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NEW YORK'S VICE.

The Investigating Committee of Fifteen Makes a Report.

The committee of fifteen organized some months ago to investigate vice as it exists in this city, made its preliminary report to the public to day. This report will be followed by others from time to time as the committee deems necessary.

GAMBLING - POOL ROOMS.

The report says the committee agents by investigating disclosed the fact that gambling and pool rooms were being operated openly in violation of the law, that the gambling spirit had been developed to such an extent as to become a distinct menace to the community, and that these resorts were undoubtedly protected in their operation by officers whose duty it was to close them. Raids were made by the committee and its agents and the results obtained show conclusively that a committee of citizens can force the police to close such resorts, thus proving that vice is protected and also that the raids have resulted in making the gambling business unprofitable.

WILL MAKE A REPORT.

The committee has been collecting data from different countries and intends preparing a report embodying suggestions for the treatment of the social evil problem in great cities. It does not feel that the best interests of the city will be served by any violent attempt to suppress this evil, but it is hoped that the forthcoming report will present such information and recommendations as shall enable the community to face the situation frankly and deal with it conservatively and wisely.

ACTUAL CONDITIONS ALARMING.

The committee says that the actual conditions of the tenement house population is alarming in respect to the social evil, and that in one hundred and twenty five tenements that were examined by its agents and in which disorderly women were living there were found in each house an average of twenty-four children under the age of 18 years, and the committee is collecting evidence which will be utilized to eliminate this evil. It is also investigating the organized traffic in young girls by the so called cadet system.

A RECOMMENDATION.

The committee recommends with earnestness the necessity of providing suitable places of meeting where the people in each neighborhood can come together and discuss the evils that menace their civic life and where they may from time to time meet their legislative representatives with a view of obtaining from them an account of their stewardship and where remedies may be proposed and discussed.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HALLS.

Therefore, the recommendation is made that in each assembly district one suitable assembly hall shall be built, which shall be kept available for such citizens' meetings, and it throws out a suggestion that these might be built in connection with the new public libraries which are likely to be erected in every part of Greater New York.

One of the Richest States in the Union.

North Carolina is one of the richest States in the Union, and will make an exhibit at Charleston that will cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The exhibit is already nearly available, the State Department of Agriculture having devoted for years a great deal of intelligent attention to the establishment of a State museum in which is assembled specimens of nearly every mineral, wood, crop and manufactured product in the State. Mr. Bruner, who has been engaged in the work of making these collections for the last 20 years, and Professor Holmes, who enjoys a national reputation in his special field, have already gone into the work with energy and enthusiasm, and promise that the North State will make a brilliant display at Charleston. The Governor is heartily in sympathy with the enterprise, and the money for making the exhibit is available. Philadelphia and Baltimore and the Northern and Western States will find in the exhibit from North Carolina much to inform them as to the richness of the Southern field, which they will find it to their interest to cultivate. We shall have to work very hard if South Carolina is not to be beaten on its own soil by the other, and in some respects, the greater Carolina.—Charleston News and Courier.

The Human System

British women are said to average two inches more in height than Americans. Averages for the height of women show that those born in summer and autumn are taller than those born in spring or winter. The tallest girls are born in August.

As far as boys are concerned, those who first see the light during the autumn and winter are not so tall as those born in spring or summer. Those born in November are the shortest; in July the tallest.

An average head of fair hair consists of 143,049 hairs; dark hair 105,000, while a red head has only 29,200. Fair haired people are becoming less numerous than formerly.

A person who has lived seventy years has had pass through his heart about 676,920 tons of blood, the whole of the blood of the body passing through the heart in about thirty-two beats. The heart beats on an average of seventy times a minute, or 36,792,000 time in the course of a year, so that the heart of an ordinary man eighty years of age has beaten 3,000,000,000. The heart beats ten strokes a minute less when one is lying down than when one is in an upright position.—EX.

Business Bulletins.

Advertising has been called life of commerce because it is the means by which the public is informed of the existence of an establishment and the merits and other facts of its wares or work. Therefore, advertising has essentially a news character, and the most successful advertiser is he who makes of his newspaper announcement a daily bulletin of his establishment.

SENATOR VEST'S TRIBUTE.

A Man's Best Friend May Turn Against Him, But His Dog Will Never Prove Ungrateful Or Treacherous.

"Years ago Senator Vest was attending court in a Missouri town and became interested in a dog case. Voluminous evidence was introduced to show that the defendant had shot the dog in malice, while other evidence went to show that the dog had attacked defendant. Vest took no part in the trial and was not disposed to speak. The attorneys, however, urged him to make a speech, else their clients would not think he had earned his fee. Being thus urged he arose, scanned the face of each jurymen for a moment, and said:

"Gentlemen of the jury: The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness faithful and true even in death."

"The jury gave a verdict for \$500, although the plaintiff had asked for \$250 only."

The Southern white people, as a rule, are not in favor of negro suffrage, but they are not averse to helping the negro along, a proof of which is that they have since 1875 spent \$114,000,000 on his schooling.

OLD RED RYE.

Ingersoll's Eulogy of Whiskey and Dr. Buckler's Reply.

"I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the least or painted landscapes in the brain of man. It is the mingled souls of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chased each other over billowy fields, the breath of the lark, the dew of the night, the wealth of summer and autumn's rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it, and you will hear the voice of men and maidens singing the 'Harvest, Home,' mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it, and you will feel within your blood the starred dawns, the dreamy, tawny dusks of perfect days. For forty years this liquid joy has been within staves of oak, longing to touch the lips of man."

DR. J. M. BUCKLER'S REPLY.

"I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet, or painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find a transient sunshine, chased by a shadow cold as Arctic midnight, in which the breath of June grows icy, and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding cry of the raven. Drink it, and you shall have woe, sorrow, babbling, and wounds without cause, your eyes shall behold strange women, your heart shall utter perverse things. Drink it deep, and you shall hear the voice of demons shrieking, women wailing and worse than orphaned children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep, and serpents will hiss in your ear, coil themselves about your neck and seize you with their fangs; for 'at least it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.' For forty years this liquid death has been within staves of oak, harmless there as purest water. I send it to you that you may put an enemy in your mouth to steal away your brains. And yet I call myself your friend."—EX.

Mr. Small's Work.

Hon. John H. Small has again been awake to the interest of his constituents of this district. As a result of his efforts, the U. S. Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries has directed Supt. Worth of the Edenton Fish Culture Station to make plants of shad in Pamlico and Tar rivers, and also in the Pasquotank, Perquimans, Roanoke, Scuppernon and Chowan rivers, and also in Albemarle sound. The stocking of these streams in this district should eventually increase the supply of shad in our waters to the benefit of our fishermen and our people. When our waters were stocked by the State some years ago there was a very perceptible increase in the supply of shad after a few years.—Washington Progress.

HOW CROKER FIGHTS A FIRE.

In The Face of Flames He Can't Stand Being Bothered.

Croker's method of directing the fight on a fire is typical, says Lindsay Deason in Everybody's Magazine. Bonner taught the fire-chiefs of the world to take up a position commanding the best possible view of the fire, and to hold it; issuing orders to the deputy commanders and receiving reports from them without moving from the spot. Croker's first step on reaching a fire is to look over the building thoroughly; then he selects his position commanding a view, but he does not stay in it; he leaves Oswald there and starts out on a daredevil chase through the fire. He goes to every spot where there are men at work and to many where there are not. Everywhere he drives the men, encourages them, warns them, and directs them. From time to time he sends a messenger back to Oswald with an order for a change in the disposition of the attacking force, or for a call for reinforcements. He may be traced around the outskirts of the fire by the feverish ferocity with which the firemen work where he has been. His very presence seems to transform them into jumping crews of devils, and the spell does not pass from them until they have seen him toss aside his helmet, pull the crumpled brown hat over his eyes, and stick a black cigar slantwise in the corner of his mouth. When the Chief does these things, the fire is out. It may smoke and sputter for hours, but it is beaten, there is no more fight left in it; all that remains is the "wetting down."

Once a man stood in front of Croker and obstructed his view of a building which was burning. Croker didn't ask him to step aside, neither did he push him out of the way; he knocked him down. Afterwards he denied violently that he had struck anybody; he could not remember any incident of the sort. But he could remember with absolute accuracy every order that he had given to his men, he knew from what engine every one of the twenty lines of hose had received water. Another time he struck a police captain in the face for asking the question, "Fire almost out, Chief?" There as murder in his eyes when he struck the blow, but in the same second he was giving orders to his aides in as calm and cold tones as though he were asking them the time of day. His own expression for the feeling that comes over him at such times as these is that he "can't stand being bothered at fires."

We are informed that there is a man living in Burlington who has been married six times, and is the father of 76 children, of these 36 are living. We understand he is now looking for another wife. This is a record breaker, and he is "just now starting."—Burlington News.

It is said that the paper trust has increased the cost of paper to the newspapers of the country \$4,800,000.00