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THE WOLF AT THE DOOR.

This is the time of the year when the Wolf is at the door. Do you know what it is to be without food, without heat, without money and without friends?—without hope? Some people do. For this is the time of year when the suffering of the poor is greatest.

Thousands are dying of the Wolf of hunger and cold in our cities. Men, women and children. For the god of starvation knows no time of life nor sex. Nor, is the problem confined to the great cities. There is suffering here in our own midst. The conditions are by no means so bad, but they are here.

You will say, no doubt: "Why don't the Associated Charities look after these people?" They do as far as their powers go. The Associated Charities is doing a great work. But what are you doing? Are you helping the Associated Charities?

If you give you will doubtless rest assured that you are helping the "deserving poor." Is there any phrase more terrible? How would you like to be called the "deserving poor"? Doubtless, when you were pinched for hunger, and the lack of fire and a place to sleep; if you saw a family which belonged to you going down under the ravages of tuberculosis; if you saw them dying by inches—you wouldn't care much what the people called you.

There are people who have on them the tag marked "deserving poor." It is not branded on their skins—it is put there, not by God, but by men.

There are, however, men who have not had work; there are women whose husbands have not even had the decency to desert them, and who live like leeches on the heart's blood of their wives; there are children who are sick, without food and without clothes. These people are, some of them, about to be put out of their houses or about to have their furniture taken away by the loan companies and the instalment men.

A little help now will do more good than at any other time.

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BENZOATE OF SODA.

No doubt there will be a hue and cry raised in some parts of the country among would-be experts now that the referees in the pure food department have decided to allow benzoate of soda to be used in the preservation of food stuff. The public need not be alarmed however. They are not betrayed.

It was entirely true that the use of benzoate in the amount formerly allowed (or rather unspecified) was injurious to health. There was previously no limit on the use of benzoate of soda and in the quantity used to drown the filthy processes which some manufacturers used the result was doubly harmful.

The new ruling by which only a small but specified quantity is used under severe penalties and the amount used is placed on the outside of canned goods is much better than any previous rule. Not only is benzoate of soda not harmful in the slightest if used in this infinitesimal quantity but it insures the careful sterilization of all canned goods.

Because the canned goods are not sterilized thoroughly the small amount of benzoate will not preserve the goods. It can easily be seen that this is an advantage even over those goods which are said not to have anything in them. It has been found that goods can not be packed without some form of preservative, better the specified amount of benzoate and complete sterilization than an unknown preservative in hiding in an unknown quantity.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

To the Editor of the Palladium: It was with great pleasure that I read of the declaration of Sheriff Meredith that if Wayne county votes dry he will make it his special duty to run down and close up the blind tigers. A great deal has been said and printed lately about the evils of the blind tiger and I must confess, I had my misgivings.

It had been claimed repeatedly that if blind tigers spring up the authorities will be unable to cope with them. Among other things it has been claimed that the worst of such places would be located in the country districts. I had been led to believe that there might be some truth in the assertion, better an open saloon running under license than a hole in the wall dealing out "booze" to whoever might want it and no questions asked. But after thinking upon the subject seriously, I have changed my mind to a large extent.

I look at it this way. The open saloon is a temptation and there are men who would never think of hunting up a blind tiger to buy liquor, who do step into a saloon and make their purchase whenever they feel as if they want it. I believe, also, that conditions in Wayne county are not altogether as they may be elsewhere. Richmond is spoken of as a large city, but there has been very little bootlegging and but one or two alleged blind tigers. It has been found that in most places the illicit selling by bootleggers or blind tigers has been conducted by some one connected with the saloon. A blind tiger operated in conjunction with a saloon, always is the safest proposition. Now, if saloons be taken away, I believe the cover they provide the blind tigers will be torn off. There will be no cause for any man to have a large supply of liquor, such as is needed to operate a prosperous blind tiger, and such as may be secured ostensibly for the use of the saloon, but really for the other purpose.

X. L.

SHALL BACHELORS BE TAXED?

By a curious coincidence, the legislatures of four states will this year pass upon bills proposing to tax bachelors. The states are Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas and Missouri. They are classed as "freak" legislation, and likely will not by their author's be taken seriously, but since there are four states so widely separated that are giving attention to this peculiar malady, "bacheloritis," it should be made the subject of more nearly universal study.

Wisconsin not only wants to tax bachelors above the age of thirty, but wants to establish a bureau under state management to find wives for bachelors who wish to avoid the tax. Iowa suggests, and this by variety, that each bachelor be assessed twenty-five dollars per annum and this money placed in a special fund for the support of needy widows and spinsters. Texas is liberal in that she wishes to have a graduated tax, the heaviest being from the age of thirty to forty, and bachelors over seventy are exempt. It is estimated that such a tax in Iowa will yield the state the handsome sum of \$500,000 annually. Texas will grant immunity to the bachelor who will swear that he could find no one in the county to whom he could propose.

This starts a very serious train of inquiry, as for instance, would a man get married to dodge the tax? We have heard of such wisdom, and the proverb contains it when it says that "a man will cut off his nose to spite his face." Again: If a man will marry to dodge the tax, will he lavish money on his spouse and would she find much inducement in availing herself of an unused portion of society?

It is our conviction that bachelors should not be taxed, the poor fellows are rather to be pitied. These are they who have to live on the "free will offerings" of the community. Further this is a question of "personal liberty," and would place an unwholesome against the unmarried and possibly drive them to marriage. The advantages of marriage should be more than merely negative. The man who would get married for the sake of saving money might get divorced, or just quit for the same reason. The old way is good enough for us without any of this additional pressure. Should Indiana become involved in the meshes of this grave question, we want to state to our bachelor constituency that we stand "forinst."

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SIXTH DISTRICT CORN SCHOOL WAS FORMERLY OPENED

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Meals will be served in the M. E. church at reasonable rates.

Prof. G. L. Christie of Purdue university who has been in this town for several days assisting in the arrangements for the work, spoke of "The Opportunity for Farmers to Secure

EAGLE SERVICES WERE BEAUTIFUL

Honor Paid Deceased Members of the Local Aerie by Their Brothers.

FRANK HERING, SPEAKER

GIVES AN ELOQUENT DESCRIPTION OF THE GREAT ORDER AND PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN WOMEN.

The memorial services of the Wayne Aerie of Eagles, No. 666 held yesterday afternoon at the lodge room hall were the most beautiful ever held by the local order and as appropriate as any ever held in the city. A very large percentage of the members of the order attended the services as did many of their friends. The principal address of the afternoon was that of Frank E. Hering, of South Bend, grand worthy vice president of the national order. He recommended placing the following precept into the ritual: "If I can't say something good about a person I will say nothing ill." There were several musical numbers and other features of the program.

Hall Prettily Decorated.

The hall was decorated with palms and cut flowers. The worthy president's station situated at the east of the room was used as the platform. In front of this were banked many potted plants, palms and palms. The orchestra placed to the right was also hidden by plants. In several parts of the room there were large vases of carnations. Every person in attendance was given a flower. Each of the stations of the order were draped with black in honor of the departed brethren.

The services were commenced in the afternoon in order to allow Mr. Hering to catch a train to New Castle where he spoke last evening.

The musical numbers rendered were two selections by the Eagle's orchestra and two vocal solo numbers by Miss Carolyn Karl.

The opening ceremonies were conducted by the officers and members of the order and after a prayer by the chaplain G. W. Cook, were again resumed. The roll call of the dead was held, eleven members failing to respond, including Frank Selm, J. W. Miller, Charles F. Karl and John O'Connel who died during the last year and seven others, Henry Overman, William Hufford, William Roser, J. L. Wharton, George F. Franks, Joseph Englebert and Frank Besselman, who died in previous years.

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