

WATTS' ABSTRACT STATEMENT.

It is your hat you legally expressed your opinion that I sometimes talk like a fool. I readily grant that I lack your "foiled wisdom," and cannot, therefore, see the justification in your use of such choice language as "fool." My talk as a "fool" does not however, blind me to the fact that even an advocate of labor ought to be a gentleman. Evidently your mode of conversation is not charmed with the "inevitable" of wisdom.

My statement to you was referred to as this. That working men are sufficiently strong if they are not united, and in agreement, to resist any attempt to force them work seven days a week. All Sunday labor should be voluntary, and those who work on Sunday should have the liberty of leaving on Monday. Now, if all workmen were to determine to adhere to this rule, who could tamper on their rights by compelling them to act differently? I am not in favor of men working seven days a week, on the contrary, I should like to see them work only four or five. And in my opinion the running of street cars on Sundays would not necessarily involve more than six days' work for any one man, inasmuch as the cars would be run by a few men, and there would be those who were there to take his place on that day? But even if the capitalists attempted to do so the public and the men would surely be powerful enough to prevent such a gross injustice.

With regard to my not caring for the labor question, my former statements in this regard are well known. I have no claims for over twenty-five years in the old country can furnish the answer. My only "hobby" is to plead for justice for each and all. But my hobby is interesting to know if your "hobby" does not manifest itself in all your public actions. I am not well enough to attend to the duties of the public any longer, except in connection with your own "hobby." This may account for your being one of those "safe guides" on certain "hot" political matters.

CHARLES WATTS.

THE N. Y. RADICAL CLUB.

JUST THE SORT OF THING THAT IS BADLY NEEDED IN TORONTO.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Baltimore Critic describes the Radical Club of New York. It is the very thing that is wanted in this city where over poeal organization is now on conventional and conventional lines, and genuine radicals are badly in need of a rallying point and a centre where they can meet in a social way and discuss freely the questions in which they are interested.

"There is no better means of advancing the cause of reform in all its branches than by bringing together the circumstances favorable to congenial intercourse of those spirits prepared to promote the progress of the race towards better social conditions. With this view in mind, we established last spring, in New York, a club, to include as members individuals of all branches of liberal opinion. Realizing the importance of the atmosphere of a school of thought, a thoroughly representative committee was organized, and its name was named the Radical Club. It forms a rallying place for all interested in progressive ideas, the rules as to the invitations to visitors are liberal and generous. Receptions are given to lead reformers from other countries, such as Sergius Stepiuk, or to deputations such as that from the Illinois State.

The Bulletin Board is a ready way of making known to the members the meetings and often progressive in character. It will readily be imagined that, containing persons of such opposite views as anarchists and socialists, the meetings are of a most interesting character. The Club does not believe in too many meetings; therefore, its prospects are bright. The following are some of the provisions:—

"The membership includes physicians, journalists, lawyers, musicians, painters, sculptors, business people, mechanics, artisans and so forth. A spirit of general companionship permeates the atmosphere of the Club, making it a really very attractive and home-like.

"The Club includes all the various schools of radical thought—nationalists, socialists, anarchists, single taxers, free thinkers, but no single element predominates. Chiefly for this reason it has been deemed expedient to have no president. The intercourse is most friendly and the meetings are held on a footing of free and equal conversation, and are dignified throughout. Lively conversations are indulged in, and the whole field of modern thought, and toleration and respect for honest opinion of opponents is the general sentiment of the members.

"The highly gifted and thoroughly educated, who give aid to the Club's life as much, if not more, than the general membership. At all meetings are held on a footing of free and equal conversation, and are dignified throughout. Lively conversations are indulged in, and the whole field of modern thought, and toleration and respect for honest opinion of opponents is the general sentiment of the members.

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

TEMPERANCE AND THE TROPICS.

Dr. BARNETT, after exploring the interior of Lander's Bay, adds his testimony to the experience that total abstinence from stimulants would reduce the rate of mortality among travellers in the danger mediant to sand-storms and severe draughts. "The renunciation of alcohol," he says, "is the only way of saving life in the country to walk twenty miles a day without danger to their health, and if the same organized enterprise and the same care of treatment were followed in pursuit of the North Pole chimera, had been devoted to the exploration of this continent, not a mountain range nor a river valley trouped Africa would be a time being missing from our typographical maps."

A MOTHER'S TRIP.

A few weeks ago European papers mentioned the apparently incredible fact that the fishermen of the Lofodon Islands on the west coast of Norway had enticed the fish to come to the surface of the water by the use of a cable-telegraph, but it now appeared that the total number of captured mackerels was 122. They were carcasses of the variety known as "cauing whales," from fifteen to twenty-five feet long, and were taken in a net which was afloat of herring through the narrow entrance of a land locked bay.

UNEXPECTED PRODUCTS.

At a recent agricultural exposition in Noregorod, Russia, an curious fact was noted, a fine assortment of oranges from Southern Siberia. The average American would about as soon expect to see the Great Wall of China as to forget that the "Land of Horrors" stretches through thirty-six degrees of latitude, or considerably further than the distance from Montreal to the City of Mexico. The south-west corner of Siberia extend to the parallel of southern Italy, and very little of the territory that had as much as a yard and a half of stuff in them. He was always headed off in this way, and he had seen one of his good little boys, on account of his always dying in the last chapter.

VERMILION CURE.

Dr. Castner of Vienna claims that vermillion, as well as hydrochloric acid and the virus of snake bites, can be cured by a sweating process. The patient is shrouded in a wet-pack and subjected to a warm room of 100-110 degrees F., with the result of eliminating the acid humors in a couple of hours.

THE SUMMIT OF OUR CONTINENT.

An exploring party from Santiago de Cuba, on the island of Cuba, has discovered only 600 feet above sea level, a point only 500 feet above sea level, nearly 1,000 feet higher than the top of Chimborazo. The view from that dreary height described above, is a most interesting one, and the base of the horizon, which at the time of the ascent was veiled in the north-east by the smoke of a prairie fire, the distant peaks of the Argentine tableland.

DELEANS CATASTROPHES.

Russian newspapers publish details about the earthquake horrors of Tach in north eastern Persia. The line of upheaval seems to have hydrochloric acid and the virus of snake bites, can be cured by a sweating process. The patient is shrouded in a wet-pack and subjected to a warm room of 100-110 degrees F., with the result of eliminating the acid humors in a couple of hours.

WINE SWEETENERS.

The grape growers of California have tried to introduce their products by boiling down grape juice to the consistency of thick syrup and shipping it in casks. When the consumers are expected to reduce the treacle and ferment it into wine by the usual process. Happily, perhaps, for the interest of our readers, it was by the enormous impaction of the French custom houses, but a similar plan is said to have proved successful in the French colonies of north Africa.

CONTENT OF DEATH.

A Russian officer, writing from Kichita on the Chinese frontier, describes the execution of twenty-five prisoners of war. The execution was carried out with a steatite which only the highest philosophy could equal. Our Caucasian countrymen to imitate. Studied in detail, it is a most interesting study. It is a characteristic of the Mongol race, but it is certainly more a result of their enormous that of philosophy. It is a study of the family with danger, and it is to develop it in any climate, and Australia, as well as our own wild West, have produced abundant material for the kind. A French military engineer once told me that after a protracted campaign nine out of ten veterans learn to face death about as easily as the young recruits would face a storm or an ugly dose of medicine.

THE STORY OF THE GOOD LITTLE BOY WHO DID NOT PROSE.

Once there was a good little boy who was named Jacob. He was a very obedient but somewhat low absurd and unreasonably demands were and he always learned his book and no was his school teacher. He would not play hockey, even when his boy judgment told him it was the most profitable thing he could do. He would not play hockey, even when his boy judgment told him it was the most profitable thing he could do. He would not play hockey, even when his boy judgment told him it was the most profitable thing he could do.

He examined his authorities, and found that it was no time for him to go to sea as a cabin-boy. He applied on a ship captain and made his call upon the captain and he proudly drew out a tract and pointed to the words "To Jacob Blyven, from his affectionate mother." But the captain said, "Oh, that be blown! That wasn't any proof that I know how to walk on water." He was a very obedient but somewhat low absurd and unreasonably demands were and he always learned his book and no was his school teacher.

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