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### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

For perhaps a century it has been observed in this country and in other countries that saloons are the cause of a large per cent. of the crimes committed. Few will deny it while many will admit it. The following statistics, clipped from an exchange, tell a pretty "straight tale" about how it is in Texas: "There are 23 counties in Texas without a convict and without a saloon. Thirty-nine dry counties furnish three penitentiary inmates, while two saloon counties have sixty-etc. In the dry counties there is one convict to every 1,500 people and in the saloon counties one to every 500," says the Connecticut Issue.

**How Saloons Make Crime.**

**Struggling for Education.**

**Better Pay for Teachers.**

**Road Improvements.**

**Colleges Endowed by Millionaires.**

**Our Great Climate.**

### Tribute to Gen. Gordon.

By Rev. H. F. Snow.

I. We bow our heads in grief to-day Since thou hast gone from earth away, Thou'st passed the portals of the tomb, Gone where the flowers immortal bloom.

II. But thou hast left a record fair Throughout the nation everywhere: Soldier, patriot, rest in peace, How quickly came thy sweet release.

III. Oh! manly man, friend true and kind, With noble mind and cultured mind, We'll keep thy memory fresh and fair, Thy many virtues we'll declare.

IV. Heroes men through all the land Close to thy grave in thought now stand, And rear a monument of praise Prepared by thee through all thy days, And here is the inscription bright That we unhesitating write— Thy words, thy works, thy life proclaim— Unsullied, spotless is thy name.

### Consumption on the Decline.

Pittsburgh Post.

While a New York paper maintains that one reason for the increased mortality from pneumonia may be found in the fashion now prevalent of ascribing thereto deaths really due to consumption, for which there are well-understood reasons, or other forms of pulmonary disease, statements are made from such authoritative sources as the New York Academy of Medicine which sustain the medical theory that consumption is on the decrease. It will not hurt people to think so. Within the last decade, in the state of Massachusetts alone, it was stated in an address before the society that "mortality from tuberculosis had been reduced by one-half." Between 1885 and 1902, notwithstanding the increase in population, amounting to nearly one-half, the deaths from consumption in Massachusetts declined from 5,955 to 4,685. In fifty years, since 1853, the death rate per 10,000 inhabitants of that state has declined from 42.7 to 15.9. This is a strong argument as to the decline of consumption, which interests almost every family connection.

**Wonderful Nerve.**

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**Domestic Troubles.**

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**An Essay on Hens.**

A boy who was required to write an essay on hens produced the following: "Hens is curious animals; they don't have no nose nor no teeth nor no ears. They swallow their whistles whole and chew it up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put into pillars and into feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled with marbles and shirt buttons and stich. A hen is very much smaller than a good many other animals, but they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum puddings. Hens have wings and can fly when they get frightened. I cut off a hen's head with a hatchet, and it frightened her to death."

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