

have already, and other legislatures now follow their lead in making it a misdemeanor to give or sell them cigarettes. The "Blue Laws" of Connecticut were rather more strict. They enacted "that no person under the age of twenty-one years, nor any other that hath not already accustomed himself to the use thereof, shall take any tobacco, untill hee hath brought a certificate under the hands of some who are approved for knowledge and skill in physik that it is useful for him, and also that hee hath received a lycense from the court for the same." Some legislatures make it a penal offence for one to allow a minor to play at cards in his house without the written consent of his parent or guardian. Minnesota follows the good example of North Dakota and excludes any one under seventeen years of age from the court-room during criminal trials, and Arizona forbids the marriage of girls under sixteen, the limit of Russia and Italy. Every teacher in the public schools of Maine is required to spend not less than ten minutes weekly in instruction in the principles of kindness to birds and animals.

Those engaging in the business of furnishing abstracts of title to the soil of Wyoming must first provide themselves with complete abstracts of all the territory they propose to cover, and also give a \$10,000 bond with which to indemnify misled purchasers. Minnesota has its eye on the Torrens system with a view to its adoption.

A judge in Nevada must literally earn his salary each month; for before he can draw it he must make an affidavit that no cause in his court remains undecided, since the trial of which ninety days have elapsed. California provides for a law library in each county by imposing a tax of one dollar on every civil action in the Superior Court. This is the more remarkable in that that State is the head centre and stronghold of the now celebrated and notorious "Farmers' Alliance," whose candidates for judgeships are absolutely ignorant of any law, and, as they profess to "do justice apart from the legal aspect of the case," we should not have supposed that a law library would have had any attraction for them, or have found favor in their eyes. They know less law than "Necessity," and have become a laughing-stock throughout the country. One of its proteges indeed, to whom we referred *ante* p. 208, has defied the Supreme Court of Kansas by setting aside its order in a foreclosure suit. To enforce his own order, he caused the arrest and imprisonment of the receiver of the property for contempt of court in obeying the order of the highest tribunal, and caused the arrest of the sheriff for releasing the receiver upon the writ of *habeas corpus* granted by the Supreme Court.

It all depends whose ox is gored. We are reminded of this fact by the action of this same legislature, which is controlled by the "Alliance." This legislature has requested Congress to pass a law giving any farmer the right to borrow from the United States (not from the State of California, oh no!), on mortgage at *two* per cent., such sums as he may desire, not exceeding \$5,000, or *sixty* per cent. of the value of his farm. We are again reminded, this time of "Brother Tham" in "Lord Dundreary," who told Dundreary that he had bought a farm and then asked his brother to pay for it.