

Mr. Murphy's Opinion.

Mr. Francis Murphy is a well known and successful advocate of temperance principles. The following are his views, as expressed in an interview on prohibition in the United States. A very great many temperance people will not agree with his conclusions but they are worthy of consideration even when not accepted. He said:—

"The defeat of prohibition everywhere is a good victory for temperance. Prohibition is Phariseism, fraud and hypocrisy. It is an attempt to bring the Church and State together again. The people will not permit it. When preachers band themselves together to get the Legislature to enact laws to regulate the morals of people they are going counter to the will of God. The sale of whiskey must be restricted, and the man who applies for a license must be known to be respectable and trustworthy before he is permitted to sell liquor. In truth, the liquor traffic should be in the hands of good men. It sounds paradoxical to say this but I mean it. A man of judgment and with the right spirit, standing behind a bar, will refuse to sell to a man who is a habitual drunkard. Statutory laws do not stop the sale of whiskey, and the best thing that can be done is to regulate and mitigate the evil in a legitimate way. In Maine, whiskey is sold in every town. Of course prohibition works splendidly in Maine because the people there know they can get whiskey whenever they desire it. They are contented with the fraud that is going on. The law is a dead letter.

"It takes two men to commit a crime. The man who drinks is not going to swear against the dispenser of drinks. You never hear of the man who gets a drink being arrested. Then, when the seller is arrested, who in the neighborhood is going to swear that he bought a drink from him? Those summoned to testify can only remember that the accused sold milk or lemonade, and so the farce of trying to carry out prohibition is ended. The men who sign the temperance pledge rarely fail to keep it. If they do backslide seven or more times I do not despair, but keep at them to reform. When the true spirit of the Lord gets hold of them they are drunkards no more.

"It was time for the people of Pennsylvania to rise and assert themselves. The death-knell of prohibition is sounded. We are going forward instead of backward, and these great victories against prohibition are temperance victories. High license and restrictive measures will promote the cause of temperance, and the people are sensible enough to see it."

Be sure and call at R. B. Porter & Co.'s this week and see their new dress materials. They have marked them at astonishing low prices. The sale is going on.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

LONDON, July 25.—This is the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone. The Queen telegraphed congratulations, and the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal family sent letters to them. The Prince of Wales sent a gold inkstand to Gladstone, a number of liberal ladies presented a portrait of Gladstone with his grandson, painted by Millais. A large number of other presents were received. Gladstone rose early and attended morning services. The family took breakfast together at their James street residence. An immense number called during the day.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 26.—A courier arrived yesterday from the West Forks region. He says the river rose 32 feet in four hours. Nothing can be heard from the country along the upper waters. On the Sandyville an immense drift pile, over one mile long, is full of houses and bodies of sheep, horses and cattle.

A band of thieves has been stealing from the already distressed people, who have armed themselves and swear they will lynch every man caught in unlawful acts.

The county commissioners report that the section is completely ruined and say relief is needed immediately. Twenty-five of the dead have been identified. At Wadesville not a single store is left and at Morristown only two houses remain.

It is impossible to enumerate individual losses. The loss in this county will exceed \$500,000. Writ and Jackson counties are nearly ruined.

ROME, July 28.—The vatican and quinal are doubly guarded owing to receipt of information of a plot to blow up both with dynamite. It is rumored the departure of the Pope will be forcibly resisted. Government secret police watch the exits of the vatican.

VIENNA, July 28.—A cyclone in Hungary, Transylvania and Bukovina to-day swept over several thousand square miles of territory. Hundreds of persons were killed, crops destroyed and enormous damage done to houses and churches. The districts of Crosswonde in Zegedin and Mohacs were completely ravaged.

Curious Transmittal of Scarlet Fever.

In 1846 a boy of eight years, the brother of the narrator's wife, was taken down with scarlet fever and died. One of the principal amusements of his illness had been looking over a large picture book. After his death this, with several other useful play things, was packed away in a trunk. Twenty-six years later, in 1872, the sister-in-law of the editor took his trunk with her on a journey which she made to England where he was then residing. The trunk was opened the second day after its arrival and the picture book was taken out and presented to the editor's two-year-old son. During the next fortnight the little fellow was attacked by scarlet fever. It was a wonder to the doctors who were called in consultation how the disease had been contracted, as there had been no scarlet fever in the town for years. At last it occurred to the editor that the picture book might have transmitted the disease, and the medical men in attendance, on being told the facts connected with it, agreed that it had retained the poison for twenty-six years and communicated it to the child.—*Boston Pilot*.

RING, MERRY BELLS.

From the *Pee Dee Index*, published at Marion, S. C., we extract the following bridal notice, which will be read with interest by many of our subscribers, with whom the Professor is so popular:—

"On Monday evening the Baptist Church was the scene of a happy marriage, the contracting parties being Prof. W. F. Watson, one of the most talented members of the faculty of Furman University, and Miss Clara, the youngest daughter of Mr. G. A. Norwood, of Marion. A large number of people assembled to witness the happy and auspicious event. The decorations of the church were elaborate and beautiful in design. The rostrum was a bower of floral loveliness, the choicest treasures of greenhouse and garden being used to brighten and beautify and adorn it. Bouquets, garlands, festoons, wreaths and living plants, in unique designs and tastefully arranged, made a scene of tropic beauty and brilliancy. In the centre, amid a mass of green and scarlet foliage and flowers, a fountain played, throwing up a tiny stream of spray that flashed like diamonds in the noonday sunlight. Suspended above the chancel was a marriage bell beautifully designed and made of flowers of snowy whiteness. A few minutes after 7 o'clock the bridal party was announced and Miss Virginia Edwards, of Palmetto, who presided at the organ, played Mendelssohn's Grand Wedding March to usher them to their places. The ushers, four in number, preceded the attendants, Messrs. C. S. Mullins and J. D. Carroll in the left aisle and Messrs. J. C. Watson and Walter Wilkins in the right. Following them came the groomsmen, Messrs. H. H. Watkins, of Greenville, and D. F. Houston, of Spartanburg, in the right aisle and opposite them in the left aisle Messrs. A. H. Donaldson and R. A. Ford, of Greenville, then Messrs. A. J. Howard, of Effingham, and Thaddeus Jones, of Florence, in the right aisle and Messrs. Hartwell Edwards and Samuel Norwood in the left aisle. Following these were the bridesmaids, Miss Virginia Brodie, of Leesville, and Miss Josephine Norwood, of Greenville, in the right aisle and Miss Sallie Edwards and Miss Alice Jones, of Florence, in the left; then Miss Mary Davis and Miss Nannie Gregg, of Marion, in the right aisle and Miss Julia Mullins, of Marion and Miss Lucia Patrick, of Anderson, in the left. Then in the right aisle came Mr. Lewis Wardlaw Parker, of Greenville, who acted as 'best man' and Miss Lulu Norwood, the first bridesmaid, while opposite them in the left aisle, two little flower girls, looking as bright and piquant as fairies, preceded the bride and groom as they walked slowly down the aisle and took their place before the officiating minister, the bride standing beneath the marriage bell. The ceremony was beautiful and impressive and was performed by Rev. W. A. Wilkins, of Baurort, an uncle of the bride, assisted by the pastor of the church, Rev. T. D. D. Clarke.

Immediately after the marriage ceremony the wedding party, accompanied by a number of invited guests, repaired to the elegant home of Mr. G. A. Norwood where a delightful reception was held until 11 o'clock.

The bride was the recipient of many elegant presents from her many friends in Marion and elsewhere. At nine o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Watson left for New Brunswick, Canada, Mr. Watson's former home, where they will spend the Summer. The bride was one of Marion's fairest and most popular young ladies and she has hosts of admirers and friends here whose best wishes will accompany her through life.

The following is a description of the costumes worn by the bride and her lady attendants:—

The bride wore a very handsome costume of white Ottoman silk with a front of pearl beaded smocking, orange blossoms and veil. Miss Lulu Norwood—White surah silk, lace and pearl ornaments, diamonds. Miss Julia Mullins—White Henrietta cloth trimmed with moire ribbons, cameos. Miss Lucia Patrick—Cream Henrietta cloth and surah. Miss Sallie Edwards—Cream Albatross. Miss Alice Jones—Cream Albatross. Miss Josephine Norwood—White Henrietta and plaid moire. Miss Virginia Brodie—Gloria cloth, moire silk trimmings. Miss Mary W. Davis—White Nun's Veiling, Valenciennes lace trimmings, diamonds. Miss Nannie Gregg—Cream Albatross, trimmed with surah silk, with very beautiful front of hand embroidered pond lilies, diamonds."

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Provincial Appointments.

Hon. William Pugsley a commissioner of the lunatic asylum, in the room of R. J. Ritchie, resigned.

Archibald McMillan of Denver, Colorado, a commissioner under chapter 36 of the State of Colorado.

Carleton—Edward McCallum, Stephen G. Orser, Charles Snow, Michael P. Hicks and Charles Gallivan, justices of the peace.

Madawaska—A. Rainford Balloch, Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Peace, in the place of Barry R. Plant, resigned.

His honor the lieutenant governor has been pleased to constitute a local board of health for the health district of the county of York, No. 3, under "The Public Health" Act, 1887, chapter 3 of 50th Victoria, and to appoint:—

David R. Moore, M. D., M. P. P., Stanley; John G. Owens, M. D., Southampton; Benj. Coburn, M. D., Bright; Beauman Newton Keith, M. D., Harvey; George A. Haggerty, Dumfries, as members of the said board; and that David R. Moore, M. D., be chairman of the board.

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The Queensland Government, it is said, derives a revenue of £12,000 a year from advertisements on the backs of postage stamps.

Lake Superior is the largest body of fresh water on the globe. It is 400 miles long, 160 miles wide at its greatest breadth, and has an area of 32,000 square miles.

Royal Grants.

London, July 25.—The report of the parliamentary committee on the royal grants was called up in the house of commons this afternoon. Right Hon. W. H. Smith, questioned as to the amount of the Queen's savings, declined to answer and moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Labouchere moved the adoption of his substitute for the committee report, declaring that the sums given the royal family were already amply sufficient. If further supplies were needed they ought to be provided through retrenchment in the expenses of the royal household and not by fresh demands upon the taxpayers. Labouchere proceeded to explain how the reduction of the queen's household would produce a sum necessary to provide for junior royalties. If the useless offices of lord chamberlain, lord steward, the master of the horse, the master of buckhounds, eight lords in waiting, eight grooms in waiting, four equeiries and a number of others were abolished an ample sum would be left for the purpose mentioned.

Samuel Story, member for Sunderland (radical) seconded the amendment.

Gladstone said he was averse to all measures of economy that impaired the dignity and splendor of the Crown. He therefore supported the government and rejoiced that occasion was given him to testify that in his old age he did not forget the services he had borne many years in connection with his office as representative of the crown.

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Provincial Liberal Association.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Liberal Association of New Brunswick was held at St. John last week, Mr. Alexander Rogers, of Riverside, Albert, the president, was in the chair. After routine business, the following named gentlemen were elected officers of the association:

Alexander Rogers, president.
George V. McLaerney, vice-president for Kent.
C. H. Clarke, vice-president for Charlotte.
J. F. McManus, vice-president for Gloucester.
George Haddow, vice-president for Restigouche.
B. N. Shaw, vice-president for Carleton.
N. Shaw, vice-president for St. John.
Peter McSweeney, vice-president for Westmorland.
Z. R. Everett, vice-president for York.
Dr. Bernier, vice-president for Madawaska.
L. P. Farris, vice-president for Queens.
Charles Harrison, vice-president for Sunbury.
J. M. Kinnear, vice president for Kings.
D. G. Smith, vice-president for Northumberland.
Thomas Porter, vice-president for Victoria.
W. J. Robinson, secretary.
Edward Lantallum, treasurer.
D. E. Barryman, W. F. George, Wm. Wilson, M. P. P., Frank Pickle, J. T. Hawke, ex cutive committee.

After brief addresses from Mayor Jack, J. T. Hawke, F. McQueen and the transaction of some further business, the association adjourned to meet at a time and place to be named by the chair, it being understood that St. John, Moncton, or Fredericton would be selected as the place.

Read R. B. Porter & Co.'s advertisement in to-days' issue.

Backing Down.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—In a letter to the collector of customs at Cape Vincent, N. Y., regarding the enforcement of the alien contract labor laws, Acting Secretary Batchelder says: In view of the many complicated situations and the close business relations along the Canadian line apparently not contemplated or provided for by law, it is preferred they be submitted to the consideration of Congress before a needlessly rigorous enforcement of the law, possibly causing unnecessary hardship and financial injury to American citizens be attempted, especially in cases where there is no complaint from responsible parties.

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The Crops.

The Toronto *Empire* publishes special reports from six hundred places, covering the whole Dominion, regarding the state of crops. The prospects for a splendid harvest for nearly everything are most cheering. In Ontario there will be the greatest yield in all classes of grain known for years. Roots generally will be a big yield. Fruit is a failure, except in a few western counties. In Quebec hay is a heavy crop and grain is above the average. Reports from the Maritime Provinces show the outlook to be very favorable. In Manitoba and Territories, recent rains have improved the outlook wonderfully and there is every prospect of a good fair average.

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A Missionary's Death.

The death of Miss Ida O. Phillips is announced. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, D. D., a Free Baptist missionary in India. With her brother, Dr. J. L. Phillips, Free Baptists in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are well acquainted. Miss Phillips was thirty-three years old. She had spent most of her life in India. She returned to America in 1887, after having been ten years in active work. She came on account of impaired health. She died in Winnebago, Minn., on the 5th inst.—*Religious Intelligencer*.

LONDON, July 24.—The House of Commons last night by a vote of 230 to 76 agreed to grant a lump sum of £500,000, or, as an alternative, £20,000 annually, to build railways in Ireland.