

MRS. UPHAM'S ADDRESS

Able Talk on Temperance at La Crosse Convention.

Work of W. C. T. U. for the Year Very Successful.

The following is the address of Mrs. W. H. Upham of this city, President of the state W. C. T. U., which was delivered at the La-Crosse convention on October 3. The report of the convention has recently been issued:

In a late "Brewer's Journal", the statement was made that the rapid growth in Prohibition sentiment this year in the United States, demands increased action on their part to suppress and defeat it, and was alarming to their business outlook. No wonder! When the map of the United States now presents three entire Prohibition states, five others virtually total, like Texas, Tennessee and Georgia; seven more where three-fourths of their territory has placed a ban on liquor selling and six states added which have won one-half of the victory; 12 western states making rapid strides, thus including in a grand total, *thirty-three states*. Progress is phenomenal, and we may well take heart and be encouraged, in proportion as the Liquor Journals feel discouraged. Twenty-nine state legislatures have introduced bills the past winter relating to the investigation or restriction of the liquor traffic, proving this question to be most vital, before our great Republic.

But in spite of the anger of Apollyon, the last Blue Book tells us authoritatively, that out of a total number of cities, towns and villages (1454) in our state, 37-100, or or nearly half (645) are now without license, compared with the 300 of last year. A triumph for the town license law we already have, and also one for our women, who with their constant agitation, through public meetings and lectures, and educational efforts,—to say nothing of all their faith and prayer for nearly a quarter of a century—may well feel that the future harvest is in sight.

Our Press Superintendents everywhere are reminded that the credit of the growth of Prohibition sentiment in the south, is given to the free distribution of temperance literature.

When we reflect upon the good work being done everywhere through our forty departments, covering all the wants and needs of humanity, we realize why the W. C. T. U. has been called "the largest Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the World." Every department has secured some blessing, many have secured wise legislation. For the "Home," we guard the dining room, and kitchen, by our "Superintendent of pure foods and anti-alcoholics;" the library, by the vigilant "Superintendent of purity in literature and art;" the health of our loved ones, we place under the wise direction of our "Superintendent of Physical Culture." The schools, Sunday Schools and Legions," attest our interest in the most helpful of all our fields, "the children." While the foundation of all, is the "Evangelistic Department," with its far reaching blessings bestowed upon sailors and soldiers and lumber camps and railroad boys, prisons and jail. Lest we forget, amid life's many duties, to enjoy the Sunshine, we have our superintendent of "Social meetings" to wisely suggest how best to use such hours. Yes, we are a busy set of women.

The book called "The Report of the Committee of Fifty," advocating the use of liquor socially, by a self-appointed committee of investigation, led by Prof. Atwater and others of Boston, was published in so bulky a form as evidently to reach but few readers, and this September, they have gotten out a smaller edition of it, for one dollar, hoping to get it into schools and public and private libraries, by way of a self-defense, no doubt, to their own consciences, with whom they seem ever at war. This book was so ably answered under the direction of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, our National Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, as to receive the compliment of being made a Senate document, to the great dismay and protestation of the liquor journals throughout the country. Now this able answer can be secured free by anyone who desires it; by simply writing for it. Keep a supply of these on hand—see that your teachers and libraries always have a few copies; that our guns may all be ready to silence the foolish sophistry whenever it may arrive.

Lifting up our eyes to get a bird's eye view of the growth of temperance sentiment abroad, we



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note much to cheer us. Mrs. Hunt's work there is bearing a rich reward. Last year 15,000 physicians, embracing practically the entire medical profession of Great Britain and Ireland, issued a petition for a compulsory public school law, for the study of hygiene and temperance as adopted in the United States. A London paper said, special postmen had to be employed to convey the petitions to the office in reply. The result was a course of teaching, based upon the same system used in the United States and recommended by Mrs. Mary H. Hunt for use in the public schools of the United States of America. The special committee or report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry stated that more can be done to check the degeneration caused by alcoholic drinks in this way than by expatiating of the moral wickedness of the same.

In Switzerland where the same efforts are being made, Prof. Justis Gaule of Zurich said in a late article, "The Americans by this institution (Scientific Temperance Instruction), concerning alcohol, have done their country a greater service than they think. They are transferring the 'muscle of man' to a 'nerve man', which can only be done by the early teaching, concerning the powers of the human organism, and the dangers that threaten it from alcohol." A wise educator has said, "What you want your nation to believe that put into your schools." In Paris last winter, the Poor Relief Committee issued large posters on the danger of alcohol, and in Austria the government issued 100,000 pamphlets called "Away with alcohol." In Germany Count Von Haessler, one of the Emperor's military intimates (an abstainer for 25 years), issued a protest against liquor being used in the army and said beer was deteriorating the German people. New Zealand, J. G. Wooley says, is the nearest to being a perfect republic in the world, and is the nearest to Prohibition. As we feel, we too could be, could our politicians and statesmen once get from the political power of the brewers' and distillers' leagues.

And what of the growth in the churches were alone we must ever look for the triumph of every reform movement for the stability and power? No other year stands out so triumphant. The great M. E. church has almost reached the highwater mark, in their pronounced conviction, and the Presbyterian church has closely followed after. Both declared of late that "unfermented wine fulfills every requirement at the sacrament." And then we recall Miss Willard's long time efforts, and how hard the W. C. T. U. have worked to witness this result. When they started the agitation and visited church assemblies without number, nearly all churches used alcoholic wines at the sacrament. These women blazed the way, and under God led to all this arrest of thought all over the land wherever the holy communion is

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Shot Three Wolves.

A wolf-hunting party composed of Jno. Brackendorf, Louis Thompson, Jake Wilhelm, Peter Specht, Adam Grosbier, and Tony, Chas. and Joseph Mettelka took advantage of the heavy fall of snow Thursday night, and Friday morning went out to the town of Rock where they succeeded in killing two of the animals that are so numerous this winter as to cause much alarm among farmers in different sections of the county over the safety of their stock. The wolves were "jumped" separately, the first one killed necessitating a run of about three hours which finally sought shelter in a hollow log as a result of the close pressure of the three hounds, while the second was killed in the open after a run of one hour and a half. The animals were taken to the town chairman of the town of Rock where they were scalped in the presence of that worthy, the carcasses being brought to this city and placed on exhibition in John Brackendorf's saloon where they were inspected by numerous people.

On Wednesday of this week a third wolf was killed near Woodland Academy by a party of gentlemen included in the first hunt. The animal was larger than either of the first two killed, weighing in the neighborhood of sixty pounds. The success in the capture of the wolves has caused no little excitement among local sportsmen and it is a safe prediction that some thrilling experiences will be encountered before the winter is over by hunters who intend going out.

The U. C. T. Ball.

The first annual ball of Railway City Council No. 189, U. C. T. of America will be held at the armory on Friday evening, January 12th. The arrangements are under the general direction of C. G. Rumpf, F. E. Tice and R. G. Nuss, aided by the following committees:

- Reception Committee—E. E. Ames, Jos. Mertle, W. D. Wheeler, Fred Balsch, Jos. Wright, H. C. Eiche.
 - Committee on Decorations—F. E. Tice, P. O. Drinkwitz, Wallace Taplin.
 - Committee on Supper—I. Brody Otto Backhaus, W. A. Wesler.
 - Floor Committee—Geo. Huntzicker, Chas. H. Gay, C. A. Johnson.
- The invitations are in imitation of a mileage book bearing the program of dances, concert numbers etc.

Ella L. Coon Divorced.

The following clipping, taken from the Evening Wisconsin under date of Dec. 21, will be of interest to Marshfield people:

Ella L. Coon has been granted a divorce from Charles A. Coon, former deputy railroad commissioner of Wisconsin and a familiar political figure, on the ground of desertion and non-support. The decree was granted by Judge Halsey by default, Coon making no defense to the charges. The complaint in the case sets up that the parties were married in Grand Rapids, Wis., April 24, 1878, and that Coon is 48 years old and his wife 46. Two children were born to them, both of whom are living. The defendant was executive clerk for Gov. Upham for two years and was deputy railroad commissioner during Gov. Scofield's first term. The next two years he was second assistant game warden and afterward was identified with the stalwart organization known as the "Eleventh Story league." For some time he has been unemployed. His present residence is Madison, and Mrs. Coon is conducting a boarding house in Milwaukee.

Married at Cedarhurst.

Miss Ina Belle Dow and Sam E. Fike of Detroit, Mich., were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Harriett Dow, in Cedarhurst, Rev. A. B. Soule performing the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and intimate friends. The parlors were handsomely decorated for the occasion and Mrs. Chubb of Chili rendered the wedding march. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Una Dow of this city, a sister of the bride, and L. A. Miller of Rosendale. Mr. and Mrs. Fike left for Park Falls for a short visit. They will be at home at Detroit after Jan. 15. The guests from this city were Miss Dow and Mrs. Russell and daughter Ethel. The bride and groom are well known and highly respected in this section.

Basket Ball January 5.

The Marshfield high school team and the Stevens Point normal team will meet in a great game of basket ball at the armory on Friday evening, January 5. The game will be a hard-fought contest and the score should be very close. The normal team is one of the best in the state and the high school boys expect to wrest the championship from them if skill and gameness can do it.



To The Public

We wish to extend our thanks to the public for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed during the past year, and during the Holiday season now drawing to a close.

New Year's shoppers will still find many articles of beauty and utility suitable for New Year's gifts at our store.

With best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year to all our friends and patrons, we are,
Yours for business,
ROSE BROTHERS.

More Premiums for 1906

Our experience with the Trading Stamp premium plan during the year just closing has been so successful that we have decided to still further increase our list of premiums for 1906.

R. B. trading stamps are a direct product of this store—issued by us—redeemed by us. They have no connection with any stamp concern. Ask to see the display when in the store, and learn our plan of stamp saving.



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Beginning January 2nd,
Ending, January 15th.....

Stock is all New

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