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MR. TAFT IN PANAMA.

Mr. Taft has sailed to Panama. As every one knows we are building in that section of the country a canal. And for the last time Taft has gone down to see if every thing is as it should be. There is a problem that still has to be decided; that is whether the experts in charge of the canal have made a mistake. It may seem a little strange to the ordinary American that the final word on a canal should be left to man like Taft, who has no engineering career to back up what he says. But as a matter of fact it is safer for Mr. Taft to decide it than it would be for an engineer to have the last word. Engineers, like doctors, have an unfortunate facility in variance of theories and in estimating the hundredth chance. When the facts are spread out and the theories are all submitted by the foremost authorities; and when these facts and theories seem to be absolutely at variance, who is going to decide, pray? Another engineer? No; he would be prejudiced by preconceived ideas.

Then comes the time when a good judge of human nature and a mind long exercised in the weighing of one problem comes in to select the 'one best bet.' For this duty we have few men who are so competent as the president-elect. That is his life work. He is going to decide whether the dam at Chagres is going to hold back the giant force of a tropical river mad with winter rains. A temporary model dam has stood the test. On the other hand the filling of the real dam is so insecure that the antagonistic engineers opposed to Col. Goethals say the work can never be safe. It is on the strength of this most vital point that the whole construction of the canal depends. There is nothing for Mr. Taft to see in Panama that he has not already seen which will help him to decide. All that there is for mortal eyes to see is a bank of mud and hundreds of trial borings.

No, the thing Mr. Taft has to decide on is the estimate of the men who make the statements and a native common sense with which he is endowed. In this he has to decide for the American people whether the whole project must be given up—for even at this late date, even with all the money expended that would better be—or whether the views of the engineers that have the matter under construction that the dam will stand, are safe and sound.

Many a man would shrink from such a task. Mr. Taft has gone about the matter very quietly and we shall be assured when he gets back that as far as human judgment is concerned he has made the most conservative weighing of facts and fancies of all the kinds of engineers who are assembled at Panama.

Mr. Taft has often been called Taft, the Just; a far better name would be, Taft, the Adjuster.

The problem which Mr. Taft is called to solve is—

THE CORN SCHOOL.

The Sixth District Corn school which will be held in Centerville the first of next week will not be analogous to the various farmers' institutes held annually over the county. The corn school is an entirely different affair. It is the difference between a club where matters of common knowledge are discussed and a school where something entirely new is to be taught.

Some farmers in this locality doubtless think that they know all about the subject of corn that there is to know. This may be true, but it is doubtful. If scientific methods of farming can improve the crops and increase the crops of Wayne county farmers it will not speak well for their intelligence if they lean back in complacency on the teachings of their ancestors.

Such will not be the case, apparently, for the Wayne county corn growers are taking the greatest amount of interest in the proceedings exactly in proportion to their progressiveness.

A man who has tried pedigreed corn in this county for a number of years and who has really obtained some wonderful results assured the Palladium the other day that in four or five years these principles had increased his acreage capacity several bushels

per acre. Increased earning capacity per acre means dollars and cents not only for every farmer but for every one in this community. That is why the Corn School will be valuable to all Wayne county and the Sixth district.

The average yield of an acre of corn in Wayne county last year was about 38 bushels. Wayne county can do better than that.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

To the Editor of the Palladium:

In the rural sections one hears it stated that it would be ill advised for Wayne county to vote dry, because the farmers benefit from the corn sold to distilleries. Now how much corn is sold either directly or indirectly by Wayne county farmers for use in making whisky? There is no distillery for many miles in any direction and it is but a very small percentage of corn raised in this county that is shipped out. But perhaps those who argue on this point do not realize the actual facts. The secretary of agriculture and commissioner of internal revenue have been written to on this subject and they reply that in the entire United States only about 2 per cent of the corn crop is used for the manufacture of liquor. That would make the income of Wayne county farmers from this source almost microscopic.

The value of the corn crop in the fall of 1907, according to Secretary Wilson's estimate was \$1,350,000,000, while the value of the corn used by the distillers and brewers during the year was estimated to have been from \$20,000,000 to \$21,000,000. For all intoxicating liquors and distilled spirits including alcohol, the chief clerk of the internal revenue bureau said that in 1907, 25,474,500 bushels of corn were used. The bureau does not compile the returns concerning the amount of corn consumed in the manufacture of malt liquors, because hops, barley, rice and other grains are used for beer rather than corn.

The internal revenue bureau, therefore, confirms the estimate of the department of agriculture that only an infinitesimal percentage of the corn crop is used for whisky or beer, and even if all the distilleries and all the breweries were closed, the farmers would never suspect it, so far as their market for corn is concerned.

COUNTY OPTION COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the Palladium and the Citizens of Richmond:

There has been much discussion in your columns lately on the subject of the election about to be held on the saloon question. It has hardly deserved the name of discussion for so far, there have only been communications on the side of what is commonly called temperance, but which in reality is only teetotalism.

I respect the right of any one to drink or not to drink. I know as most people know, that liquor will be bought and sold and consumed in this city whether the saloons are voted out or not. I know of many men who have already made provisions for their liquor in case the town is voted dry. Most of these men are buying whisky. Some of these beer drinkers are young men. They are not drunkards. There is a good chance of their becoming so.

For the man who drinks whisky from a bottle, and who drinks whisky from a bottle in secret there is little hope. Which will you have: a man who after the day's work buys two or three beers and gets relaxation in the pleasures of his friends, or a man who after his work has no place to go except to a lonely room where he fills himself full of rot gut by way of setting himself up after the day's irritations.

The saloons of this town are orderly and lawabiding. The blind tigers are never orderly or law abiding. The saloon is a respecter of persons, the blind tiger knows no age, sex, time or place. If the saloons which sell beer go out of business the only man who will be inconvenienced will be the moderate drinker with the chance that a certain percentage of these will be changed into secretive whisky inebriates.

Take your choice. This sort of thing has been tried over and over again, but never has it been found that human nature can be changed. I ask you if it be wise to do away with control of the sale of liquor and hand it over to those whom you can't control. I point to the recent cigarette situation in this state—has it stopped the sale of cigarettes.

Neither will the voting of a town dry stop the sale of liquor. It didn't in Eaton or Liberty.

The abolishment of the canteen in

BEAUTY DOCTOR

Says the New Method Increases the Bust Measurement and Rounds the Arms and Neck.

(BY CLARA BELLE M.)

(From Chicago Examiner.)
"Speaking from my own personal experience and from observation of many whom I have successfully treated in the past two years, I would advise the Mademoiselle Moneaux really owed her great success as a beauty specialist to the use of a simple preparation which is used exclusively to develop the bust, arms and neck. I became acquainted with this formula and have used it ever since, much to the delight of patrons.
"If your bust lacks development or firmness you can rely on both increase and firmness from the persistent use of the following: Obtain from the druggist two ounces of glycerine and one ounce tincture of iodine and let stand several hours; then add a teaspoonful of borax and three ounces of rosewater. Shake well and apply to the neck, arms and bust, rubbing and massaging until it is completely absorbed; then wash the parts treated with very hot water and soap and dry thoroughly. Apply the treatment morning and night regularly for several months, and as the case may require, and the most exquisite firmness and rounding out of hollow places will reward you."

the army, has been far worse than the drinking of beer in the canteen. Anything which puts a premium on the consumption of beer and helps whisky habits is dangerous.

Will Richmond citizens accept the danger?

W. L. N.

Can a Medicine Be a "Fake"?

that has lived and grown in popularity for thirty years, and demonstrated its worth by actual cures of female ills in thousands and thousands of American families?

Any fair minded, intelligent person will emphatically answer NO! Such a medicine is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, and its ever increasing popularity is due to actual merit alone.

Nothing so cheap for a good, wholesome, hearty breakfast as Mrs. Austin's pancake flour. At all grocers.

TOUGH ON EDITORS

Earlham Faculty Decides Not To Give Them Credits For the Work.

HONOR SYSTEM PROBABLE

The editor-in-chief of the Sargasso and the editor-in-chief of the Earlhamite will receive no more the credit for the work on these papers as in former years. This was the unanimous decision of the Earlham college faculty. The committee which had this question in charge reported that two-fifths of a credit should be given the student on the completion of the term's work, providing the faculty of the English department makes such recommendations. It is expected that in this way the material published semi-monthly in the Earlhamite will be improved from a literary standpoint.

The question of the Day Dodgers play was not taken up at the meeting of the faculty much to the regret of the student body. The Day Dodgers have selected "Esmeralda," and they hoped that the faculty would decide so that practice could be started.

The committee on the honor examination system failed to report, but it is expected that this question will be settled at the next meeting. In the honor system the places the question on the board and leaves the room while the students are answering the questions. This plan has been worked out by various colleges with great success.

FALL MAY BE FATAL

Aged Hagerstown Woman Accidentally Falls Through A Cellar Door.

UNCONSCIOUS SOME TIME

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Wilhelm Lantz, aged sixty-five years, met with a very serious accident at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Mason. Mrs. Lantz mistook the cellar door for the one leading to the bath room and fell headlong into the cellar. On account of the feeble state of her health it is feared she may not recover. Her face was cut up to a considerable extent and her nose mashed and broken. Her lips were cut also one eye. She was rendered unconscious for some time and is suffering much pain.

TWO CHAUTAUQUA MEETINGS SOON

Plans for Next Summer's Big Event.

Two important meetings, one of the directors, and the other of the program committee of the Richmond Chautauqua association, will be held soon. The program committee will complete arrangements for next summer's talent. The directors have to consider the resignation of E. J. Humpe, who leaves Richmond, February 8.

A Final Appeal.

One day Ben Teal was rehearsing a new play.

"Ladies," called Mr. Teal in persuasive, soothing tones to the chorus on the stage—"ladies, what I want is this number is style, class, breeding! To get that we are willing to pay something more than the usual salary. I want grace, poise, distinction!"

He swept the stage with his experienced eye, and every girl within its range straightened her back and steeled her stride.

"I want you to appear as ladies, as well bred ladies, accustomed to the drawing room. As I said before, I want grace, breeding, gentility!"

And then he took a long breath.

"Good heavens, girls—don't walk like a lot of ducks!" he shouted.—Chicago Tribune.

From the beginning of the journey to its end a camel is never relieved of its load. It eats, walks and sleeps under its burden, often for weeks at a time. The training of a camel is no easy matter, as it takes about three years to teach it to kneel in order to be loaded and unloaded.

MURDER SUSPECT GIVEN LIBERTY

Dayton Police Still Trying to Solve the Mysterious Forscher Case.

CRANKS SEND IN LETTERS

GIVE INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO APPREHEND UNKNOWN STRANGER—AMATEUR SLEUTHS ARE ABSENT.

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 29.—Baffled in their attempts to secure a definite clue to the murderer of Mary Forscher, the local police are floundering about in an uncertain manner. Frequent reports of attempted assaults, though minor in character, have stirred the detectives to greater activity, but nothing new has developed. The police declare that the murderer will be apprehended in the near future. At the same time they admit they are puzzled.

Crank calls are sending in letters telling how to apprehend the murderer. Elwood Weimer was released yesterday, as the police are convinced that he had nothing to do with the murder. He left for his home in Ottawa, Ohio, accompanied by his brother.

The police arrested the man who grabbed Miss Ladeskie Miller's pocket book Wednesday night. He was fined \$20 and costs for drunkenness in the police court today.

Another man, who was identified by Mrs. Louis Wirth, who was accosted and frightened Tuesday night, was taken into custody. He admitted that he tried to rob her, but had no intention of assaulting her. He is held, but no charge has been preferred against him.

Definite clues are markedly scarce, and it may be several days before the police reach "pay dirt." In the meantime Coroner Schuster will begin his investigation, though the details of the crime have been well worked out and it is not believed the story of the witnesses will add much in solving the mystery.

The Forscher crime has not been distinguished by the presence of Pinkertons or sleuths of any type, many of whom flocked to Dayton during the investigation of the Gilman and Markowitz crimes. The conviction of Layton Hines, a negro, after he had made a confession which he afterward repudiated, it was supposed would do much to allay the fears of the public and put a quietus on such crimes.

There are many who believe that a tramp or a degenerate, with a powerful clutch, awaited his opportunity.

Samuel Morris will probably be the principal witness. Whether Morris can throw more light on the tragedy at the inquest remains to be seen. As he was under arrest for several days and was "sweated" thoroughly by the police, convincing them that he had nothing to do with the crime and was an unwilling witness, it is not believed he will be able to divulge anything further before Coroner Schuster, except minor details.

UNIVERSALISTS ARE INTERESTED

Local Churchmen to Attend State Meeting.

Members of the Universalist church of this city, one of the youngest church organizations to be established here, are much interested in the state convention to be held at Indianapolis February 9. It is probable that besides the local persons on the program there will be a few visitors from here in attendance. Rev. Leon P. Jones, pastor of the local church will

A Constipation Remedy Free

There is no action of your daily life of greater importance than to see that your bowels move. They should move at least once a day naturally, and by that is meant without any help. If they do not move at least once a day you can consider yourself constipated and it is time you did something about it.

You will be glad to know there is a way out of the difficulty. Lander Lander, an old soldier at Quincy, Ill., Elmer McMillan, of Speed, Mo., Mrs. Monahan, of Stoneville, Miss., and many others were as you are now. But one day they awoke to the fact that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin was curing their friends, so they bought it too and it cured them. Today they are loud in praise of it.

What Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin did for them it should do for you. Surely your constipation is no worse than theirs, one of whom had it since '81. It only remains for you to realize that salts are of but temporary good, and what you want is a permanent cure; that purgative tablets, cathartic pills and such violent things make a great show, but do nothing, but do nothing that is lasting. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a scientific preparation, a laxative- tonic, a mild syrupy liquid that contains ingredients that not only cure the constipation, but tone the intestinal muscles so that it too and it cures them. Today they are loud in praise of it.

Send your name and address to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you so that you can test it before buying.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 304 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

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LOCAL OPTION

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Boston, Saturday, 7:30.....Editor Fred Rohrer of Berne
Williamsburg, Saturday, 7:30.....Judge A. Z. Blair
Richmond, Sunday, 2:30, Men's meeting at the Gennett.....
.....Judge A. Z. Blair of Portsmouth, Ohio
Richmond, Sunday, 2:30, Woman's Meeting at First Presbyterian Church,
.....Mrs. Carrie F. Flatter, of Osborn, O.
Richmond, Sunday, 7:30, Fairview M. E. Church.....Editor Fred Rohrer, of Berne
Economy, Sunday, 2:00.....Dr. Addison Parker
Fountain City, Sunday, 2:30.....Rev. J. W. Zerbe
Concord, Sunday, 2:30.....Hon. Wilfred Jessup
Nettle Creek, Sunday, 2:30.....Rev. E. G. Howard
Bethel, Sunday, 2:30.....Hon. W. A. Bartlett of Muncie
Centerville, Sunday, 2:30.....Rev. Conrad Huber
East Germantown, Sunday, 2:30.....Judge A. Z. Blair
Cambridge City, Sunday, 7:30.....Hon. Wilfred Jessup
Hagerstown, Sunday, 7:30.....Hon. W. A. Bartlett, of Muncie.
Dublin, Sunday, 7:30.....

A Dry City, A Beautiful City, A Prosperous City.

THE CITY OR TOWN THAT VOTES TO LICENSE SALOONS and thereby throws itself into the jaws of the liquor traffic, is like a man who cuts off the limb of a tree on which he is standing. The liquor traffic promotes drunkenness, vice, crime, pauperism, disease, insanity, sin and misery. It raises the taxes and increased indebtedness. For every dollar the government receives in tax and license fees from the liquor trade, it must pay back \$15 to \$20 to take care of the results of the liquor traffic.

The saloon takes money from the people, so there is less money to build houses, improve property, increase household goods, and so there is less property to tax, and those who have property must pay more tax to make up the heavy tax rate made necessary by the presence of the saloon.

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SAMPLE BALLOT

YES

Shall the sale of Intoxicating Liquors as a beverage be prohibited?

NO X

To vote "wet" put cross in square marked "No."

read a paper on "A Financial Agent for our Domestic Churches." The Rev. C. W. Hillstren of Dublin is also on the morning program. During the afternoon session the Rev. Martha Garner Jones of the local church will speak on "How to Interest the Old Folks in the Sunday School."

The announcement that the Japanese are about to open the railway which they have built in Formosa is the latest evidence of the good work which they are doing in the island, acquired in 1895, at the close of the war with China.

.. Henry W. Deuker ..

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