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Comment.

Would not politics be in better shape if people would pay more attention to business.

The prohibition vote in the United States elections does not appear to have been counted.

Toronto apparently has a pretty city council to pass an early closing by-law in the interests of morality.

It has been discovered that gin is the best medium for rendering soiled jewels brilliant. Another use for the "accused oil."

A MAN known to be a fool is a subject to pity rather than anger. This truth is seldom applicable by recent public events.

There are improving, business is improving, collections are easier. Take heart of grace, there are better times ahead.

Is it not true that persons who take up a great deal of time in attending to other people's business are very seldom successful in their own?

Who is going to elect that man in London, anyway? Is it the electors of London or Bro. Buchanan of Hamilton and Bro. Casey of Toronto?

It is harder for a Prohibitionist to get drunk through his head than for a rich man to crawl through the eye of a camel or words to that effect.

It is alleged that the prohibition ballots in New York State got into the waste paper basket instead of the ballot box. Spence should inquire into this.

A NEW JERSEY woman horsewhipped her own wife and his mother-in-law at the same time. Who says women are incapable of exercising the franchise?

His Majesty, by and with the consent of F. S. Spence, is to be permitted through the Ontario Legislature to allow his keepers to live, but they must not carry business.

No matter how many fine apples there are in the country, there will always be a market for the wormy and scraggy ones. The maggoty male person can get a job as whiskey informer and it is about what he is fit for.

VERY fair observations of the transit of Mercury were made on Saturday, but these were nothing to the observations of Bro. J. J. McLaren & Co. when hunting through the papers for the Prohibition vote polled in the United States elections.

WHEN there is business to be done the wide awake merchant or dealer advertises, brings his wares before the public and secures the largest share of patronage. THE ADVOCATE is the best medium for advertising all matters connected with the trade.

"He who has but tears to give Must weep those tears alone."

So wrote Tom Moore, and though he had not the United States Prohibitionists in his eye at the time, his verses apply to-day. There were so few of them that they had to force to weep alone or travel long distances to find company.

A WHISKEY flask in the corsage of a woman at Washington turned aside a bullet and saved her life. In working out the moral lesson taught by this incident, our Prohibition friends will probably conclude that the life of a woman who would carry a flask is not worth saving.

WHEN some men do wrong it is gossiped about in whispers. When other men do wrong it is yelled upon the streets. When a church-going sealwag robs his employers and decamps, the matter is as far as possible hushed up, but let a liquor dealer get off the straight path never so little and the howls of the Pharisees will crack the welkin. What is sauce for the goose is not always baiting for the male bird.

WHY are brewers' horses always big, round, sleek looking fellows, apparently capable of doing twice the work they are set to, is a question we have been asked. It is because they are fed on "brewers' grains," the barley after it has been malted and mashed. These "grains" are most excellent food and are largely used by neighboring farmers and dairymen.

The Detroit W.C.T.U. have distinguished themselves. The labor party of that city issued dodgers calling meetings. At the head of the dodgers was a figure of Justice. The good ladies passed a resolution denouncing the labor party and its candidates because the figure of Justice had no clothes about the waist. Hereafter Justice will have to wear corsets at least.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HANCOCK, of the State of New York, last Friday gave a decision in which he holds that in the matter of selling liquor on a train, the law is not violated if the commodity is sold in the buffet, or licensed car, and not hawked through the train, though after being purchased in the buffet it may be taken to any other car. It would be well to ascertain the rights of the railway companies in Canada in this respect.

The city council of Portland, Ore., after a thorough investigation, decided that it was better to allow bars to remain open all night and have open trade and competition rather than the shoddiest work that was done behind closed doors. They therefore passed an ordinance giving effect to their views. The mayor, however, was of another way of thinking, and vetoed the bill. This roused indignation and His Worship is no longer His Worship.

The scientific fact that a frog cannot breathe with his mouth open is nowhere compared with the number of people who cannot see with their eyes open, or can see what does not exist with their eyes shut, as occasion serves. We have been in the company of prohibitionists who could not see a drunken man in a Scott Act town if the aforesaid drunk was tumbling over him, and yet in a licence town could discover evidences of debauchery at every step.

We have no sympathy whatever with the prurient minds that can see grave indecencies in theatrical posters. Two men are now under arrest in Toronto for the iniquity of putting upon the boards posters that somebody thinks are not quite apropos. This is an outrage. These men should not be subjected to this indignity in order to test a case in law. The law should be able to test its own jurisdiction without casting a slur upon the reputation of citizens. As to

the pictures, he must be a wretched being indeed who would be influenced by such lithographs.

CONROE has had the Curfew bell, but the people have taken a turn towards common sense and propose to abolish it. The idea of this relic of the Middle Ages being given a place on the Provincial Statute book made Ontario the laughing stock of the world. That is that portion of the world that has heard of Ontario. Train up a child by rod and rule, and when he is old he will raise Sheel. That is why so many sons of clergymen go to the ditch. Children are naturally good, but pure water will go stale if not allowed to run. And in saying this we do not mean running the streets at large either.

BRO. JOHN CAMERON had a long head when he wrote, a little over a week ago: "In many of the States the Prohibition party have candidates of their own in the lead independent of either of the two great political parties. These 'third party' men and women have been working very hard for months, but there are little prospects whatever that they will come anywhere near success in their efforts to elect their candidates. We cannot but admire their zeal and earnestness, but we very greatly question the wisdom of their course. Another week will show what the results have been. We shall be agreeably surprised if they prove at all successful."

A DESPATCH from Washington says: "An international exposition of wines and liquors is to be held in Bordeaux, France, from May to November of next year, under the auspices of the Philomatic Society of that city. The French ambassador communicates this information to American wine growers and American manufacturers of spirits and fermented liquors throughout the department of agriculture, with a cordial invitation to avail themselves of this opportunity to extend a knowledge of their resources in these products to the people of Europe. Bordeaux being the center of an important and extensive wine-making region, he represents that it is certain that American wine growers could on this occasion, in addition to exposing their own wares, acquire much useful knowledge in regard to the wine industry." Our Canadian manufacturers should not lose sight of this.

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