twilight, eclipse of the sun and moon, &c.

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