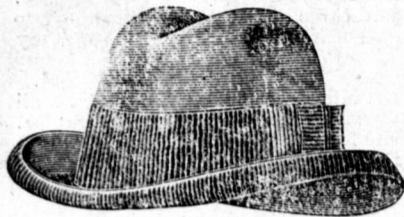


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L. J. Supry was down from Leon on Wednesday.

M. E. Willborg was down from Willborg Monday.

Frank Blair was down from Bagley last Saturday.

Andrew Eiken, of Hansville, has been quite ill of late.

Nels Miller returned home Tuesday from Minneapolis.

B. T. Sorensen, of Willborg, was in town last Saturday.

G. C. Bloomquist, of Bagley, was in Fosston last Tuesday.

A. F. Lattimore, of Wanke, was in Fosston last Saturday.

Ed. Stephenson is clerking in P. M. Mark's establishment.

Olaf Berglund, of Winsor, was here yesterday on business.

Robert Neving, the lumberman, was down from Solway last Monday.

Richard Leet came down from the woods Monday for a flying visit home.

T. H. Blanchard, the Detroit horseman, was in town a few days this week.

Miss Ida Larson, of Fisher, is visiting relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pederson.

A good place to spend an hour: Congregational church, Sunday night. Come around.

Bernt Leervig returned home yesterday from Fargo, N. D., where he has spent the past five months.

Mrs. Jessie Frenzel returned last Tuesday from Detroit, where she had been visiting friends for a week past.

Miss Eva Phinney returned home from Detroit last Sunday, where she had been called by the illness of her mother.

H. F. How was down from his logging camps Wednesday. He has been quite successful thus far with his lumbering operations.

Girls, if you wish to be a June bird with red lips, laughing, and a complexion, take Rocky this month. 35c.—Ask your druggist.

E. T. Bigelow returned yesterday from St. Paul, where he went a week ago for treatment of rheumatism. He was much benefited.

Dr. M. McKinnon performed an operation for appendicitis at the Fosston hospital today for a young girl, ten years of age, from Maple Bay.

G. I. Houghtaling secured two good photographs of the floral tributes that were laid on the coffin of young Elmer Hershberger last Tuesday.

Chas. Richardson and family are down from Dysart, Beltrami county, staying with Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Eikens, Hansville.

K. O. Bratvold returned today from the western part of the county where he had been inspecting a bridge in town of Esther, that needed repairs, along with other commissioners.

Hans H. Melbo, H. O. Halverson, Chas. Peterson, and P. C. Paulson, of Eden, were guests of the Fosston House Wednesday. Peterson secured a fine team from Peter Wickstrom while here, paying \$200 for it.

"Mark's Celebrated Remedies" have been going to the depot by the dray load. Mr. Mark states that yesterday was the busiest day they have had in his drug store in three years. "Merit wins" in the case of his medicines, as well as with other kinds of goods.

P. L. Olson is the proud father of a robust young son which is one week old today. Mr. Olson lately arrived here from the southern part of the state and is partner with A. A. Anderson in the mercantile business at Pine Lake, although resident here for some weeks past.

"What a change was there" when Al. Leimbacher appeared at the train yesterday morning, minus his whiskers and moustache, but no barber can disguise "This way for the Commercial" or Al's inimitable smile. Now his face is just as smooth as the cuisine in his popular hotel.

Pat Kelly, who was stage driver from Bemidji to Redlake agency, and two Redlake Chippewas, At-wot-tay and May-nan-ge-gah-bow, were taken to Fergus Falls last week, where they will be tried upon the old complaint of introducing liquor upon the reservation. Deputy Marshals Robt. Morrison and F. W. Tafts had the culprits in charge. Kelly had a regular "bootleg" under the seat of his wagon and was caught red-handed, his team and wagon being confiscated.

Hereafter non-resident speculators will not be allowed to bid on contracts for hauling mail. This will be good news to many stage drivers, as it has long been the custom of the sharpers living in eastern and southern states to under bid the local men, and the result has been that every one who has had anything to do with carrying of the mails has lost money. In the future no sub-letting will be allowed and only persons living congenial to the route who will give the matter their personal service will be allowed to bid for the work.

Seek not to steal the other fellow's light. Rather put on steam and make your own. Do whatever you do with all your might. By taking Rocky Mountain Tea at night.—Ask your druggist.

To Stop a Cold.

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails to stop a cold if taken in time. Take nothing else.—Ed. Reud.

You cannot eliminate alcohol from the pharmacy in nature; what we can do is to keep it from entering the body, and the only known substance by which the process of decomposition can be arrested. It pervades all nature. You cannot crush a fruit, you cannot bruise a plant, you cannot tread upon anything in the vegetable kingdom, but alcohol is the

EDITOR THE THIRTEEN TOWNS:

Sir:—The approaching village election, aside from the selection of capable men for the various offices, appears to involve a serious consideration, of more importance, perhaps, than some would suppose. The Village of Fosston, since its organization, has pursued the policy of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors. In the early days of the community vigorous efforts were made on the part of good citizens to vote out license, but without success. The writer confesses to have belonged to this class.

Since those days conditions have changed somewhat, and while it might seem presumptuous to claim that the community has made prodigious strides in its moral growth and improvement, yet it is true that there has been a steady and gradual change for the better, in the moral tone and character of the town. Of late years there has been none of the fierce wrangling and quarreling, that always attended one of these elections, and which would subside only when the contending factions would be obliged to take breath, preparatory to getting a fresh grip for the next election. These periodical convulsions have done and always will do more than anything else to retard the social, moral and material growth of the village. So far then as pertains to this village no analysis of the results of prohibition can be made, nor can any conclusions be drawn from experience.

It is well established that certain forces working together, gain an authority over mankind, govern their actions, and direct their movements. These forces spring from impulses of nature common to all. They work the same results. Wherever it has been sought to govern the world upon systems of theoretical dogma, in defiance of these fixed principles of action, such attempts have been futile. Law, which does not recognize these forces will never serve to eradicate or even correct the evils of earth. A man commits a murder. It never occurred to him who framed it, that the law was necessary in order to fill the souls of men with horror at the crime. The man who did it suffers from the pangs of remorse, and often the physical punishment seems of little consequence. The tables of Moses merely affirmed what had already been planted in his heart, that it was wrong to kill, to steal or to bear false witness. And what is the result? Simply that the men cannot be made good altogether by law and artificial restrictions. John Stuart Mill, whose essays upon the science of government will always hold their place as classics, says that such legislation is not within the true province of government. He also says that "artificial offenses and meddlesome legislation put a large class of people into needless antagonism with law." History has shown that such is the perverse obstinacy of mankind, that one extreme begets another. Did you ever observe the penalty being inflicted on one extreme and it rebounds to the other. So is the pendulum of human life constantly swinging. Puritan intolerance drove all mirth from Merrie England; the May dances of men and maidens on the village green and the games of the yeomanry were abolished; the theatres were closed. Even Christmas, the great Christian festival was abolished, and a sombre pall hung over all England. But the bow bent to its extreme tension had its rebound. Cromwell ceased to be, and the good natured but profligate king came to the throne of his fathers. The reaction came. Licentiousness, irreligion, immorality and vice of every form took complete possession, and the people were plunged into a vortex of dissipation such as never before or since has stained the annals of any civilized race. It was the inevitable reaction which always follows such movements.

What is it that works a great reform? The recognition by people of their wants, their woes, their essential capacity, their rights, their progressive tendency, their unity and the unity of brotherhood. No governmental power could have brought to pass the enlightenment and progress of the world since the middle ages. The great factor has been religious faith, christian activity, philanthropic benevolence, and a good sense spread amongst all classes. The progress has not been mechanical, but dynamical. It was not due to law, but to liberty. It came not from the thunders of burning Sinai, but from the inward voice. What an excess of gluttony and drunkenness attended the festivities of former times! And yet no governmental power could have brought the reform. The law does not possess such power. It can terrify; it can punish and hold in forcible restraint. It cannot convert, nor can it touch the secret springs of feelings or of thought. It is the independence, the intelligence, self respect, broader views, kinder sympathies and the cultivation of finer tastes that are instrumental, by divine favor, in delivering people from the bondage of vice and immorality. And so the great temperance reformation which has advanced so much in the last hundred years sprang up in the heart of a deeply moved humanity. It is only in the actual controversy of life that robust virtue can be attained or positive good accomplished. Upon the monuments of all the antiquated despots are written their failures and blunders in adhering to the hope of preserving virtues and morals by legal force.

It seems strange that some Christian philosophers should insist upon an arbitrary law in nature; what we can do is to keep it from entering the body, and the only known substance by which the process of decomposition can be arrested. It pervades all nature. You cannot crush a fruit, you cannot bruise a plant, you cannot tread upon anything in the vegetable kingdom, but alcohol is the

result. And yet like all good gifts, the danger of abuse increases with the goodness of the gift. It may be true that God never made wine or brandy or set up a distillery, yet he planted the alcohol in the heart of every plant, and tree, and fruit and flower, and gave his children unerring instinct to distill it. He never set up a bakery or made bread, but he caused the golden grain to grow and gave man the ingenuity to convert it into the staff of life. Without advocating the use of alcohol as a beverage even moderately, I mention these things only to indicate the absurdity of an attempt to eliminate it by prohibiting it.

Any statute or law that seeks to prohibit the use of any article of diet, and which is recognized the world over as such, and still recognizes it as an article of commerce will either be absurdly weak, or it will be fatal to any liberty: when it ceases to be weak it will be because society has been educated up to that point where it will be useless: or else its execution will be perpetrated on a class of subjects in whose abject character, will be found the fit elements of cowardice and servility.

And should you fail to enforce, there is nothing so demoralizing as the enactment of a rule or law by a community, and the failure to enforce it. You destroy their respect for all law. It is often said that the advantage of voting out license consists in driving the business into secrecy. Yes, and this is a far greater evil and one of far more vicious result. He would be an unskillful physician, who would heal an ulcer on the human body by driving the disease into the vitals. But the quack who aspires to administer to the health of the body politic, has no scruple in thus treating a social ulcer. The rum traffic existing openly, and with the eyes of the public and police upon it, is far less dangerous, than when driven to the dark low grogeries and opium dens, with their insidious device—vile haunts of secret vice. Take the average boy: would he not go miles out of his way at midnight, to steel poor wormy cider apples from some old farmer, who had threatened to seal his dog on any boy caught stealing apples, although his father's orchard afforded the best? Boys are curious and possess the talent of investigation. Boys who would never have thought of drinking if openly tolerated, would think it spirited and venturesome to steal into the secret drinking places.

Limited time will not permit the mention of the thousands of failures to stop or even diminish the liquor traffic through local option. The columns of this paper might be filled with incidents and instances of its failure everywhere, and yet but a minute part of the whole be told. Many are the communities, where attempted prohibition has in the end, through a failure to work, seemed to affect society with a sort of dry rot. These lessons should serve to enlighten, but unfortunately they are overlooked and lost sight of in the heat of controversy.

An experience of a neighboring town not far away ought to serve as an object lesson. As respects the moral and material conditions of the people in the two places there is little difference. A year ago license was voted out. The movement had been led by a clergyman of the place, a very estimable man, who with all the zeal of his calling, thought he saw no course so short, so incisive, as that of marching direct to the desired goal, by simply prohibiting the evil which he dreaded, forgetting some of the difficulties that might lie in the way. During his campaign he enlisted the aid of a number of business men of the community. After license was voted out a crusade was commenced against the liquor traffic. Of course the minister had a right to expect to receive the moral support of those who had voted to suppress, if not their actual aid. His hope was in vain. The situation proved how vain and shallow are the pretensions of some men when put to the test. Appealing to one of those who had been most ardent in his support of the proposition at election time, for aid in getting the guilty parties convicted, he was answered somewhat in this way: "Why Mr. X. Really I don't see how I can do anything. I don't want to be drawn into this strife. I have too many other things to look after, and then it would hurt me in my business. I can't afford to do it." To one after another he went with the same appeal, and received the same reply. As a result the guilty ones escaped conviction, and continue to thrive in that town today. And the most shameful part of all is that the minister who had made a clean, honest fight against the evil was forced to lose his position. The trouble was this, that while he had been sincere, many of his followers, worked up with the general clamor, and with that enthusiasm so like the effervescence of a bottle of soda water, which usually attend such movements, had actually mistaken their lives for their conscience.

The foregoing is no fancy picture, but an actual occurrence as told me by the man himself. By no means would I do or say anything to encourage a habit of drinking. All that I do say or mean to impress is, that He who governs the universe, and created the nature of man, and who made in him the capacity to distinguish between good and evil the crowning dignity of his reason, knew better than to trust it to the expedient of political society. The great and holy cause of emancipation from all vices and from moral bondage itself, is moral and not political.

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The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Hanstrom on Wednesday afternoon, March 14th, at 2 o'clock.

John Mittum returned last Friday from his visit at his old home, Nelson, Wis., and was accompanied by two young men from that place who will now make Fosston their home. Mr. John Mittum, a nephew of "our own" John and Mr. Sever Swenson, an experienced accountant, who will attend to the bookkeeping for the firm of Mittum & Handklev whose large lumber interests require a thoroughly capable head bookkeeper.

Their many friends are pleased to see Landlord Nora of the Headquarters Hotel and I. O. Brandt out once more after their recent severe illness.

Louie Soderberg is getting quite a lumber yard together on his First street property. He is piling it up like an expert, too.

There isn't any use talking politics, hardware business, or anything else of that sort to S. T. Rickansrud since Wednesday, when he was presented with a bright young daughter.

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Three good farms within 3 miles of Fosston and McIntosh for sale cheap for cash. Bank of Fosston.

A. R. De Fulen editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in the right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by P. M. Mark.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office (Crookston, Minn., Feb. 28, 1900)

A sufficient contract affidavit having been filed in this office by Anand Johnson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1563, made July 17, 1897, for one-half section 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, in Township 13 North, Range 10 West, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, which it is alleged that the said Anand Johnson has wholly abandoned and tract, and has not resided upon and cultivated the same, for one year immediately preceding the commencement of this action, and the making of this affidavit, and that said contestant has been in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a nurse, or otherwise, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on April 23d, 1900, before Oswald A. Brazer, a Notary Public at Fosston, Polk Co., Minnesota.

And that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., April 30, 1900, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Crookston, Minn.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Feb. 28th, 1900, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that notice be given by due and proper publication.

SYLVESTER PETERSON, Register.

B. S. BENNETT, Attorney for Contestant.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas default has been made in the conditions of a certain indenture of Mortgage dated January 13th, 1898, made and delivered by Ole Westad, an unmarried man, to Albert Peterson, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota on the 13th day of January 1898, at 4 o'clock P. M., in Book 83 of Mortgages on page 22, and whereas said default consists in the failure of the Mortgagor to pay the several installments of interest, which became due January 13th, 1899 and January 13th, 1900, amounting in each case to the sum of Fifteen Dollars and in all to Thirty Dollars, and whereas by the conditions of said Mortgage the power of sale becomes operative when default is made in the payment of the interest, or taxes, or any part thereof, and upon such default the Mortgagee may declare the whole sum due, and the Mortgagee does so elect and declare the whole sum secured by said Mortgage to be due, amounting at the date of this notice, principal and interest, to the sum of One Hundred Eighty-one and 92-100 dollars, and no proceedings at law or otherwise having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale in said Mortgage contained, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the premises described therein, to-wit:

The South-West quarter of the North-East quarter of Section Twenty-three, Township numbered One Hundred Forty-seven, north of Range Forty-two, west of the fifth principal meridian in Polk county, Minnesota, together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, by which sale will be made by the Sheriff of said Polk county at the front door of the Court House in the City of Crookston, in said county, on Monday, April 23rd, A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day to pay said debt and interest and taxes, if any, and the costs of sale, together with an attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars as provided in and by said Mortgage in case of foreclosure, and the disbursements allowed by law, subject to redemption at any time within one year from the day of sale as provided by law.

Dated March 24, 1900.

B. S. BENNETT, ALBERT KASER, Mortgagee.

Attorney for Mortgagee. Fosston, Minn.