
Flotsam and Local Items.

The Living Age, Boston, U.S.A. The last numbers received are of much interest, and introduces us to many men and things which without this aid it would be difficult to know without searching among many magazines and reviews. The articles are taken from such magazines as the *Edinburgh Review*, *The Spectator*, *The Cornhill Magazine*, *Blackwood*, *Macmillan*, *Monthly Review*, *Speaker*, *National Review*, etc. We heartily recommend this publication to our readers.

THREE KINDS OF LAWLESSNESS. —The lawlessness of Carrie Nation in smashing Kansas saloons is bred by the lawlessness of the saloon keepers and that of the local officials. Saloon men, for the sake of illegitimate profit, defy the law. The local officials give a tacit consent to the violation of laws which they have solemnly sworn to enforce. No apology ought to be made for any form of lawlessness. But, if comparisons are to be made between these different classes, Mrs. Nation may not suffer by it. It is true that she resorts to violence, as these other lawless people do not. But no one doubts that, if she violates the law, she does so, not for her own profit, but at a sacrifice of herself for what she deems to be the public good. Her lawlessness is condemned by people who think clearly. But it throws into glaring light the contrasted lawlessness of those who break the laws for their own illicit gain, and the still more shameless lawlessness of those officials who wink at the lawbreaking in disregard of their solemn oaths. —*U.S. Ex.*

The Inter-Mountain, of Butte, Montana, is responsible for the following and vouches for its truth: There is a Justice of the Peace not a thousand miles from Butte who introduces considerable spirit into the conduct of his Court at times. While trying a disturbance case the other day he interrupted the proceedings to eagerly inquire of the witness on the stand: "Did the defendant say he could lick the Court?" He could not get a conclusive answer to this. But as the hearing advanced and the tale of the scrap unfolded the eagerness of his interest in the martial spirit of the matter increased and finally he brought the proceedings to a sudden close with the statement: "The case is continued for a week while the Court boxes three rounds with Mike Shaughnessy who has just come in the door."

UNITED STATES DECISION.

KNOWLEDGE by a purchaser of land of the existence of a nuisance thereon created under an alleged easement is held, in *Van Fossen v. Clark* (Iowa) 52 L. R. A. 279, not to estop him from afterwards maintaining an action to abate the nuisance.