

DOOLEY ON THE SALOON'S PASSING.

Famous Humorist Writes Novel Obituary of Traffic.

Mr. Dooley, looking philosophically out of his famous barroom window in Archey road, tells the readers of the American Magazine for April some of his current musings on the prospective passing of his long established business.

In humor a trifle more pathetic than usual, from the fact that the subject is so intimately associated with his own livelihood, he sketches the rising tide of anti-liquor sentiment throughout the southland, "where King Alcohol," he declares, has been dethroned, "although he's like th' Jook iv Orleans in Paris, he's lost most iv his authorities, but some iv the old families still receive him quietly in their homes, although thousands that onst fell on their noses before him now refuse to recognize him in public."

Continuing his reference to drink as his royal highness King Alcohol, he pictures the poor fellows who at night "are wild wid lity that makes them think they're better than they iver thought they were" and graphically describes their condition "before and after being knighted by King Alcohol," with their inevitable subsequent "presentation at court."

Getting down to the more serious possibilities of the "temperance wave," Mr. Dooley, addressing Hinnessy, says:

"The Ominous Size of the Wave."
"An' I tell ye somethin', Hinnessy--it ain't gona' to be very long before this here wave iv Prohibition comes up here an' deluges ye an' me. Anny day ye may look to see boots an' shoes or more probably books in th' windy where ye now see th' stately rows iv bottles that ye think are filled with tempting drink, but rally have nawthin' in them but th' wather I filled them with th' year after th' big fire."

"I was cut out to be nature to sell people things that they first took because they made them feel superiyor to other people an' that later became a necessity to them."

How Politicians Now Slight the Saloon.
Hinnessy, interjecting an exclamation of incredulity at this point, gives Mr. Dooley the text for another item in the chronicle of the saloon's impending doom:

"Do I think 'twill come? Faith, I wudden't wonder, I see what Hogan calls portints iv th' times. Th' day was when ivry man that wanted a pollyteckal job asked th' privilege iv hangin' a lithygraft iv himself in me window. But nowadays, be heavens, no man wants his pitcher hung in a saloon. They're tryin' to get them pasted up in th' churches. They're gettin' on to us."

"I'll tell ye a secret iv th' thrade. I'd rather have th' Father Mathew society behind me than th' entire saloon vote."

"What Drink Does For a Man."
Then, breaking through his professional attitude, Mr. Dooley voices the better sentiments of his heart in these discerning words:

"I wudden't mind if Prohibition did break through. In his heart th' thruent Prohibitionist is a saloon keeper. Better than anny man else he knows that what's his meat is everybody else's pizen."

"Havin' long associated with th' drinkin' classes, I think less iv them more an' more ivry year. Th' drink makes them too fond iv themselves. As me frind Mulrooney, th' printer, says, 'Th' drink knocks th' dot off their little i an' they think they're upper case.' A man comes in here when I'm about ready to pull down th' blinds, leans on th' cheese an' sings 'My Bonnie Lies Over th' Ocean,' thin says 'What's that?' when I suggest that he go home an' fin'ly ends up by weepin' over his troubles. I know what's th' matter with him. He's thinkin' about himself too much. I know that his voice sounds like suds escapin' fr'm th' kitchen sink, an' I can lick him in a minyit with an ice pick, an' I am laughin' meself sick over his family troubles, but he doesn't think so. Divvie th' bit. He's got himself painted like a combynation iv Melba, Jeffreys an' th' two orphans, an' annybody that don't believe he's right is lookin' fr' trouble."

"Faith, if anny Prohibitionist thinks 'tis pleasant presidin' over this here palace iv rum he's welcome to th' job. If I was an insanity expert instead iv beln' on th' level as I am, I'd commit half me patients to an asylum."

"But can ye iver enforce Prohibition?" asked Mr. Hinnessy.

"Well," said Mr. Dooley. "Father Kelly says th' best they've done so far is to make drink wrong to take, hard to get an' tur'ble bad when ye get it."

Mr. Dunne's article is most originally illustrated by Cartoonist John T. McCutcheon.

ATLANTA'S MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS INCREASE UNDER PROHIBITION.

According to reports made by City Comptroller Goldsmith of Atlanta, Ga., March 19, 1903, the city will have fully \$100,000 more to spend this year than was provided for in the January estimates. "The increase in taxable values," declares Comptroller Goldsmith, "will range from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 on real estate alone. The city's financial condition is splendid," he concluded.

Liquor Trade Admits Alarm at Prohibition Progress.

Editorial Items From the Current V'isky Press.

Chicago, Ill.—[Special.]—The liquor press vividly reflects these days the rising alarm of the drink business against the nation wide progress of the Prohibition movement. In its leading editorial Feb. 1 Mida's Criterion, the famous Chicago liquor trade journal, says:

"There is no denying the fact that Prohibition and local option movements have a depressing effect on business enterprise and extension. Both distillers and dealers are therefore very conservative; the former in production of output and the latter as to laying in larger stocks than absolutely required."

In the same issue the staff correspondence from Louisville, Ky., says:

"Those traveling men for Louisville concerns who have been through Mississippi and Louisiana have returned to their home offices with the reports that do not augur well for the 'trade' in those states. The impression they get is that both states will go for Prohibition. The reports of their firms are to the effect that everything points to that condition in the very near future."

Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular, New York, Feb. 25 in its special correspondence from Cincinnati, the "whisky center," says:

"In Cincinnati, the same as in other whisky markets, the whisky business is at a minimum. There is little doing and not much better in sight. * * * Prohibition agitation and the work of the various state legislatures is a powerful factor. * * * Jobbers are afraid because of Prohibition legislation to purchase for wants in the future. If their trade is gone they will have no use for the whisky; hence they are not buying it. The traveling fraternity is at home because, as a rule, the report is that expenses are not to be made."

In the same correspondence of Bonfort's a significant item is detailed in the announcement of the next convention of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association at Niagara Falls, June 16, 17 and 18.

National Liquor Sellers' Convention Too "Busy" to Indulge in Banquets.

"It is quite likely that the convention this year will not have the usual entertainment and social feature trimmings. * * * It will be remembered that at the Atlantic City convention last year a great banquet was the crowning event, with a day's sail in small craft on the briny deep as a daylight entertainment. The members of the executive committee are said to feel that there is too much business to be considered by the convention (next June) to allow any time to be taken up with formal entertainment."

In the Circular's San Francisco correspondence is the following admission, similar to those already noted:

"California wine merchants do not find that the year is opening up as satisfactorily as was expected. The anti-saloon cause, spreading so ominously throughout the country, is a factor that tells adversely. Sales in some of the southern states have fallen away seriously. Eastern shipments are being made pretty much as usual, but there is noticeable a complete absence of snap from the business."

Liquor's Flood of Anonymous Unsigned Anti-Prohibition Literature.

The most significant fact about the flood of anti-Prohibition literature which is being circulated broadcast throughout the country is that this literature for the most part is unsigned and is printed without any authoritative credit as to its source or authorship. For instance, the St. Paul Record is being widely scattered throughout the State of Minnesota with its columns headed with liquor misrepresentations and anti-Prohibition falsehoods. But the paper does not carry the name of a single person connected with it. The other liquor literature met with in profusion is along the same line, without being credited to any publisher or author who is willing to stand sponsor for the misrepresentations contained in the text.

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WHAT THE MAYOR OF KNOXVILLE SAYS.

During the first three months under Prohibition (Nov. 1, 1907, to Feb. 1, 1903) there were 549 arrests in Knoxville. During the same months one year prior there were 1,045 arrests.

The total arrests for drunkenness from Nov. 1, 1907, to Feb. 18, 1903, were 296. For the same months one year before there were 649.

Savings accounts are climbing, industrial insurance is being promptly paid, children and wives are better clad, and the money which formerly went to saloons is now being largely used for the betterment of home conditions.—John M. Brooks, Mayor, Feb. 17, 1903.

Prohibition's Testimony.

What benefit is Prohibition? Does it work? Send for leaflet "Prohibition's Latest Testimony—A Hundred Facts." Address Chairman Charles R. Jones, 92 La Salle street, Chicago.

DETROIT RIVER TUNNEL.

Being Built on Shore, to Be Sunk in Sections Beneath Water.

A tunnel is being constructed in a novel manner for the movement of railroad trains between Detroit and Windsor, Canada, beneath the Detroit river, says the New York Tribune. It is being built on shore and will be sunk in sections into a trench dredged in the bottom. The sections after they have been deposited in their cradle of cement and steel will be joined together beneath the surface of the water. It is to be a tunnel of two steel tubes, each of which will be slightly over twenty-three feet in diameter. They are joined together at intervals by transverse steel diaphragms. When the tubes have been sunk and joined they will be surrounded by concrete. The construction of a steel cradle on the river bottom and the elimination of a cofferdam in the laying of the tunnel comprise a method of subaqueous tunnel construction never before attempted. Divers are required to lock the sections together after they are in place.

The preparation for floating and sinking the sections is elaborate. The ends of the tubes are closed with heavy bulkheads of wood in which are set valves for allowing the water to enter and the air to escape when the section is sunk. In this way the sinking of the 600 ton section can be regulated to a nicety. The sides are covered with heavy planks, forming a box which looks like a huge barge. On top are placed a number of steel cylinders filled with air for the purpose of assisting in keeping it afloat in case of necessity.

The underwater portion of the tunnel will be 2,025 feet long, and the length of the whole tunnel, including the covered portions of the approaches, will be more than one and one-half miles in length.

DOGS' LEGS AS FISHING RODS

Trained Terriers Take Pickeral From Pond Through Holes in the Ice.

Fishermen who went to Porter's lake the other day never will get through talking about the way Bill McMichael of Pike county and his three trained terriers cut down the pickeral population, says a Port Jervis special dispatch to the New York World. Fishing through the ice is a popular winter sport up at Porter's lake, and when Bill and his bowwows reached the place the surface of the lake looked like a coffee strainer.

Every hole had a watcher, but this didn't worry Bill. He set to work and surprised the other folks by chopping three more holes in the crystal. Then he tied a line to the hind leg of each dog and dropped the baited end through the hole. He placed a bag under each pup, lit his pipe and went visiting among his friends. He hadn't been gone more than a few seconds when one of the dogs began to bark and walk away from the hole, dragging a six pound pickeral after him.

"Pretty soft for me," chuckled Bill. By this time the other dogs had contributed a pickeral apiece to the pile, and Bill spent the next hour packing 'em in. When he had taken the antemortem statement of thirty-six of the finny things he blew a whistle. Each dog arose promptly, picked up the bag on which it had been sitting and swung into line behind his master as he hit the trail for home.

"I was a year training 'em," explained Bill to the astonished gathering, "but I don't regret it. They're the best fishermen in Pike county, and another thing in their favor—they don't lie about their work. The next time I'm going to send them up alone."

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