

Sentinel

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There was a great deal of conversation...

HEART AND PURSE OF GOLD.
The young man of the local committee...

GOING WEST.
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DESCENDING SAULT DE STE. MARIE.
Upon arriving at the Salet our party...

BUSINESS CARDS.
Richard Welton, Teacher of the Voice and Piano...

O. E. WILSON, Insurance & Real Estate Agent...

Insured Against Loss by Fire? W. S. HANFORD...

South Norwalk Sentinel GOLDEN BROTHERS, Proprietors...

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The subscriber offers his farm for sale...

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**WHY REPEAL?**

Mr. Perry, the member of the Legislature from Hartford, has introduced a resolution repealing Section 6. of the statutes relating to the taking of lands for railroad purposes passed by the January session 1882. The section is as follows:

Section 6. "Every railroad company after its line of road, and that all lands open, approved, and established, may take land for additional tracks, stations, and freight and passenger stations, and in any manner provided by law for the taking of lands by railroad companies; also for the purpose of supplying water for the use of its engines and stations."

We trust the members of the Legislature will give this matter careful consideration before voting for repeal as we are confident that the law as it now stands will confer far more benefit to the traveling and freighting public than to the railroad companies. It is well known to all conversant with the facts, that all of the railroads in the state have been built with a limited amount of capital, and that in their construction every economy has been necessary to insure the completion of the line of road, and that in taking lands for passenger and freight stations, only so much has been taken, as in the opinion of engineers would suffice for moderate increase of business, and many of the stations when established, were only hamlets, with scant outlying population. Now many of these stations are in the midst of cities, and populous manufacturing towns, and the freight and passenger accommodations are restricted to the limited lands taken where the roads were first built, and the consequence is, that the delivery or receiving of freights to and from the cars, is now difficult and dangerous, and the blocking of the tracks by freight cars, often renders it exceedingly dangerous for passengers going to or from the trains.

In the Railroad Commissioners' Report just made to the legislature we find that for the year ending July 1st 1878, the number of tons of freight carried by all of the railroads in this state amounted to 670,741, while for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1882, there were carried 6,646,838 tons, being an increase of nearly tenfold. In 1853, there were 500 miles of railroad, and in 1882, the number of miles were 962, showing an increase of mileage of eighty per cent. while the freight has been increased during the same time one thousand per cent. It must be apparent to all who give the subject due consideration, that more depot grounds are imperatively needed, and that such increase of ground can only be acquired from the law, as is now proposed to be repealed. For anyone acquainted with the grasping demands made by parties owning lands wanted for such purposes, can readily see that it would run any corporation to buy the necessary additional depot ground at the sellers' prices for the accommodation of their patrons. We do not consider the mode of acquiring lands under the present law as oppressive, for as far as we are capable of judging, the commissioners appointed by the Superior Court, generally give good round prices for lands taken for railroad purposes.

**Rum's Evils.**

When we look about us and see the evils caused by the use of intoxicating drink, we are led to reflect upon the weakness of those who are under its influence and upon the perversity of those who refuse to aid in suppressing the cause. We see our full fall of criminals, our almost universal prevalence of insanity, our full of hopeless lunatics, homes throughout the length and breadth of our land full of heart-broken mothers and suffering children, we inquire the cause of all these evils, and we find that with few exceptions, it is alcohol that does the work. In a literary collection we find a man who died of the death penalty for a murder which he committed, and we are told that when under the influence of intoxicating liquors he discovered the awful idea of killing his fellow-man, and that under its influence he nerve himself to the commission of the awful deed. In the poor house we see the man who once lived in luxury, who had a pleasant home, loving wife and happy children, who was a leader in social circles, a successful merchant, an active church member, and his dependents were brought to poverty and woe by the influence of the man who had so long and so honestly labored for his creditors, his broken-hearted wife now resting in her grave, his children vagabonds, society looking upon him with contempt, his business ruined, his name stricken from the church lists. What caused all this sad change? You know the answer—Rum! Yes, this once respectable man, this active church-member, saw no harm in using wine in his own table—saw no harm in putting the destructive poison to the lips of his children and behold the result! He boasted of his strength. He would never drink at a public bar, he would never become intoxicated, he had no respect for the man who allowed his appetite to control him and make him a common drunkard. His example as a moderate drinker would be followed by his children and hence no danger in putting the wine-cup to their lips. Thus reasoned the man whom we now see reduced so low. How then can any moderate drinker believe that his strength will prevent adequate to prevent his falling? In the asylum we see the victims of rum—mental wrecks, victims of delirium tremens, children who have inherited from their parents the legacy of sin, men and women insane from the use of strong drink. Finally, come to the hundreds of homes—no, not homes but staying places—made wretched by rum, our tale of misery and woe might be indefinitely prolonged. Wife and children in rags, windows broken, doors unhinged, furniture scant and broken, little or no food in the house, the absence of all those little adornments that make a home a home—these facts stare us in the face when we enter the drunkard's so-called home. If we retrace his steps we return intoxicated from the influence of rum, whose liquid poison is dealt out to him, and here the rum-seller takes from him the dimes that ought to go for bread, the seven because unobtainable. We cannot witness the violence to his wife and children nor listen to his wicked language. Let us, therefore, draw a veil over this scene and turn to a pleasant home.

Some of the signs of a happy home, the wife and mother is sitting in the library. From time to time she brushes the prattle of her little children. She apparently shows no anxiety for the coming of morning, and the footstep now heard causes her to go with eager expectation to the door. In a minute voluble hands help to remove the warm coat that has protected the new-comer from the wintry blasts within and now the husband and father becomes one of the happy group before the bright library fire.

What causes all this difference between the two houses that we have seen? We have not far to look. Intemperance is the evil spirit that has cast a gloom over the one household; Temperance, the guiding star of the other. As we look at the two pictures, which we have chosen, will not the friends and mothers who read these words realize that alcohol shall never enter their happy homes with its blighting influence? Will not sons and daughters resolve to make Temperance a beacon light to the harbor of domestic peace? Will not all unite in raising the voice in opposition to the demon Alcohol who stalks abroad bringing wretchedness and ruin to those who yield to his power?

This old story of Temperance can hardly be treated in a manner that will make it appear like a new story. Indeed, we should not desire to make it a new story. The most we ought to hope, the most, certainly, that we can expect, is that some new form, or that some may take root in every mind and bring forth fruit in the way of increased interest in the cause which we represent.

Among the many lines of thought that this vast question of intemperance suggests let us choose and consider these three: 1st—The Physiological Evils of Intemperance; 2d—Its Social Evils; 3d—Its Moral Evils. If we can show that by using alcohol a man injures himself, injures society and sins against his God, our assertion of the necessity of total abstinence will be sustained.

All animal life except man lives without the use of alcohol, and not even man like the rest of the animals, including the human, is accustomed to the use of milk and water. We may, therefore, speak of milk and water as natural drinks, and of alcohol from the fact that the taste for its use is always an acquired taste, as an artificial drink. Alcohol is in another view to be regarded as an artificial drink from the fact that it is made by man. Natural drinks, drinks given to his creators by an omniscient Creator, are taken without injury to the system; but the artificial drinks given to man by the brewer and distiller serve to damage his system. No animal can swallow alcohol without being affected thereby. Richardson in his little Temperance Lesson Book, tells us that a pigeon will take opium that a great wall consumes tobacco, and that a rabbit will swallow belladonna without injury in either case, although the quantity of the opium, the tobacco, or the belladonna swallowed by the pigeon, the goat, or the rabbit would suffice to kill several men. But when the pigeon, goat, or rabbit swallows alcohol, the effect is similar to that produced upon man. Richardson also clearly points out the difference between the use of natural and artificial drinks by calling our attention to the fact that if a man uses a pint of milk or water to-day he is not obliged to increase the quantity tomorrow, while the use of alcohol, on the contrary, causes sensations and increases the quantity of the quantity consumed. If this craving for more and more alcohol be not resisted and is unopposed, the unhappy drinker eventually becomes the victim of terrible diseases, both of body and of mind.

It has been demonstrated that alcohol has an anesthetic effect upon the blood. When alcohol is taken into the stomach, it penetrates into the circulation and the expansion of the water in the blood of the capillaries causes a swelling of the blood vessels, and a consequent decrease in the constant pulsations of the arteries. Alcohol deprives the blood of its power of absorbing oxygen, and hence we often see drunkards with faces and hands of dark mottled color. The imperfect oxidation of the blood makes the confirmed drinker sensitive to cold and to affections of the lungs. In fact, all the vital organs, the lungs, the liver, the kidneys, the brain, are injuriously affected by this impure blood caused by the use of alcohol. The most superficial knowledge of physiology teaches us that without pure blood every part of the body suffers: it is easy, therefore, to account for the many ills of the drunkard who has impaired his blood. The scuffling effect of alcohol upon the blood causes obstruction to its circulation and hence many of the diseases of parts of the body from which the drunkard suffers are cut off. If this obstruction occurs in the brain the most serious results appear. Giddiness, paralysis, palsy, sometimes result; sometimes the organs of sense, as the eye or ear, are injured; and when the brain circulation is most seriously impeded the person falls unconscious from apoplexy. All these troubles are common among drunkards.

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