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THE BIG STICK.

The state campaign has been so clouded by the charges and counter-charges of the brewery and anti-saloon forces, that the average man who takes a drink has been led to believe that he is the issue.

Such is not the case.

The issue in this state this year is the question of brewery domination. The question as to whether liquor shall be sold, or not sold in localities will under the law passed by the last session of the legislature remain to be decided by the people as it should be.

Brewery domination or Saloon Rule means not so much whether liquor be sold, but whether saloon men shall engage in politics and run things in such a manner that they can evade and disobey the laws of the state, county and city without fear.

Brewery domination means lawlessness and evasion. We saw what it did in Springfield, Illinois, in the race riots; we see what it does constantly in larger cities. We see the city of New York ruled by and for the saloon-keepers, who before their coming to this country were ignorant and illiterate peasants. Corruption and graft follow as an evil of saloon entrance into politics.

Now county local option simply means that when conditions grow bad enough to warrant it, the saloon can be driven out. It means that even in communities where the town may still be wet, the saloon interests will take good care to obey the law and to keep on good behavior. This, the liberal minded man who takes a drink now and then must as a good citizen realize.

Now as regards the present campaign. The republican party having

taken the stand that the people are entitled to be able to eliminate the saloon when it becomes obnoxious, is being attacked by the men who have caused all the trouble. In other words a fight is being waged by men who have been law defiers in the past. They hope by the election of Marshall and a democratic legislature, to get into control of things by the repeal of the county local option law so that they can not be disturbed.

Therefore they are fighting the republican party for giving the people the power to defend themselves from lawlessness and spoliation and are fighting Watson and the candidates for a republican legislature to get back their state of immunity.

If the liberal man will only consider that county local option does not mean prohibition and will only consider that lawless men desire the spoils of the state and towns he will not be apt to vote the democratic ticket.

Good government in cities, like peace among nations, means to have a big stick ready. We have the Big Stick in the hands of the people now—where it should be—to be used when occasion warrants it. That big stick is county local option.

The Crawford Fairbanks' and Thomas Taggart's are trying to take it away. The liberal minded citizen should help the cause of good government.

THE TWO FLEETS.

In February, 1854, Commodore Perry with a small fleet of sailing vessels arrived at Japan after a long voyage. Commodore brought with him models of all the then modern things—railroads, telegraph and machinery of all sorts.

In the last few days another American fleet has come to Japan. What a contrast. The very ships of the Americans reflect the great advance. The Japanese have from that impetus given toward European ways, not only equalled, but excelled in some respects the Europeans.

And yet with it all, Japan is America in miniature. The very men in the ministry of Japan from Katsura down are typically Americans. Most of them have been educated in this country and what is particularly similar, the men who are exerting the greatest influence are men who do not belong to the aristocracy by birth, but men who have fought their way up to the government by sheer hard work and competence for office. This is typically American.

Indeed one of the hardest things this ministry has to bear is the denunciations which are hurled at them for being Americanized and accusations of leaning toward America—even being in the employ of Theodore Roosevelt.

Like in America, politics is growing particularly a vital question and here too, it is interesting to see that the approved methods of America are taking root.

Unfortunately for one individual word has gone out from the ministry that he will have to muzzle his sensational and jingoistic utterances. The Americanization of Japan is almost complete. It is therefore not a little significant to remember that it was Japanese exclusion of Americans which took the first fleet there and American exclusion of Japanese which prompted the second coming of the fleet. It seems in other words to be a case of Frankenstein. Now that we have got them Americanized, it is only natural that trouble should brew if there is any truth in the fact that like does not get along well with like.

THE JUDGESHIP.

The position of Judge of the Circuit court is one of the most important in this community, as it is in every community. What sort of man is Wayne county going to elect—a man eminent-ly qualified for the office by long experience or a man who has never been eminent in this community for knowledge of law sufficient to place him in that position?

Think of the times when justice depends on a correct interpretation of the law—a thing which depends upon unlimited experience and a keen insight. Then consider whether or not you would not better vote for such a man.

Judge Fox, of the Wayne Circuit Court is a man learned in the law—a man of judicial mind and above all trained by long experience. Of his opponent, Mr. Dodson, of Jackson township, it can be truthfully said that the people of this county do not know anything of him. Why? Because he has never been conspicuous either in his knowledge of law or in any capacity which showed his fitness for the office for which he is a candidate. If he had been competent he would not have remained a nonentity.

There may be some scratching of ballots in this county election. The man who scratches his ticket must be careful. Let him realize that in event of carelessness in any considerable number this county might have that most dangerous of incompetents, an incompetent judge.

The courts are the protectors of the

rights of the people—Wayne county can not afford to overlook the fact that Judge Fox has by long and faithful service, proved his competency for that position. The people of Wayne county to keep that position in competent hands must vote for Judge Fox. A little forethought will save a lot of regret.

TARIFF VIEWS.

"The hosiery trade is perhaps the worst sufferer, which is due to the competition of German manufacturers; decline in the price of yarn and a reduction of wages abroad have enabled the German manufacturers to sell their goods here at a lower price than that asked by the domestic manufacturers."

Now where did that come from? Probably from one of these bloated capitalist papers owned by a millionaire. You have another guess coming. It came from the New York Evening Post, a paper which has always fought protection. This shows that even the most uncompromising advocate of free trade can argue for the republican doctrine of protection in a most conclusive way. We want tariff revision along protective lines and not free trade.

GIVE IT BACK?

Editor Palladium:

May I have permission through your valuable columns to ask the good citizens of Richmond, dear slumbering souls, that, as in the case of that ghastly cut across the fair brow of Glen Miller the ear-while beautiful, is it the intention to awake to a post mortem mass meeting, after another and "the most unkind cut of all," the surrender of our magnificent Reid Memorial hospital to the cold mercies of machine politics, as will surely be the case when the hospital is turned over to the city municipal government. The hospital is a precious and sacred gift by our magnanimous citizen, Mr. Reid, to the citizens of Richmond; if he had intended it to go under the municipal government, he most surely would have deeded it to the city. The fact is, the hospital becomes a private institution when a political and medical clique takes hold of its management. Judging from the present attitude of our honorable mayor, it is presumable that, as is not improbable during this unusual drouth, if our city should be visited by a disastrous fire destroying many homes, the mayor would veto an appropriation to feed and clothe the starving and homeless people because it might not be technically legal. If we surrender the Reid Memorial to political graftsmen, then why not turn over the churches to the municipal government also? It would relieve the congregations from all responsibility for their care and maintenance. It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that the more candid and graceful thing to do, would be to return Mr. Reid's gift to him, saying, "Dan, we thank you awfully for your munificence, but then you know we just really can't take care of it financially." CITIZEN.

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This lecture, has attracted popular attention at many chautauquas during the past summer, and elicited much favorable comment. Dr. Cathell has studiously prepared as an introduction to the Lincoln centennial year, a careful study of Abraham Lincoln, a study more interesting and varied than has been expended upon any other historical character of this country.

His lecture is a token of Dr. Cathell's good will to the people of Richmond, and to the Y. M. C. A. will be given on Friday, Dec. 4. The place will be announced later.

This is the first lecture given under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. The proceeds of the lecture are to be turned into the building fund of the Y. M. C. A., and it is expected that there will be a large number of the people of Richmond attending.

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But strain his eyes as he would he could see no entrance to that harbor, naught save furious seas breaking over relentless walls of granite.
Even in his dream he was not afraid. He asked the captain, with an oath: "Is there no way in?"
And the captain turned corpse-like eyes toward him. It was Philip Anson. The dreamer uttered a wild beast's howl and shrank away.
Then he awoke to find Willie standing by his bedside with soothing words. "It is all right, father. You were disturbed in your sleep. Don't get up yet. It is only 5 o'clock."

At that hour a policeman left his cage in a village on the Yorkshire coast and walked leisurely toward the Grange House.

He traversed four miles of rough country, and the sun was hot, so he did not hurry. About half past 6 he reached the farm. There were no signs of activity such as may be expected in the country at that hour.

He examined three sides of the building carefully—the sea front was inaccessible—and waited many minutes before he knocked at the door. There was no answer. He knocked again more loudly. The third time his summons would have aroused the Seven Sleepers, but none came.

He tried the door and rattled it, peered in at the windows, stood back in the garden and looked up at the bedrooms.
"A queer business," he muttered as he turned unwillingly to leave the place.

"Aye, a very queer business," he said again. "I must go on to Scarsdale and make inquiries about this Dr. Williams afore I report to the super."

CHAPTER XXI.

WHEN Philip's almost lifeless body was flung over the cliff it rushed down through the summer air feet foremost. Then in obedience to the law of gravity it spun round until at the moment of impact with the water the head and shoulders plunged first into the waves.
At that point the depth of the sea was sixty feet at the very base of the rock. At each half tide and especially in stormy weather an irresistible current swept away all sand deposit and sheered off projecting masses of stone so effectively that in the course of time the overhanging cliff must be undermined and fall into the sea.

High tide or low, there was always sufficient water to float a battleship, and the place was noted as a favorite nook for salmon, at that season preparing for their annual visit to the sylvan streams of the moorland valleys.

The lordly salmon is peculiar in his habits. Delighting at one period of the year to roose through the ocean-wide

at another he seeks shallow rivers, in whose murmuring fords he scarce finds room to turn his portly frame.

And the law protects him most jealously.
In the river he is guarded like a king, and when he clusters at its mouth, lastly making up his mind to try a change of water, as a monarch might visit Homburg for a change of air, he can only be caught under certain severe restrictions.

He must not be netted within so many yards of the seaward limit of the estuary. He may not be caught wholesale. The nets must have a maximum length of 400 feet. They must not be set between 7 p. m. on a Friday and 7 a. m. on a Monday.

Viewed in every aspect, the salmon is given exceptional chances of longevity. His price is high as his culinary reputation, and the obvious sequel to all these precautions is that certain nefarious persons known as poachers try every artifice to defeat the law and capture him.

A favorite dodge is to run out a large quantity of nets in just such a tide-way as the foot of the cliff crowned by Grange House. None can spy the operations from the land, while a close watch seaward gives many chances of escape from enterprising water ball-ists, who, moreover, can sometimes be made conveniently drunk.

When Philip hurried into the placid sea, his naked body shone white, like the plumage of some gigantic bird.
Indeed, a man who was leisurely pulling a cobbie in a zigzag course—while two others paid out a net so that its sweeping curves might embarrass any wandering salmon who found himself within its meshes—marked the falling body in its instantaneous passage and thought at first that some huge sea fowl had dived after its prey.

But the loud splash startled the three men. Not so did a cormorant or a white winged solan plunge to secure an unwary haddock.
The net attendants straightened their backs; the oarsman stood up. The disturbance was so near, so unexpected, that it alarmed them. They looked aloft, thinking that a rock had fallen. They looked to the small eddy caused by Philip's disappearance to see if any sign would be given explanatory of an unusual occurrence.

Were Philip thrown from such a height when in full possession of his senses in all likelihood such breath as was in his lungs at the moment of his fall would have been expelled by the time he reached the water.

He must have resisted the rush of air, uttered involuntary cries, struggled wildly with his limbs.
But as it chanced Mason's rough handling in carrying him to the balcony made active the vital forces that were restoring him to consciousness.

He was on the very threshold of renewed life when he fell, and the downward flight helped rather than retarded the process. Indeed, the rush of air was grateful. He drank in the vigorous draft and inflated his lungs readily. His sensations were those of a man immersed in a warm bath, and the shock of his concussion with the surface of the sea in nowise retarded the recuperative effect of the dive.

Of course he was fortunate after falling from such a height in striking the water with his right shoulder. No portion of the human body is so fitted to bear a heavy blow as the shoulders and upper part of the back. Had he dropped vertically—on his head or his

feet he might have sustained serious injury. As it was, after a tremendous dive and a curve of many yards beneath the sea he bobbed up inside the salmon net within a few feet of the boat.

Instantly the fishermen saw that it was a man, an absolutely naked man, who had thus dropped from the sky.
They were amazed, very frightened indeed, but they readily hauled at the dragging net and brought Philip nearer the boat. Even at this final stage of his adventure he incurred a terrible risk.

Unable to help himself in the least degree and swallowing salt water rapidly now, he rolled away inertly as the net rose under the energetic efforts of his rescuers. There was grave danger that he should drop back into the depths, and then he must sink like a stone.

Wearing their heavy sea boots, none of the fishermen, though each was an expert swimmer, dared to jump into the water. But the oarsman, being a person of resource and reasoning rapidly that not the most enthusiastic salmon ballist in England would pursue him in such manner, grabbed a boathook and caught Philip with it beneath the arm.

(Continued.)

INTERESTS AUNT IN HIS CAUSE

Duke of Abruzzi Turns Up After Being Missing.

Turin, Oct. 22.—The Duke of the Abruzzi, whose mysterious disappearance a few days ago led to the report that he had left Turin with the intention of proceeding to the United States, has been visiting Princess Clotilde, the aunt of King Emmanuel, at the royal chateau at Moncalieri for the purpose of interesting her in his cause. He returned here but only remained in the city for a few hours.

The duke left for the south, but his destination is unknown. His plans with regard to his reported engagement to Miss Katherine Elkins are being kept a profound secret. He has even dispensed with his aid and valet to be comparatively free.

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