

THE CURSE OF CIVILIZATION.

If we judge of a tree by its fruits we must admit that the use of intoxicants has been more fatal to the human race than any other habit or appetite with which the world has had acquaintance since the time of Noah, when the world went wrong by the excesses of appetite and disregard of duty towards the Maker, in bad conduct.

It seems a senseless thing to do when a man of intelligence will disease his body and influence his brain by the habitual use of intoxicating drinks, for he makes himself unhappy, uncomfortable and hastens his own death time by this indulgence. Nevertheless it appears to be an appetite or craving which has lived longer with less abatement than any other habit of which there is records. In all inhabited countries we find the people trying to manufacture intoxicants of high or low degree.

A minister who lives in the Hawaiian Islands who is now lecturing in this country on the conditions which prevail in that section of our colonial possessions, insists upon something being done which will relieve or protect the inhabitants from the constant and almost universal use of intoxicants. He is quoted as saying that these islands during the latter part of the eighteenth century had a population of more than 400,000 while at present, counting also the half castes, it is but 35,000, and he ascribes this falling off to the use of intoxicating drinks very largely.

The mortality upon the natives for the last hundred years is known to have been excessive.

Wherever ships go, from England and any other drink-producing country, these ships carry more or less of intoxicants, and it seems there can be some sort of an intoxicating liquor or drink made from almost anything in the world except stone and metals.

All the farmer raises in the way of grain or fruit can be manufactured into an intoxicant, the most harmless of food turned into intoxicating spirits. And there seems to be plenty of people in the world who must have strong drink if they are short on bread. They must have the intoxicant if they go hungry and homeless. They become literal slaves to this debased appetite which steals away their brains as well as their money.

The consumption of intoxicating liquors never decreases in a general way. Some localities may abridge the sale but it costs more to pay the liquor bill of the American nation than any other expense or national outlay, judging by official figures, without any exception to the rule.

To be very brief as well as plain, the whole land in both hemispheres, burdened to the gunwales, with waste and unnecessary expense which results from liquor drinking and the money that is spent for intoxicants neither feeds or nourishes and except in so far as it remunerates the saloonist and the manufacturer that money has been wasted if not worse than destroyed.

So far as the consumer is concerned it is absolute waste and so far as his moral and mental condition is effected it is all injury.

Of course, the inebriate is pitifully damaged and the moderate drinker cripples his heart, lungs and stomach until he falls an easy prey to disease. Like a ship water-logged at sea, there is everything unfavorable before a sudden storm, and the sudden storm is more than apt to come to a crippled ship.

In pneumonia the stroke is sure, almost certain death. Continual excitation of the circulation weakens and depresses the whole system until there comes a time when the machine must stop because it is too weak to move, then it is called heart failure.

This course of intoxicants is raving and raging all time. It is always increasing if one may judge of the amount taken into human stomachs by the amount sold and consumed in the selling places.

The liquor traffic is a leviathan compared to any other known business or profession, and the bulk of its profit comes out of the degradation and misery of its customers. It fat-

tens as it destroys.

Yet men will drink and then drink to excess. The more it hurts them the more determined they are to have it. Although the fiery intoxicant unfits them for living or a proper sense of what death means to their sad enthrallment, they will drink again, and the worse it hurts them the more they are bent on self-destruction by the base appetite. We are told that vodka is the inside secret of Russia's defeat before Japan. The burning stuff confuses alike the commander and the private soldier. It has demoralized their war office at home as well as the troops in the presence of the enemy at Manchuria. They are all addicted to vodka. Is it not the curse of any civilization? It was such an evil in the Philippines that vessel loads of such insane soldiers were brought over to the military hospitals for the insane in America, and the American liquor traffic entrenched itself in every public street in Manila until it became a crying shame before God and man and a cry went out far and wide against the military canteen in the American army.

There are those who say that nothing can be done except to cripple the demon, that intoxicating liquors cannot be put out and that men will have and will drink at all hazards, that it will never be prohibited.

If so, the doom of the republic has been virtually pronounced. No country can progress or prosper in attributes of manliness where there is no self control of due regard to the evils which are entailed upon those who inherit this craving for intoxicants.—Mrs. W. H. Felton in Atlanta Journal.

Rosh Hashonah.

Rosh Hashonah, known as Jewish New Year, began at sunset Friday and ended at sunset Saturday.

The day, however, does not mark the beginning of the year, but is the first day of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. It has grown by long custom to be regarded as the New Year because it is the beginning of the yearly religious revival. It is the first in a cycle of religious holy days. According to Jewish tradition there are four New Years, one marking the time from which dates are reckoned, another the year of the trees and a third indicating the fiscal year and the fourth Rosh Hashonah, the religious year.

As the years passed the Hebrews had no King, and the three celebrations have about passed out of existence, but the fourth stands, and, with the exception of the Day of Atonement, which comes ten days later, is the most sacred day of the Jewish year.

Rosh Hashonah is really the introduction to the Day of Atonement, which will be celebrated October 9th. The intervening days are regarded as days of penitence, and according to Jewish tradition, the nine days following the new year are days of half fast, and the day of atonement is a full fast day. Yom Kipper, or the Law of Atonement, begins Sunday night October 9th. Five days after the Day of Atonement comes the Feast of the Tabernacles, which continues a week, the first and last days of which are celebrated. These holidays constitute the great cycle of religious observances during the month of Tishri.

All the Jewish stores in the city were closed during the day.

Cheap Rate to Washington.

Tickets will be sold to Washington, D. C., Oct. 8th and 9th at rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, final limit Oct. 15th, but extension may be obtained to Oct. 25th, by deposit of ticket and payment of fee of fifty cents at time of deposit.

For further information regarding sleeping car reservations, etc., apply to local ticket agent, or write J. S. Hartsell, D. P. A., Tampa, Fla.

Mr. W. M. Gist has appointed Mrs. B. T. Perdue Marion county's lady commissioner to the state fair at Tampa. She was commissioner to the state fair at Lake City and was a most splendid one indeed. Mrs. Perdue will do all in her power to make our county's exhibit the best at the fair and she hopes she will have the hearty and loyal support of our people.

Dr. E. Van Hood and Mrs. Lula Porter United in Marriage.

Saturday afternoon at half past twelve o'clock Mrs. Lula Stark Porter and Dr. E. Van Hood were quietly married at the home of the bride on Fort King avenue. Rev. C. C. Carroll, of the Baptist church, performed the impressive ceremony that united the destinies of this popular couple.

Mrs. Porter wore a handsome tailor made gown of gray with a gray silk waist and hat, with gloves to match, and looked unusually well. The wedding was witnessed only by the groom's brother, Dr. Walter Hood, and several intimate friends of the bride.

The news of this wedding came rather in the nature of a surprise, as no intimation of their marriage day had leaked out. A pleasing incident of the day selected was that it was the anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. Porter's daughter, Miss Hattie Porter, now Mrs. Collier, which occurred two years ago.

Dr. Hood is one of Ocala's most prominent physicians and surgeons and has a splendid reputation all over the state and wherever he is known. He is prominent in church work, in charity work, and is one of the most popular and thoroughly liked men in the city.

Mrs. Hood is the widow of the late Rev. J. C. Porter, and has a host of friends here and elsewhere. She is also very prominent in religious circles and in good works of all kinds, and this paper unites with the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Hood in wishing them all the good things they deserve.

Immediately after the wedding they left for Jacksonville, accompanied by Mrs. Hood's daughter, Miss Bessie Porter, and sailed Sunday morning on the Comanche for New York to spend a fortnight after which Dr. and Mrs. Hood will go out west for several weeks.

Mrs. Woodrow, Mrs. Birdsey and Mrs. Maxwell Complimented.

Mrs. Jack Walker gave a buffet luncheon recently to her friends, Mrs. Frank Maxwell, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Albert Birdsey, and Mrs. David S. Woodrow, of Ocala, Fla. The house was decorated with fall flowers and potted plants, and during the afternoon numbers of prettily gowned women called. In the parlor, were the hostess and her guests received, were roses with smilax adding a charming touch of green. The library was brilliant with tall stands of goldenrod, and behind a group of tall palms Wurm's orchestra was stationed.

The dining room, where the luncheon was served, was most attractive in red tones. The center of the table was a mass of crimson nasturtiums, and the same color scheme was carried out in the further decorations of the table. Miss Julia Palmour and Mrs. Jos. Landers served Punch.

The pretty young hostess wore a summer frock of white chiffon over green silk. Mrs. Albert Birdsey wore a charming dress of white mull hand painted in blue morning glories, over a slip of blue silk. Mrs. Woodrow was in black net and Mrs. Maxwell's gown was white net embroidered in pink roses.—Gainesville, (Ga.) cor. in Atlanta Journal.

Among the guests mentioned as being in attendance at this pretty affair were Mrs. U. R. Waterman, formerly of this city, Miss Francis Bangs, of Ocala, and Miss Fleda Cannon, who has visited here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Josiah Varn.

White Bronze in Florida.

Most people do not purchase more than one family monument, but not so with Miss Jessie A. Owens, of Sparr, Fla. She is the last surviving member of her family and is determined to see that each member has a suitable monument, including a monument for herself against the time of her departure.

She saw white bronze monuments at the St. Louis exposition last year and became interested. After considerable correspondence she has placed an order with us for five monuments and two grave covers. The total value of the work is over \$2,300. It is all to be erected in the cemetery at Reddick, Marion county.—White Bronze Messenger, Bridgeport, Conn.

Orange and Lemon Growing Profitable in California.

Orange and lemon shipments from the Riverside district for the season of 1904-5 make a great showing for that county. There 6,180 cars of oranges exported out of the county, the purchase price of which was \$2,900,950. This leaves the previous season far behind.

The total sales of lemons from Riverside county amounted to 970 cars, which brought \$555,145. This is conclusive evidence that the California lemon is the fruit of the day and is fast taking the place of the Sicily product.

It is quite interesting to know the cost of caring for an orchard and the profit which accrues from the same during a good year. There is a grove at Riverside which is practically in its infancy, consisting of ten acres.

It is four years old. The care of the grove for the year was two hundred dollars; fertilizers \$160; water \$55; taxes \$50; with pruning and sundry expenses at \$35, making a total expenditure of \$500. The sale of fruit from this grove amounted in round figures to \$2,500, which less the expense, netted the owner a profit of \$2,000.

The report of the Duarte-Monrovia Fruit Exchange shows that its growers have had a profitable season this year. The total amount paid to growers, exclusive of Valencias, was \$86,830, which represents 392 carloads of oranges. All returns from Valencias have not yet been received, but those received have netted the shippers \$2.65 per box.

One grower gives his returns as \$105 per acre on ten-year old navels, and \$500 on every acre of Valencias of the same age.

One ranch in Monrovia of five acres, two of which are in Valencias, thirteen years old, received \$1,550 from these two acres. The remaining three acres of six-year old navels brought \$535. The total expense, including taxes, was \$600. This left a net return to the grower of \$1,455.

Strayed.

From Summerfield, about September 21, pointer dog; color, liver and white; about three years old. Any information as to his whereabouts will be liberally rewarded.

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Ash, per cent.....	0.011
Reducing sugar, per cent.....	0.225
Volatile acids, per cent.....	0.027
Amyl alcohol (fusel oil), per cent.....	0.073

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