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Ben Kelly and His Night Ride

The wreck of Ben Kelly has been the cause of much idle talk here during the past few days, and while all this talk might have come from unconcerned sources, it can't very well be called idle. It will be remembered that Kelly smashed a Ford coupe here Sunday night, the 26th of last month, when he attempted to drive a show truck while he was drunk.

He was removed from the wreck and placed in the city jail; later he was transferred to the county jail. In that place he awaited trial for over a week, and during that time he composed the few verses of "poetry" which appear elsewhere in this paper.

We don't know of another instance that brings out so clearly the ways of life. His first act soaked him with liquor, the wreck being one of the direct results. Here is where his deeds stopped, for he then went into the hands of the law. Without friends and without money the law took him in its charge. After resting in jail eight days he received a prison sentence in the recorder's court. His sentence, however, was not to begin at once, and he was told to clear out and not trouble himself about returning for the purpose of serving his sentence. We commend the judge on his decision, for here was a man who needed assistance.

But there is more to it than that. Kelly wandered from his home in Altona, Pa., against the will of his people. He remembered the advice of his dead father only after being

jailed. He vouches for his conduct once he is freed, and so on out it goes. But it would be interesting to follow him and see just what course he takes. But what would be of more interest would be to see what circumstances he will find himself in. Will he be aided by the church? Will he avail himself of its help; and once he should, would it scorn him and turn him away worse than he was before? What will be society's attitude toward him? We all know these questions, for there are examples in too large numbers already around us. It is safe to say that had Kelly been of the least prominence he would have never been jailed. His deed would have been thought little of. But as it was, he was heralded by all as a common showman and that the jail is the place for him.

Just in sight of the spot where Kelly wrecked, there was another in the same week. Liquor was the cause, just as it was in Kelly's case. From that point everything was different. Instead of being placed in jail, the occupants were removed to the hospital. The idea of placing them in jail was not even aroused, and should it have been evident, why society would have looked upon it as most ridiculous.

We like to see no one in jail, but we do think there should be justice. When Kelly was released, justice was more or less evident, and to such an extent that we could not help attempting these lines.

Is Old Age Dangerous?

"Is old age dangerous?" might be an apt question after hearing and seeing some people who are marching down the hill. If it is not dangerous, it is certainly sad to see an aged person lose all the joys of life, and in their decline lose sight of every path except those leading the world to destruction.

There are lots of people who have no faith in youth. They seem to forget that human nature is so perfect that we all want to run the same race. It is only by a strict adherence to the Divine laws that we are able to restrain ourselves and keep in due bounds. Fortunately, we all have to follow the same course, and travel the same road for ourselves. We can not act for another.

We too often carry such a pessimistic type of religion that the world

falls to see and appreciate us; and, even worse, they sometimes scorn us because we go around in our latter years always harping on what a good people there was in our day and how bad they are today.

There is very little encouragement in growing old. The young person sees so many examples of grouch, pessimism, and murmurings that naturally they view old age with much horror. They, too, fail to see the glory of their religion, because there are too few smiles, and they fail to hear expressions of Christian hope, because they are so busy numbering their troubles and counting their aches and pains.

God evidently intended that men should see more of His glory and power as they advance in age, because if Christian people have any

confidence in their faith, it is that they are marching on toward a more perfect life. Then we should welcome the day of old age with a smile and a word of good cheer to those who are coming on behind us.

A road full of fruits and flowers, painted by the lives of old people, would induce many of the young to follow.

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JAIL HOUSE BLUES

I once had a pal who was good and true,
And that was my dear old daddy too;
He was getting childish, old and grey,
And he would say, 'I'm not here for many more days.

It was a bright and sunny day, the 2nd of March
When from this old world he did depart;
He left this world for a better land,
I know,
Where, if I follows his steps, I'll be sure to go.

He taught me to always be honest and true and brave
Just a few days before I followed him to his grave;
But I haven't done what I promised to do,
But I will from now on if it turns me blue.

I left home and went with a show,
Where you all know only bad men go;

I traveled with them 12 weeks, I think,
Until one night I raised a terrible stink.

It happened in the town of Williamston, North Carolina,
I got awful drunk, gol darnit;
We had landed at the fair grounds safe and sound,
So I took the boss' car soon as he went to town.

I went out in the country quite a way
And got som liquor my friend had hid that day;
So I started back to town, 'twas the middle of night,
And so drunk was I that I completely lost my sight.

I ran into a Ford and rushed it down the street,
Crushing it to pieces as a fly be-



Good News

GOOD NEWS!!!

It has been said that "money talks," but all it says to a lot of us is "good-by." Money "talked" in Philadelphia a week ago when Jack Dempsey got \$800,000 for a 39-minute "cauliflower carnival" with Gene Tunney. Milton received \$70 for writing "Paradise Lost." That's the difference in money-making power; there's also a difference in ice service. Ours represents the highest standard. Extra care as regards sanitation guards you against possible dangers. A prompt service at all times based on absolute courtesy. Your telephone is our self starter. Just take down your receiver and say "99."

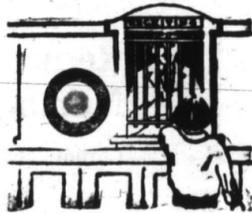
P. S.—You Might Take a Look in That Coal Bin, Too

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neath my feet;
And, through God's will, I am here today,
Instead of a funeral yesterday.
I am sitting in the county jail,
Wondering if my luck will ever fail;
The jail is anything but pleasant, I hate to say,
But things seem to be coming my way.

I won't be here much longer, I am told,
Until I go to work on the road;
And liquor was the cause of it all,
So if you drink liquor, you can look to fall.
But I tell you this as sure as I like jelly
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