

W. C. T. U. Notes

Women's Christian Temperance Union first organized in 1874. AIM—The protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law. Motto—For God and Home and Native Land. BADGE—A knot of White Ribbon. WATCHWORD—Agitate, educate, organize. Let us not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. RM. 14 : 81. Business meeting of the W. C. T. U. the last Monday of every month. OFFICERS OF WOLFVILLE UNION: President—Mrs. J. G. Elderkin 1st Vice President—Mrs. W. O. Taylor 2nd Vice President—Mrs. G. W. Miller Recording Sec'y.—Mrs. Ernest Redden Cor. Sec'y.—Mrs. Roy Jodrey Treasurer—Mrs. H. Pineo SUPERINTENDENTS Evangelistic—Mrs. William Chipman Parlor Meetings—Mrs. D. G. Whidden Labrador Work—Mrs. J. W. Vaughn Fishermen and Lumbermen—Mrs. W.E. Fielding Anti-Narcotic—Mrs. W. O. Taylor Flower, Fruit and Delicacies—Mrs. A. W. Bleakney Christian Citizenship—Mrs. B. O. Davidson Press—Mrs. M. P. Freeman Willard Hall—Mrs. M. P. Freeman Temperance in Sabbath Schools—Mr. C. A. Patriquin.

PERSONAL LIBERTY

(From Everybody's Monthly, Belfast.) One of the greatest logicians of prohibition reform was the late Hon. Jno. B. Finch. His sayings and writings are still classics, for truth and reason are the same always and everywhere. The following uttered by Mr. Finch forty years ago is peculiarly apt today. In replying to objections, he said: "It will destroy personal liberty." Liquor dealers declared that they were the defenders of personal liberty in this country, and today the liquor interest is masquerading as the champion of liberty; and a more ridiculous masquerade I never saw. When have they done a thing for liberty in the world? And yet these men, who have only made drunkards and debauches the people, step out and claim to be the defenders of liberty! If liberty has fallen so low that her defenders are the class of men who debauch the manhood and womanhood, and civilization of this country, God

pity liberty. The idea of these men arrogating to themselves the position of the special champions of the liberties of this people is absurd, ridiculous and nonsensical. But what is their cry? They say, "personal liberty". Personal liberty means individual or brute liberty. Civil liberty means the restraint of personal liberty. Unrestrained natural liberty is the enemy of civil liberty. Let me illustrate: It is personal liberty that enabled Guitau to send the bullet through the back of President Garfield. It was civil liberty which hanged him on the 30th of June. Do you see the difference? It is personal liberty that would let me meet you on the street and knock your brains out with a club; it is civil liberty that would punish me for the crime. The coyote wolf is a type of individual liberty. The buccaneer men on the ocean is a representative of personal liberty. Jesse James, the Missouri outlaw, was the best type of the personal liberty asked by liquor men in this country. For twenty years he was personally free to rob trains. Finally he went down to death under the hand of civil government. Liquor men say: "Government has no right to say what I shall eat, drink or wear." Get up and forget to dress yourself some morning. How far would you get in this city before the government would tell you to put on clothes? It is the duty of government to restrain animal passions and the cry of liquor men for personal liberty is simply a cry of barbarism. As all girls expect to marry—millionaires they naturally think it a waste of time to learn the art of cooking.

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WHO IS MIDDLEMAN?

When prices are high the middleman gets the blame. He is the link in the distributive chain nearest the consumer, and catches censure first. Just what, or who is the middleman? Is it the retailer? He gets his living along the chain of distribution that links the consumer with the producer. Or the wholesaler, who is part of the chain? Or is it the buying agent, the merchandise broker, the sales agent, the importer? The middleman is not any of these. He really is not a man at all; simply a series of costs that must be met before the goods can reach the user. The expense you would have to pay if you yourself went to Florida for your grape fruit, to Russia for your saibles, to South America for your bananas, to Cuba for your sugar—that is the middleman, only others who want grapefruit, bananas saibles and sugar, help you foot the bill. He is freight—he is advertising—he is taxes—he is the salesman's salaries—he is the administrative overhead. Obviously, these are expenses which must be paid; when they represent duplication or waste, open competition usually corrects them. Of course, if a cheaper way can be found—some entirely new method of distribution that would satisfactorily replace them and cost less—it would be used. But before blaming the middleman, it should be remembered that so far we have not found a cheaper alternative; that what is called the "middleman" represents the most economical distributive method used since civilization began gathering goods from the four corners of the world.—Portland (Oregon) Telegram.

"POLLYANNA" AT OPERA HOUSE

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Among those not likely to be unemployed during the next few months are the politicians.

BOBBED HAIR 3,000 YEARS AGO

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