

W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the residence of Mrs. S. A. Henry, March 1st, at 8 p.m. to carry out the following programme:

Music,	Society.
Bible lesson	Mrs. B. Pardee.
Lord's Prayer	Society.
Reading minutes,	Sec.
Duetto, Miss Wright and Osborne.	
Essay,	Miss Alice Irwin.
Select Reading.	Miss Hill.
Temperance Doxology.	Society.

Drinking baffles us, confounds us, shames us, and mocks us at every point. It outwits alike the teacher, the man of business, the patriot, and the legislator. Every other business founders in hopeless difficulties, but the public house holds its triumphant course. —[London Times.]

The truth cannot be turned, beheaded, or crucified. A lie on the throne is a lie still; and truth in a dungeon is truth still; and the lie on the throne is on the way to defeat, and the truth in the dungeon is on the way to victory. —[Wm. McKinley.]

No liquor has been sold for the last six years in one of the wealthiest and most prosperous counties of Texas, and consequently the jail is empty. The reader should pause and consider that word "consequently." It implies a great fact and a great moral. —[Chicago Standard.]

It is correctly estimated that the cost of the liquor traffic in the United States exceeds the damage of thirteen Chicago fires every year—more than one Chicago fire every month. The liquor traffic, therefore, is a configuration which every year burns up thirteen Chicagos. —[Exchange.]

It is computed that the average glass of whiskey, which cost the drinker from ten to fifteen cents, only cost the distiller one-sixth of a cent.

And right here is the key to the only real and reasonable argument against the acquisition of the question of prohibition to a vote of the people. Here are actual profits of \$6,000 per cent which go into the pockets of manufacturers, the government and dealers, from the distillery all the way down the miserable drunkard in the gutter. With such enormous profits and gains is it any wonder that they who share in the spoils should unite and spend large sums of money to save the iniquitous traffic, by which they have their living. —[K.]

We have tried moral suasion for scores of years; we have tried high license for decades. Yet the liquor power has made strides that put to shame all the marvelous growth of our other industries. It has not retracted a step. It is bolder, stronger, more insolent and high-minded than ever before in history. These are not groundless assertions; we have spared neither dollars nor days of labor verifying these facts. The one remedy that has not been tried is a prohibition law backed up by a national prohibition party. Iowa has the law; but it hasn't the party to back it. Kansas has the law; but no party stands or falls with it. Maine has the law, and it had a party too, years ago; for the Maine republican party was founded on abolition and prohibition. But the law is not a national law to help it. The saloon is an enemy to God and man; licensed or unlicensed, it produces nothing but sin and sorrow; it thrives only on corruption. The stronghold without which it is powerless, with which alone it is terribly potent, is the political stronghold. It will never be persuaded to abandon it; it must be forced out and kept out forever. —[Ex.]

Where to Draw the Line.

Post-Dispatch.

Although I like good English names, yet I cannot say that I am one of those who have no patience with the adoption of foreign names or of foreign terminations to English names. There is undoubtedly an insane desire on the part of many young ladies, especially, to have odd-sounding names, or to affect French modes of spelling, and as long as it tends towards euphony let them do so, but the line should be drawn somewhere. We can stand Mae and Marie, Lucie, and a host of others softened and foreignized names, but I thought it was going a little too far when I read on a list of young ladies' names Miss Bellie. — We draw the line at that.

The operation of fixing the denominations of the charred and ruined notes found in the safes of the express company, after the late railroad accident near Washington, keeps the women experts in the Treasury pretty busy. It is done solely by women, and so superior is their skill in handling paper money that they accomplish results that would be utterly unattainable without them. It has been found by long experience that a counterfeit may go through half the banks in the country without being detected, until it comes back often torn and mutilated into the hands of the Treasury women. Then it is certain of detection. They shut their eyes and feel of a note. I, they suspect it. If it feels wrong, in half a minute they point out the incongruities of the counterfeit. — Ex.

A well known citizen attempted to impress upon me that Col. Vilas's name should be given a French pronunciation. In speaking of him, he said, we shan't say Col. Vee'a giving a good sound to the final. As he insisted that this was the only proper way in which to speak of the new postmaster-general, I tried it on the first Wisconsin man I met. "What do you think of the appointment of Vee'a?" I asked. "Lamar I guess he's all right." "Vee'a, I repeated. "I say I guess Lamar's all right." Then I spelled it out "Vee'a." "Oh, thunder! Bill Vilas! Why didn't you say so before?" So it doesn't work. — [Washington letter.]

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Walnut groves are being planted in many parts of the west.

Queer Olga, of Greece, is said to be the most beautiful woman now on a throne.

The enthusiastic miners of Eagle City, Arizona, presented \$5,000 in gold dust to the mother of the first child born there.

The largest and finest memorial stone in the Washington monument is the one presented by the Corporation of Philadelphia.

"Pat have you any prairies in Ireland like we have in Illinois?" To be sure we have. Didn't yez ivor hear of Tipperary?"

The White House has been painted so often that the white lead upon it is said to be by actual measurement, nearly a quarter of an inch thick.

An old colored man who had imbibed too freely on New Jersey applejack, said: "Some people is filled with delight, but I'se filled wid de lightening."

Turpentine in small quantities may be used with advantage in the laundry, but resin, which is usually found in soap, is injurious, discoloring some goods and shrinking woollens.

Black walnut sawdust is now mixed with linseed oil and moulded into ornamentation for furniture. When varnished it is handsome and more durable and carved wood.

"I feel like Joseph," said a sorrowing husband; "like Joseph in the Bible; for my wife is dead; she was cremated, and yonder stands the urn with the ashes in it, and, like Joseph, I love my Pot-of-her."

Statistics show that one hundred thousand people are killed by whiskey where one person is killed by a mad dog. And yet most everybody would rather tackle a glass of whiskey than a mad dog.

The juice of the curious ink-plant of New Granda requires no preparation for being used for writing. The color is reddish when first applied to paper but soon becomes a deep black which is very durable.

The United States cavalry have introduced a drill of teaching their horse to lie down and spring from behind them. It is said that the instruction is not difficult and was achieved in less than three months.

"Mamma, who tore Mr. Bland's hair all out?" said little Mabel. "Hush, child, you mustn't speak of such things. Papa is bald, too, you know." "Yes, but I want to know who tore Mr. Bland's hair all out; he isn't married."

Said that dapper little lawyer, Ambrose H. Purdy, "There is a restaurant in New York city where I can get twenty-four kinds of meat and vegetables for fifteen cents." "How do you do that?" asked Conlon Fellows. "I order hash."

San Augustine, Florida, was the first permanent settlement made by Europeans, within the limit of the present United States. The settlement was established in 1565, and San Augustine is, therefore, the oldest city in the neighboring states it cannot abolish without a national law to help it.

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The New York Star recently printed a chart showing the location of 465 liquor saloons in the Eighth Assembly district. There are in the city of New York 10,375 licensed and about 1,000 unlicensed saloons, making a total of 11,275 saloons, or one for every 119 inhabitants. The total number of bakers, butchers and grocers in that city is only 7,611.

Two Highlanders were seen on an ocean steamer, one of whom carried and used ostentatiously a large red handkerchief. His friend, in the course of the voyage, produced an orange and commenced to suck it. He of the handkerchief looked curiously at it for a few moments and then exclaimed: "Sandy, mon, give us a suck o' your orange, and I'll give ye low o' my napkin."

The act forfeiting the Texas Pacific land grant which has just passed Congress restores to the people 15,000,000-600 acres of their domain. This will make 93,750 homestead farms of 180 acres, which will soon be opened for settlement and cultivation. The Texas Pacific is but the beginning of a restoration to the people of the domain that has been forfeited by the railroad corporations.

A solution of oxalic acid has been used for removing ink stains from cotton, linen, or the fingers, but it is attended with the danger of injuring textiles and the skin. A much safer and better treatment of ink or rust stains consists of the application of two parts of powdered cream of tartar and one part of finely powdered oxalic acid. Shake up the ingredients well together and apply the powder with a dry rag to the dampened stain. When the spot has disappeared the part should be well washed.

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Two Friends.

Philadelphia Call.

Jones: "I hear that the handsome young tenor of your choir is to marry the charming soprano. Singular, is it not?"

Smith. "Yes each struck a chord in the other's heart; it did not take long to register their vows, and it will be a note-able wedding. They will spend the honeymoon on the high O's."

"Very romantic off air no doubt."

"Well no, except that they met by chance."

AGRICULTURAL.

To REMOVE warts on horses, take a piece of concentrated lye as large as a walnut, put it into a bottle with rain water enough to dissolve it and apply it with a feather.

An Illinois correspondent states that experience has taught him that cattle will thrive better on good, bright straw than on oat or wheat straw, and he never knew cattle to be injured from eating it.

In selecting potato seed two things should be kept in mind; first, plant only such seed as may be expected to produce smooth, fair-sized potatoes; second, plant only when the seed is in full vigor. — A. W. Cheever.

BASSWOOD trees are urged for planting by the roadside, as they serve the double purpose of attractive shade and abundant forage for bees. They also make excellent timber whenever it becomes desirable to fell them.

ONE of the best disinfectants, says the *Poultry Bulletin*, is Cindy's fluid, which is made by putting one ounce of potash, permanganate in a pint of cold water. For use, one ounce of this fluid should be added to half a pint of water.

THE cause of club-root in cabbage is claimed by a German experimenter, Woronin, to be a parasitic vegetable, which lives and feeds on the healthy tissue of different cruciferous plants. All weeds of that order (producing pods, like turnips, mustard, radish, etc.) should be eradicated while land is being rested preparatory to a new sowing of cabbage-growing.

THE Indiana Farmer says the Ben Davis apple is so poorly flavored that even the coddling moth generally passes it by for some better variety, and the consequence is that but few of these apples are wormy, and, being of high color and handsome shape, they are a very popular apple at the city fruit stands, where they outsell other kinds about two to one on the average.

TRIFOLIUM is said to be extensively used in England for alternate husbandry, but it is reported not suitable for permanent pasture mixtures, except in very small quantities. A writer states that this plant is well deserving of cultivation on light, dry and high, elevated inferior soils, and on such will yield a greater bulk of herbage than any of the cultivated clovers. It is highly nutritious, and eaten with avidity by cattle. From the great depths to which its roots penetrate, it is not liable to be injured by drought, and is thereby enabled to retain its verdure after the grasses and other plants are burnt up, a fact worthy of notice by Western farmers.

FARMERS who burn green wood are probably not aware of the waste of heat. The sap uses up—that is, carries off in a latent state—a very large portion of the heat produced by its carbon, or its dry material. As much man and team power is required to haul three or four cords of green wood as for six or eight cords of dry wood. The lesson is: cut the fuel and split it as finely as it is to be used, in the groove; haul it home when well dried, and keep it in a dry place for use. It will be worth far more for heating purposes than if burned green, or wet, or damp even. The only exception to this advice is, when by reason of easier hauling on snow, and on account of the leisure of men and teams in winter, it may be expedient to haul home the green wood then; but in all cases let it be well dried before it is used.

TO STOP a colt from pulling back on his halter in the stall, take a sufficiently long piece of half-inch rope. Put the center of it under the tail like a crupper, cross the rope on the back, and tie the two ends together in front of the breast, snugly, so there is no slack, otherwise it will drop down on the tail. Put an ordinary halter on (a good one), and run the halter strap, or rope, through a ring in the manger or front of the stall, and tie it fast in the rope on the front of the breast; then slap his face and let him fly back. He will not choke or need telling to stop pulling back. Let him wear this awhile, and twice or thrice daily scare him back as suddenly and forcibly as possible. After one or two trials, he cannot be induced to pull back. — [Chicago Evening Journal.]

AN apple in perfect preservation, although 56 years old, is in possession of a gentleman in Ulster county, N. Y. As it rounded up from the blossoms of the parent stem in the early summer of 1787, a bottle was drawn over it and attached to the branch, and after the apple had ripened the stem was severed and the bottle sealed tightly. It looks as fresh as when first plucked.

BLACK raspberries may be planted either in autumn or early spring, using only tips of the fall's growth, planting no deeper than they grow; and, if set in autumn, cover well till spring. These should be planted about three feet apart, and, where plants are not too expensive, it is better to put two plants in the same "hill," or very near, so as to secure a stand. The same is true of red raspberry and blackberry plants.

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THE water which can be gathered from the roofs of barns and sheds needed to shelter stock will, if carefully saved, be sufficient for the stock through the year. To accomplish this the cistern should be a large one, to hold the surplus of a wet season till a time of scarcity. With a basement barn the cistern should be in the corner, where the bank of earth against the wall is deepest, to prevent freezing. Then, with a faucet in the lower part of the cistern, a continuous small stream can be kept running, adapting the flow to the number of animals, so that the tub shall never be empty, and never, or very seldom, run over. This plan is a great convenience in winter, and more than repays the expense by saving manure, besides the greater thrif of the stock. — [Chicago Journal.]

EARLY POTATOES.—Beside commanding a high price, there are other considerations that come in to make the early crop of potatoes valuable. The Early Rose continues to be as good as the best, not only for the early but the late crop, and always fetches a remunerating price in the market. But there is this additional advantage in the early crop—it can be harvested and removed and the ground put in good order for fall crops. The best turnips we have ever known came out of a piece of ground first cleared of early potatoes. Some, indeed, contend that long, strawy manure is all the better for a potato crop. The turnips, on the other hand, must have the manure very well decayed, in order to give out its best results. Hence, after the potato has done with its fertilizer, there is enough left for the turnip to thrive upon. Wheat and rye also thrive very well on land which has been previously well-manured for potatoes. In all these cases the early potato has a great advantage over the late one. They allow of a much-earlier preparation of the ground for the subsequent crop. There is still another advantage in an early potato. In this part of the country at least the plant is subject to the attacks of the stem-borer. They usually commence their ravages about the end of June. They bore out the whole center pith of the stems, and before the end of July the plants are all dead, being dried up before the potato is matured. In such cases there are not often fifty bushels of potatoes to the acre, and of these half of them are too small to be salable. By getting the potato early in the ground and using varieties which mature early, the tubers are of pretty good size before the insects get to work, and thus there is a great gain. It seems to us we can almost do without any more late kinds. We say nothing here of the depredations of the beetle, as it has been so completely met and overthrown as hardly any longer to be considered as a serious injury to the crop, early or late. — [Garden Telegraph.]

HOUSEKEEPERS' HELPS.

APPE CUSTARD.—A nice apple custard is made of one pint of apple sauce, one pint of sweet milk, and three eggs. Flavor and sweeten to taste. To be baked with an upper crust.

OATMEAL MUFFINS.—One cup oatmeal, one and a half pints flour, one teaspoon of salt, two of baking-powder, one pint of milk, one table-spoon of lard, two eggs. Mix smoothly into a batter, rather thinner than for cup cakes. Fill the muffin rings; two-thirds full and bake in a hot oven.

COOKIES WITHOUT EGGS.—Take two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of soda or baking-powder, and flour enough to make a soft dough. Roll thin and bake in a quick oven. Hot water can be used in the place of the milk with very good results.

POTATO CRACKERS.—Take six boiled potatoes, pass them through a sieve, add to them three table-spoonfuls of ham chopped finely, salt, pepper and chopped parsley to taste. Work into this mixture the yolks of three or four eggs, fashioned into balls, roll them in bread crumbs and fry in hot lard.

BROWN BREAD.—Sift together one pint of corn meal, one pint of rye flour, one table-spoonful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of salt and two of baking-powder. Rub into the mixture one table-spoonful of lard and add three-fourths of a pint of milk. Mix into a batter-like cake and bake one hour. Protect it with brown paper if it should burn too fast at first.

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