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For God and Home and Every Land.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is said that \$65,000,000 is spent in saloons in Chicago every year.

Alcoholism in one generation is often followed by epilepsy in the second.

Demosthenes said: "To drink well is a property met for a sponge but not for a man."

When drunkenness is hereditary, a family will die, sometimes in four, and at the outside, in five generations.

A beer cañon, which has been in operation at West Point, has received eighteen hundred dollars in one month.

A sample of one of the chief factors in American politics might be exhibited at the World's Fair in the shape of the largest grog-shop in the world, which was run in Minneapolis during the Republican convention.

The plan of teaching the effects of alcohol to children in the public schools is already being adopted in other countries than our own. An association of teachers has been formed at Stockholm, called a Temperance Union of Northern Teachers and a similar one has been formed in Finland for the purpose of introducing temperance teaching in the public schools.

DOES PROHIBITION PROHIBIT?

Miss Willard gives a very entertaining account of a visit to Portland, Maine, about the first of April. Hear what she says in answer to the question at the head of this article: "It is the fashion in certain circles that consider themselves well instructed to refer to Prohibition as 'a ghastly failure'; but those who use the phrase with the most glibness are invariably those who know least about the subject. It is certainly fair to ascribe greater weight to the statements of the governor, attorney general, the grand jury and the press in the states that have prohibitory laws, and the consensus of opinion as thus expressed is overwhelmingly to the effect that prohibition is a success, as proved by the banishment of breweries and distilleries, the uprooting of the saloon, the great decrease in the figures of pauperism and crime, and in the diminished statistics of arrests for drunkenness."

"Prohibition prohibits even in Portland, and will do so in every city where the authorities desire to have saloons prohibited. This is the long and short of the whole argument. It is simply a question of the officer behind the ordinance, the law enforcer back of the law; so that it appears, in the last analysis, that a real rather than a rubber backbone is what is needed in the citizenship of this country. The happy-go-lucky American voter needs to be fitted out with a conscience and feel in his heart of hearts that he is the final factor in this whole argument. When he determines that his ballot shall be cast for such men only as will enforce the prohibitory law where it has been obtained and enact a prohibitory law where license now despoils the commonwealth, then shall we have the liquor traffic under ban, and not till then."

A prominent daily paper says: "No other party shows the persistence of the Prohibition party. The men rise from every defeat only to push onward. The men who declare that the next foe to the American government to be downed is the saloon, are evidently in training for a providential purpose."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. I, J. C. CHENEY, Mayor, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Board of Health of the City of Toledo, Ohio, passed at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of August, 1902, and that the same is in full force and effect. Witness my hand and the seal of said City, this 12th day of August, 1902. J. C. CHENEY, Mayor.

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