

THE "JUG TRAINS."

HOW THE THIRTY KANSAS GETS HIS LIQUOR UNDER THE NEW TEMPERANCE LAW.

Correspondence of the Later-Ocean.

TOPEKA, KAN., May 30.—The famous "temperance law" of Kansas has been on trial now just thirty days—much too short a period upon which to form a judgment as to its efficiency in the cause of reform which brought it about, and still some items of information as to its practical workings in the first month may be of interest.

Yesterday I asked the clerk of the hotel if it were possible in a case of some urgency, but not of sickness exactly, to get a bottle or a glass of beer. The clerk obligingly replied that he "thought it might be accomplished," that while he "of course" did not know of any place in Kansas where liquor was sold, still he thought there must be some such place, as he knew that liquor was used, etc., that "possibly" the porter of the hotel might give me more detailed information, and calling that official he said:

"Jim, Mr.— is a friend of mine and wants a bottle of beer; now if you can help him out, do so."

Jim grinned broadly as he took me aside and said: "No trouble 'bout dat, boss. Beer is pretty hard to get, but I can get you all de brandy and wine you want."

"Why is beer so much harder to get?"

"Dunno, 'epose mebbe dars so much box and bottle to a little like 'taint so easy to bring it, eh; but I kin git some beer by goin down to Sante Fe depot, or you kin go down dar and ask fur mineral water and you'll think it tastes mighty near like beer."

These law-breakers have been prosecuted a number of times. Sometimes they have been fined, but most often now they get off. The other day an old saloon-keeper named Bontelle, who still runs his saloon, was prosecuted for selling whiskey.

Witnesses swore that they called for whiskey, paid for it, drank it, and that it was whiskey, but Bontelle was acquitted because the Prosecuting Attorney could not prove that the bar-tender was Bontelle's agent. It is true further, I think, that for the last fifteen days the openness with which liquor is sold by the drink has increased.

For ten days the way to a drink was a winding one through back alleys, and could only be taken behind locked doors, but now within four doors, on either side of the Teft House, if you are known to be "all right," or you are some one who is, you may go in the front door from the crowded street and get what you want.

This is a fair statement as to the condition of things at Topeka. I learn from others, and by the newspapers, that it is about the same in Wichita, Leavenworth, Atchison, Fort Scott, and many other towns. It would not be fair, however, to condemn the law or predict the failure of the worthy movement so bravely begun in Kansas from the trial of one month. The law has certainly hampered the sale of liquor over the bar, but it has not stopped it. Whether it has decreased the amount of whiskey sold or the extent of drunkenness, is doubtful.

"Jug trains" are run from Fort Scott to Kansas City, in Missouri, every Sunday, fare \$1.75 round trip, and will soon be put on between here and Kansas City, by which thirty citizens may go to the city once each week and replenish their jugs.

The agent of the express company here says that express shipments of whiskey from Kansas City to Topeka alone average \$300 worth every day.

Mr. Davis' Fronts. According to a correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution, Mr. Jefferson Davis' profits from his history of the late war promise to be very large. The cheapest form of the book is \$10 for the two volumes, and the price runs from this up to \$25. Mr. Davis cannot receive less than \$2 for each book sold, and the sale of over 50,000 copies is already assured. The English copyright has been secured. Mr. Davis has drawn nothing from his publishers up to date, but there are expenses of secretaries, amanuenses, &c., amounting to probably \$10,000. The made tract with the Appletons was made six years ago. Mr. Davis will probably receive \$100,000 as his share of the profits of the first year's sale. It is reported that Hon. A. H. Stephens will review the Davis history for Scribner's Monthly.

Garold Lacking Executive Ability. From the Boston Herald, Ind. The President has seemed to lack from the first that grip on men and affairs, that clearness and resoluteness of purpose, that power to dominate with his ideas and the force of his personality, which characterize the leader who is born and then made.

A Mother's Devotion.

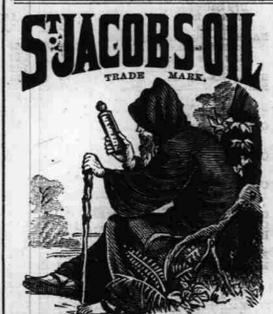
Boston Journal.

A very peculiar case of a mother's devotion to her son, a maniac, has just come to light. About eighteen years ago a family by the name of Harrington moved to Portsmouth, R. I. Nearly four years after, a son, William, then about two years of age, suddenly disappeared. About three weeks ago the mother of the boy died. Some of the people at the funeral heard a strange noise, and on going to a small, dark room in the attic, found there a young man, having scarcely any clothing, covered with hair. The husband of the woman told the following story: The young man, he said, was his son, who had mysteriously disappeared so many years ago. When about two years old the boy became insane, and soon was a raving maniac. The mother refused to let him be taken from her, but placed him in an attic room, where at times she was compelled to tie him. During all these years he had been confined there, and the mother was the only living person whom her son had seen. She was accustomed to visit him and feed him with her own hand, and had jealously guarded her secret from the neighbors, fearing that steps would be taken to tear the boy away from her. When she died the father attempted to follow her example, but was not equal to the task. Young Harrington has been removed to the insane asylum at Cranston, R. I.

He Has Other Resources.

N. Y. Sun.

Now, the batteries of the present reformers are directed mainly at this time against Dorsey, who "carried Indians," and against Brady, the head of the Star King. Dorsey is an intimate friend of the President, who keeps a master key in his pocket for all the rooms of the White House. What he doesn't know about special legislation during the six years that he served as a carpet-bag Senator, and while Garfield was in the House and chairman of the Appropriations, is not worth remembering. He may not have kept a diary, but he has other resources.



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ANTI-PROHIBITION.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMITS, THAT PARTY TO THE MOVEMENT.

Raleigh News-Observer.

The Republican State Committee met in this city on yesterday and agreed to issue an address to the people of North Carolina, taking ground against the bill passed by the recent Legislature to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous and malt liquors, and submitted to the people for ratification or rejection.

Yesterday this meeting of the committee was held, and it was the most inharmonious of all their assemblies. A sub-committee was appointed to be present at the meeting of the anti-prohibition convention and see what was the best plan to be adopted. It was understood that this sub-committee stood three to two against action.

But there is so much dissimulation on the part of these wire-pullers that it is difficult to tell what it is up, and so it is that a few of them spring this matter yesterday, and took a snap judgment on other members of the committee. We learn that of the eleven members of the committee, four, all opposed to taking part in the movement, were absent. These four were W. A. Moore, D. A. Jensen, Mansfield Thornton and A. H. Hicks.

The vote for party action and endorsement was, it is whispered, as follows: For—W. P. Canale, J. J. Mot, T. N. Cooper, and John B. Kavanagh. Against—L. J. Young, B. B. Keogh and Capt. Rogers.

There were some big rows in the committee, yesterday, it is said, and a continual snarling. The over-shouldered members are said to be disgusted at the way they were beat by one vote, when but a bare majority of the committee was present.

This is what the Republicans assert. How much truth there is in their declarations, time and circumstance can alone reveal.

[Mr. W. P. Canale, one of the members of the Committee, informed a STAR reporter last evening that the action of that body on the prohibition question was unanimous.—STAR.]

Emphatically in Opposition.

Cor. Raleigh News-Observer.

But, to return, do you not know, my friend, that some of the ablest of our clergy are opposed to this bill; and that many of those who do not actively oppose it, regard it with distrust. You ought to be better informed upon the point than I am, and yet with my limited acquaintance I could name, if it were proper to do so, a dozen ministers of the gospel who cannot stand this dose. For instance, I dined recently with three clergymen, two of them Doctors of Divinity, who well deserve their degrees, and all of them men in the front rank of their profession. Two of them expressed themselves emphatically in opposition to the legislation in question; and the third announced his intention to vote for it with doubts and misgivings.

I trust the party will live for centuries to come; and I hope I shall live in it to my life's end. I said it would require skillful management to save the party from suffering defeat through this prohibition question; but defeat is not necessarily destitute. My meaning in a few words, was this: A Democratic Legislature, yielding to the clamor of a multitude of good people in a high state of semi-religious excitement, raised and kept up (as the signs strongly indicate) by certain politicians, passed this prohibitory act, whereby they have stirred up all over the State that strong feeling of defiant resistance, which will spring up in any free people, whenever any party, sect or denomination attempts to force upon other people by law its peculiar views as to matters of religion, meats, drinks, dress or personal habits. More than this, they have placed at the mercy of a popular vote the property and business prosperity of a numerous and wealthy class of distillers and merchants, who would be more than human if they did not resent this attack upon them. And all this mischief the Legislature has embodied in an act so weak, so full of ruminous defects, so utterly ineffective to accomplish its purpose, even if it should be ratified by the people, as to be absolutely beneath criticism.

I know very little of politics, but I have tried to make clear my meaning, that it would require all the skill of its leaders to save the party from the effects of this fire-brand. Its position is one of danger in any event, but clearly the best chance for safety lies in the defeat of the prohibition act. Beat it thoroughly, and the prohibitionists, having appealed to the people, will have nothing to complain of and cannot over their fit of excitement at their defeat. Their opponents, on the other hand, having defeated a summary law, can well afford to forgive the party for the blunder of offering it to them.

[The News & Observer vouches for the high standing of this correspondent as a Democrat.]

A Good Idea. Among the subscribers on the first day of the opening of the subscription books of the King Manufacturing Company, at Augusta, Ga., were three colored men—that city, who put down their names for \$10.00. This is worthy of note. It shows that some of the colored men of Augusta are taking advantage of the opportunities afforded them for saving money, and that they have faith in the future of the city as a manufacturing center. As an example, it is worthy of the emulation of colored people every where.

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