

NOW

Rise! for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their armour
And forth to the fights are gone;

Rise from your dreams of the future—
Of gaining some hard fought field;
Of storming some airy fortress,
Or bidding some giant yield;

Rise! for the day is passing;
The low sound you scarcely hear
Is the enemy marching to battle—
Arise! for the foe is here!

DOMINION POLITICS.

An incident that came under Miss Willard's notice is apropos of the present political situation. A man boarded a Detroit car, stationing himself on the rear platform. The conductor requested the passenger to enter the car; the passenger declined; the conductor insisted; then the irate passenger enquired in a vinegary manner,

"What's a platform for, anyway, if not to stand on?"

The conductor's reply is worthy of a statesman of the machine order. It was, "No sir, it isn't to stand on; it's to get in on."

There is no use saying we were not promised Prohibition. If we were not, then we were deliberately deceived into believing that we had been promised it. We knew nothing of the secret agreement to which Sir Wilfred Laurier referred when pressed for action, and by which he justifies inaction. At St. Mary's and Brockville, if nowhere else, the replies the Premier gave a prohibition delegation and a prohibition representative appeared to be conclusive and satisfactory, and were publicly and constantly used, during the plebiscite campaign, to settle the faith of the doubting Thomases. There were also ministers of the cabinet, notably Mr. Fisher, who assured the country, in language that could not have been more explicit, that a prohibition majority would bring a prohibition law.

The whole affair reminds us of a story I heard when in Grey county. The first railway prospected in that section had, as a sort of advance agent, an old military man. His tactics were worthy of a Machievelli. Wherever he went, the farmers were gathered together, generally in the open air, and after the usual laudatory discourse upon the benefits of railway facilities in general and the desperate need of such a prosperity-promoting agent for Grey county, someone was sure to ask the pertinent question, "If we take stock, will the railway come near our farms? Will it be of real advantage to us?"

The Colonel's reply was always the following, or a slight variation of it: "Do you see that stump? If you do your duty by this thing I promise you that the track for the new road will run either this side of that stump or the other side, or maybe we'll have to dig the stump up and run the roaded right over the place where the roots were."

What more could his auditors ask? The canny Scotsman, the level-headed Britisher and the enthusiastic Celt agreed that the assurances given were ample, and down went their names for stock.

As these subscription meetings were held in all parts of that large and irregular district the impossibility of prospecting the line according to promise is apparent at a glance. If all the indicated stumps had been included it would have been a zig zag affair indeed. In time the story took wings and those who

had to choose between the Colonel's truthfulness and the railroad's crookedness demanded an explanation, which was forthcoming as follows: The Colonel said: "It didn't matter where they built the railway; it had to run one side or the other of all those stumps. In fact, it bordered the Atlantic or Pacific ocean it would still be according to the agreement, AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT."

Unfortunately for the stockholders this secret understanding laid a blight upon the legitimate hopes of the bulk of them. A secret understanding that is at variance with the apparent meaning of an agreement, and that, if made public, would totally destroy the value of the agreement in the eyes of one party to it, is—dishonorable.—Mrs. May R. Thornley.

LAWLESSNESS.

What is the condition of the great municipalities in America so far as regards the observance and administration of law? Let Mr. Edwin L. Godkin, in his "Problems of Modern Democracy," describe the condition of New York in this regard. On page 144 he writes:—

If the newly-arrived emigrant is a man of parts and energy, or rises above the condition of a manual labourer into that of a liquor-dealer or small contractor, he finds himself impeded or helped at every step by "pulls." If he wants a small place in the public service he must have a "pull." If he wants a Government contract, he must have a "pull." Whether he wants to get his just rights under it, or to escape punishment for fraud or bad work in the execution of it, he must have a "pull."

"In the ward in which he lives he never comes across any sign of moral right or moral wrong, human or divine justice. All that he learns of the ways of Providence in the government of the city is that the man with the most "pulls" gets what he wants, and that the man with no "pulls" goes to the wall. Every experience of the municipality satisfies him that he is living in a world of favour and not of law. He hears that large sums of money are voted every year for the cleaning of the streets, but he sees that they are not cleaned.

"He hears that it is forbidden to throw out dirt and ashes into the highway, but he sees that all his neighbours do it with impunity. He hears that gambling houses and houses of prostitution are forbidden, but he sees them doing a roaring trade all around him. He hears that it is a crime to keep a liquor-saloon open on Sunday, but he finds the one he frequents is an accessible on Sunday as on any other day. He hears that licenses to sell liquor should be granted only to persons of good character, but he sees that the greatest scoundrels in his neighbourhood get them and keep them as readily as anyone else.

"He has come over the sea with the notion that magistrates should be grave and discreet persons, learned in the law, but he sees seated on the bench in his own district his own friend, Billy McGrath, who plays poker every night with him and "the boys" in Mike Grogan's saloon, and in court always gives his cronies "a show." Nowhere does he come on any standard of propriety or fitness in the transaction of public business, or on any recognition of such things as duty or honour in dealing with the public interests."—Selected.

PHASES OF THE FIGHT.

A London correspondent says that the Belgian Government has offered a prize of a thousand francs for the best picture depicting the evils of drunkenness; Denmark has passed a law securing medical attention for drunken persons at the expense of the publican who supplied the last drink; Norway prohibits the spending of more than three pence at one visit to any public-house; the little German State of Waldeck refuses to grant marriage licences to habitual drunkards; Michigan has recently insisted on public-house frequenters carrying licences; and the Argentine Republic has set us all an example by turning its drunkards into the streets with its spades and brooms. England has yet to make up her mind how to deal with her drunkards.—Alliance News.

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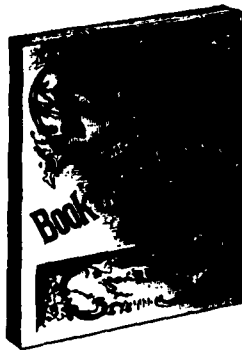
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