

Various Notes....

A QUEER PLEDGE.—The "Cleveland Plain Dealer" publishes the following story. "One evening a stranger called at the residence of Dr. Brown, of Cleveland, O. He said: "I have come to you for advice and assistance. I am a victim of the drink habit. I have an excellent position—I am cashier for a wealthy corporation—and I know I cannot retain it unless I reform. I want you to draw up a pledge for me—make it as strong as you can, please—and I will sign it, and you will witness it."

Dr. Brown leaned back and looked at the man. "How long have you been drinking to excess?" he asked. The man told him it was five or six years; ever since he obtained his present position. He only drank to excess when he was with his friends. He never drank at other times. When he was with his friends he would forget himself and overstep the limit. Sometimes he didn't go on a spree for a whole month, but the attacks were growing more frequent. He seemed to be losing his will power.

"My friend," said the doctor, "you don't need a pledge. I see in you a victim of good comradeship. You are far from being an ordinary drunkard. If you signed a temperance pledge and broke it—as you undoubtedly would do—it would still further degrade you in your own eyes. I do not advise the pledge. The man looked dumfounded.

"But what am I to do?" he gasped. The doctor drew a card from his desk and rapidly wrote a few lines. "There," he said, "read that."

This is what the man read. "To my friends, I find I am becoming a victim of the liquor habit. If I do not quit I am sure to lose my position and ruin myself. For God's sake, don't ask me to drink with you."

"There," said Dr. Brown, "sign that and I will sign it as a witness. All I ask of you is to show the card when temptation is at your elbow, and if you fall come here and tell me about it. There! Good night."

It was a full month before the man returned, worried and dejected. "I expected you long before this," said the doctor, as he greeted the stranger. "Tell me about it. Did you show the card?"

"Yes," replied the man. "The first time was the very next night after I called on you. A good friend, a railroad man, came into the office, and after I had checked up his accounts said: 'Come, Charlie, let's go over to the Oyster House and have a drink. Well, sir, I was reaching for my hat when I remembered the card. I took it out and handed it to him. I thought he would never finish reading it. He looked at me and he looked at the card. And then he slowly put his arm down on the counter and said: 'Charlie, I'd sooner cut that hand off than ask you to drink again.' Well, sir, I showed that card several times after that, and every blessed man I showed it to took it seriously. Sometimes they laid it down without a word. And then it was last night—I forgot about it, and here I am."

"You are doing well," said the doctor. "Have courage and try and make the interval a little longer next time."

It was three months before the man came back. The next time it was six months.

"And now," said the doctor to the narrator, "it is nearly two years since his last call."

A NOVEL WILL.—One of the wealthiest land proprietors near Smolensk, in Russia, died a few months ago, and after the funeral his heirs and attorneys began to look for his will. They fancied that this task would be merely perfunctory, and that the document would be found among the other family papers, but, much to their surprise, they were unable to find the slightest trace of it. Every room and article of furniture in the house was then carefully searched, but the result was the same, and the only conclusion at which the heirs could arrive was either that no will had ever been made or that if one had been made it was destroyed before their kinsman's death.

The missing document, however, was found a few days ago, and in the strangest place imaginable. A young man was rambling through the house, and, happening to see a graphophone on a table in the library, he examined it to see if it was in working order, and finding that it was, he put a record in it, which he supposed was that of some popular Russian song. What was his amazement, however, when instead of a song he heard the dead man's voice slowly recite the words of the missing will!

The heirs were promptly notified of this discovery, and they lost no time in carefully examining the record containing the will. It was found to be flawless, and the question then arose whether such a will would be deemed valid by the courts or not. This question is now being discussed in the Superior Court at St. Petersburg, and the case is interesting all lawyers who have heard of it. Many think that the will will be pronounced entirely valid, and if so it may become a common practice for persons to use graphophones for the purpose of making their wills.

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR LONG LIFE.—From London, Eng., comes the intelligence that a new remedy for long life is proposed. An exchange thus gives the details:—

Ten days to three weeks' solitary confinement, spent chiefly in bed, is the latest English prescription for tired or ailing men and women. Well ones also are advised that such a penance faithfully performed once a year would solve the whole problem of health and longevity.

This is one of the applications of the principal secret of long life which a large number of prominent English medical men are preaching to all their patients. The theory, condensed into a phrase, is "conservation of energy." It is combined with two older and more familiar precepts—moderation and system. One of the Queen's physicians has just written a popular article on the subject, which is attracting a great deal of attention, because in his application of his principles he combats some ideas which have long ruled the professional and lay mind. To begin with, he asks, What is life? That is a question, he admits, which you cannot answer, but you know one thing it inevitably leads to, and that is death, and in a general way you know what brings about death, and that is the expenditure in some way of the last remaining ounce of energy.

It is when he condemns the unnecessary waste of energy by exercise that this eminent physician surprises us. The man who works hard with his head all day and then takes a long walk for the sake of exercise makes a terrible mistake, according to this authority.

"Mental energy and bodily energy," he declares, "come to the same thing at the finish. Having freely drawn from the stock of one, you must not then tap the other with the idea that it is beneficial, for it is not. They have a common source."

With regard to moderation, the writer's most emphatic warning is that everybody eats too much. Eat what you like, he says, but stop considerably short of fully satisfying the appetite. The stomach has far too much work to do. Give it less and now and again let it have an absolute rest.

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newspapers even, that so far as corruption of the ballot is concerned, it was cheaper to let the negroes in than to exclude them. The negro purchasable vote had a market value of about \$2, occasionally ranging up to \$5; but the white venal vote is quoted at from \$5 to \$15. It is said that the two rich men running in the primary for nomination spent \$50,000, and the longest pole captured the persimmon. The victor, from present appearances, could have succeeded with a much smaller expenditure than he actually laid out, but he took no chances and was determined to win at any cost. I understand that, at Atlanta, these primaries, by proper legislation, rigorously enforced, are now conducted with a minimum of corruption, and it is to be hoped that, in future, Augusta will be spared such obnoxious and demoralizing practices. I apprehend that, all over the country, the ballot is, more or less, degraded, and that, unless the people get mad virtuously and insist upon a change of administration, in hard times, the Mark Hannas backed by corporate and private wealth, will buy the elections no matter who may run against them or what the predominant issues may be. We will very likely see, four years hence, some of the leaders of the Democratic party shaping matters so as to at least split the Mammon-worshippers and business classes, banks, trusts and money-changers in order to procure sinews of war for the campaign. To do that they may, in part at least, sacrifice the cause of the masses, the more serenely, perchance, because the aforesaid masses seem, to a considerable extent, to be sharers in a general demoralization regarding their own welfare under a constitutional republic.—Randall's Letter—Catholic Columbian.

MONEY IN POLITICS. Following closely on merriment and funerals, we have had a primary election, confined to white votes, for mayor and councilmen. Some years ago, these primaries were open to black as well as white men and an era of debauchery and corruption began of such a flagrant character as to call a halt. The white primary was substituted as a reform, and now it is openly admitted, in the

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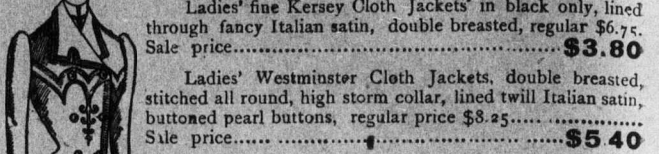
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THE STAGE.—Magaret's, near Most Rev. Dr. Dublin, referred to as the presentation of the Duff said—"It is no real effectiveness on which I can count, but the fact that I have told me the story when they up and leave the a protest in the interests of the reality, against acted on the stage felt they could not of such themselves con graded. Encourage age are openly some of the ve stage representa tentatively gly of those who ar common obligat tone of public a lin. Now almost for the represen that are pro over, like t selves, ready- hand, scenery, course, those his frequently diag of it—the walls oughfures of or to be looked for movement for the genuinely Irish Dublin. No Irish case of that, ma that no self-resp self-respect in to the theatre a ed or afraid to g cott" of theatre those evil course that would be a remedy of all, b tical remedy. Bu something effecti by the newspa papers in which of those place a cannot see why those papers, Ca rise as they are bine in the inter rals and send a the proprietors a fusing point bla vertisements of to insert any ad from the theatre are represented.

Mining in Co.—The news for the pe that a great mi -district seems to the near future, ent and Nation recall the indust a century ago ar period the coppet barveys, mines f well-known thro countries, and th ployment to the. Owing to a num ever, particularly richer veins of c and the gradual capital engaged the Irish mines, industry of West the miners had elsewhere. But d the indomitable actuating Mr. Ar has been directe opening the eyes its to the well ed resources of (crk, and with a the Horse Island been working dur months with res garded as emine the persons en prise. This, howe Gave, who retur Schull last week.

MUNICIPAL.—Within the past tion has been of three or four ma Vails of the pr vided of appropri money. Members cil of Indianapolis have been convi Members of the cil have been op selling out the c Personal gain. F Cleveland City named by a con sties an accomp a few instanc been brought t answer for their ions held that t