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The Physiology Question.

Attention is again called, through the public press, to the text-book question. It might be inferred that the impression was intended to be given that only a very few were interested in this important subject which so radically concerns the foundation habits of the children and the future of their characters as citizens of the Republic. We are glad to know that Public interest is being roused, and that the agitation is not from or confined to any creed, church or organization, but is a general awakening to the fact that someone has erred in the selection of text-books in Physiology, and that we have by contract, for a period of eight years, here in Livingston Co. a book whose teaching is not in touch and harmony with the latest scientific data. Proof is being compiled, and will be given to the public in the near future if "ye editor" will give us space in his columns. The cardinal point of difference between "Essentials" and "Outlines" is, that the latter teaches that alcohol is a poison even in the smallest quantities, and that a little has the power to create an appetite for more. While the "Essentials" specifies the amount of Alcohol that can be habitually taken with impunity. From this has arisen several divergences and lines of discussion, one is an objection to "Essentials" because it contains no text proper as to the effects and dangers attending the use of tobacco.

We have a law in Illinois that should be rigidly enforced, regarding and forbidding the sale of, or giving tobacco to children sixteen years of age and under.

"Outlines" teaches the effect of this narcotic upon the different organs of the body, this giving a scientific reason for this just law upon our statute books. The statement of the old prophet that, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," is as true to-day as when it was uttered.

We all recognize the fact that if this new education is to give to the world a coming generation of intelligent total abstainers, its manuals of instruction must conform to law, and also to the following specifications. 1st.--They must teach with no uncertain sound the proven findings of science, viz. (a) That alcohol is a dangerous and seductive poison, (b) That beer, wine and cider contain the same alcohol, thus making them dangerous drinks, to be avoided, and that they are the product of a fermentation that changes a food to a poison, (c) That it is the nature of a little of any alcohol to create an appetite for more, which is so apt to become uncontrollable that the strongest warning should be urged against taking that little and thus forming this appetite. They must teach also that the effect upon the "human system," that is, upon the whole being, mental, moral and physical." I quote from the "The Great Petition" of 1887, when already thirty-two states and all the territories had Scientific Temperance Instruction laws. This will explain why Dr. Tracy revised "Essentials" which he did in 1889.

We give, in his own words on title page of the revised edition called "Outlines" "The Outlines of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" being an edition of "Essentials" of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" revised to conform to the Legislation making the Effects of Alcohol and other Narcotics a Mandatory study in Public Schools, by Roger S. Tracy, M. D. 1889. Copyright, 1884, 1886, 1889; D. Appleton Series; published by American Book Co., Chicago, New York.

Thus, you see, Dr. Tracy acknowledges that the book "Essentials" is outlawed, and any attempt to foist "Essentials" upon Livingston county by any one is helping to "Shove an old book on the people of this county."

We claim "Outlines" on terms of contract. Clause 4, which says that the American Book Co. agrees to furnish none but the "latest and best editions for the schools of Livingston county." The book is listed "Tracy's Physiology" It must be remembered that we are dealing with text and not individuals. The effort to divert the public eye is an old ruse and will not work in this case. The first and only cry of Supt. Foster was against the revision and authorship of "Outlines" you will remember in his article of Apr. 25 he said a representative of the editorial department of the W. C. T. U. arranged the text on alcoholics and narcotics and later he said Mrs. Mary H. Hunt did not deny in her article that she wrote it, and that he had told the truth in his first article. Now as he is giving some of his letters of inquiry to the public, here is one he carefully retained. Query--Why? There is such a stickler for "truth."

PONTIAC, May 5, 1892

Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Boston, Mass.
Dear Madam:--Will you kindly answer the following question in order that no injustice be done any one in the numerous controversies respecting Physiology. Did you prepare the text on alcoholics and narcotics as found in the "Outlines of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene," published by American Book Co.?

Hoping that this question may not be deemed presumptuous on my part and that I may be favored with an early answer, I am, Yours truly,

HENRY A. FOSTER.

HYDE PARK, MAY 24, 1892.
Mr. Henry A. Foster, Supt. of Schools, Pontiac, Ill.

Dear Sir:--Your favor of May 5 is received. To your question as to whether I prepared the text on alcoholics and narcotics in the "Outlines of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" published by the American Book Co., I reply, No. Dr. Tracy himself wrote the article on alcoholics and narcotics in the "Outlines of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene," at his request I read it, while it was in the manuscript, together with his entire book and made suggestions which he politely acknowledged in his preface.

Very truly,
MARY H. HUNT.

We do not dispute Dr. Tracy nor do we charge him with purloining his text. The Dr. would feel complimented by this president accusation of plagiarism. It is simply the severest, keenest satire by Mr. Foster and stands to the Dr's. credit, and is to be settled between them as no one but Mr. Foster denies the revision and authorship of "Outlines." The position he has taken is untenable. The copyright of "Outlines" stands out in bold relief, and any infringement by any person or organization is amenable to law, and thus warrants the criticisms he complains of. We only wonder that Livingston Co. does not rise en masse as has other places and drive "Essentials" with its pernicious and contradictory teaching out of our schools. Mr. Foster sent word to Mrs. Hunt while she was in Pontiac by his Asst. and a lady teacher in the Pontiac schools that he would not oppose the exchange of "Essentials" for "Outlines" provided the American Book Co. would do this without expense to the districts. Mrs. Hunt went to the Managing Director of the Co. and he agreed to do so if Supt. Foster would request it, which he now refuses to do, taking the position as seen in his last article. I am told that Prof. Foster was chairman of the text-book committee and the whole matter has been thrown by him on the shoulders of the committee, as he says: "They, not I, must effect a change if one be made." Will they do it? "The teachings of 'Outlines' is exactly the same as 'Essentials' only in language less clear."--H. A. Foster, Apr. 25.

Why so diametrically opposite now? "Consistency thou art a jewel."

Relative sales given by Chas. Barnes, CHICAGO, ILL., FEB. 24, 1892.

Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Hyde Park, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Hunt:--I have your letter of the 18th, addressed to the American Book Co. We submitted what books we had and placed the Physiology upon the same bases. * * Our agent in doing this called attention to the fact that the revised edition of the Physiology was the book having the largest sales and was more generally used. * * * Very truly,

CHAS. J. BARNES.

The "Essentials" has been published six years; "Outlines" two years. The Military Academy at West Point has adopted the "Outlines" our cadets study it; we are on a good military footing.

The citadel is captured. Pontiac having adopted "Outlines" with ringing resolutions. Two strategic "points" and a good example for others.

"Still there's more to follow!" Yours in behalf of the children of our county,

MARY L. BRUMBACH.

Electric Lights.

The thirty arc lights were turned on all over the city Wednesday night for the first time, and made a good showing and give much better satisfaction than the sixty incandescents: We believe they can be improved on by using a shade that will not confine the rays to so small a section, and thus divide the light more equally. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction regarding the incandescents being used in residences, regarding the price. The company refuse to put them in any less than regular rates. Mr. Eldredge has twenty-seven lights in his house and his monthly bill was \$16.20, or about \$200 a year. Mr. E. informs us that never was there more than one-quarter of his lights used at one time. Under such circumstances the privilege of electric light would soon beat the average Dwightite up in business. Mr. Eldredge also informs us that a gentleman from Marquette

Mich., informs him that residence lights there are only charged twelve and one-half cents each per month, whether in use or not, and that stock in that company pays eight and one-half per cent on investment, which is pretty fair returns for money.

We understand the prices in Pontiac are much cheaper than here. It is said that George Patton lights his residence with electricity from the plant there for \$36 per year; Charles Gregory \$35; McIlhuff, \$25; and that the general price for residences is from \$25 to \$36 per year. There is one thing, however, that the Dwight people have the benefit of, and that is, that the lights burn all night, while in Pontiac they do not. The people of Dwight should take advantage of the 10-light transformer price, if they don't want to burn more than ten at a time, which we think is \$3.50 per month.

Poor Crops.

We have heard it remarked by many farmers in this neighborhood that the corn crop was very poor, but we never realized the full extent of the damage the rains have accomplished until on a recent trip through Round Grove and part of Broughton. In these townships, especially Round Grove, the corn crop is in a very bad condition, a large number of pieces being utterly worthless--not worth working. There are some fine pieces where land is a little high and well tilled. In Broughton the general run is a little better, but on low land, not tilled, there will be no corn to amount to anything. The oat fields are very uneven, and some hardly worth cutting, while others will give quite a full yield.

The majority of renters this year, in this immediate neighborhood, have very little encouragement ahead for the year, they depending to a large extent upon the corn yield.

Mr. Prime, of Dwight, the most reliable crop reporter in this country, however, reports that notwithstanding the rain, the crops of the whole country will be very good, which everyone will be glad to hear.

Democratic Caucus.

Notices are up announcing the democratic caucus to take place at the town house next Saturday, the 23d, to select delegates to the convention to be held in Pontiac Tuesday the 26th. We understand that there are four candidates for circuit clerk, with Pontiac to hear from, as follows: Hugh Thompson, of Union; Chas. Axt, Odell; Mr. Ramsey, of the west end; and Geo. Franzen, of Fairbury. Are Pontiac democrats more modest than Pontiac republicans? If not, there will be at least three candidates from there. Mr. Holly, of Pontiac, seems to have no opposition for the nomination for states attorney, or Mr. Klue for coroner, and we have heard no one mentioned for surveyor. We believe it is generally understood that Jim Smith will be a candidate for the legislature, and it is possible that the party will run two again.

Picnic.

The Amusement Club picnic Tuesday was a very enjoyable affair. There were about 100 people present. They came in all kinds of conveyances by "bus loads--and by twos and ones--any way to get there. The ladies all brought a liberal supply of eatables, which were demolished as hunger overtook the picnickers. There were numerous swings, hammocks for comfort and croquet and other games for amusement. The Dwight orchestra was present and those that desired tripped the light fantastic to their hearts content. The threatening clouds scared some of those present but it was not till 11 o'clock when the last load left. It rained some, but no damage was done. It was a great picnic sure.

The Rope Walker.

The rope walker for revenue only, was in town Friday and took a stroll around on his rope. He is "onto his job" as the boys say, and so is Mrs. Ropewalker. While "the old man" as she called him, was doing business on the rope in the air, she did a little roping in on the ground with an air that would do a book peddler proud. She used such expressions as "loosen up," "flash up," etc., and probably picked up twenty to twenty-five dollars in the crowd. The rope walker walked, laid down, sat in a chair, dressed and undressed himself, and did about all there was to be done on a rope, and he didn't forget to frequently remind the crowd that he was not doing it for his health, and that his wife would attend to that matter while passing the hat.

We hope he will not meet the fate of the previous rope walker, who broke his neck shortly after visiting Dwight. We understand that if he had remained

here three or four weeks and excepted the "golden" opportunity, his neck would have been intact at present.

Solons Sit.

The city solons met in regular session Tuesday evening, and did all there was to be done and a little more.

The matter of an appropriation ordinance was discussed, and will be disposed of at the next regular meeting. The appropriations will all be larger than last year.

Kern's bake oven was discussed and was referred to the fire committee with power to act.

The sewerage question was discussed. The Alton road granted the right of way without cost to the village. J. P. McWilliams granted the right of way to the 3 I through his property for \$36, just enough to cover the loss of pasture, etc. Mr. D. McWilliams has referred the matter to his attorney, and will probably grant the wish of the people.

The way the matter now stands Mr. McWilliams, metaphorically speaking has the sewer in his inside pocket. As soon as that is settled the contract will be let right away.

The question of park commissioners still hangs fire, also the question as to who shall "make hay while the sun shines" in the park. We should advise the board to trade the hay for the right of way for the sewer. That would settle the right of hay and the right of way all at once.

The merchants and property owners on East and West streets have been talking of paving the streets at their own expense. Mr. Henry Myrick, an extensive contractor of Chicago, was present at the meeting, and gave those present an intelligent idea of what the cost would be. Brick pavement thirty-six feet wide, two layers of brick on sand, with wooden curb on one side and stone on the other, would cost about \$8 a foot. That is, if a man owned fifty feet it would cost him \$400. Good paving brick would last at least twenty-five years, and Mr. Myrick thinks would be much better for Dwight on account of the mud, and being so much easier to keep clean.

The macadamizing would cost about half or \$4 a foot, but is much harder to keep clean and will not last half as long. It is clearly evident that brick is what is needed and that thirty-six feet wide all around in front of the two blocks, 15 and 17, would be very fine.

We understand quite a number of the owners stand ready to make the improvements. That with our beautiful passenger station, parks and substantial and handsome business blocks, would make the finest business section in any town on the Alton route.

Let the good work go on, gentlemen.

Epworth League.

Among those who visited and took part in the district meeting of the Epworth League at Odell last week are Mrs. D. B. Stevens, Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. E. T. Miller, Misses Ella Fenn and Addie Baker, and Rev. Conard. A very interesting meeting was held. The Odell Gazette had the following to say regarding the Dwight people:

Mrs. D. B. Stevens, of Dwight, read a very good paper on the "Department of Mercy and Help," giving many ways in which practical Christian work can and should be done. It was one of the most practical papers read in the convention.

"The Social Meeting," a paper by Mrs. E. T. Miller of Dwight, was a portrayal of the need of more sociability in the church. The young are warmly welcomed when they attend places of worldly amusement. Why not in the church? Let us show people that we care for them.

Rev. A. Conard, of Dwight, spoke of the Epworth League reading course. Inquiry brought out the fact that none of the leagues represented in the convention were taking the course. It was explained and recommended as a very good thing.

Miss Addie Baker, of Dwight, read a short paper on the League motto, "Look up, Lift up."

Saloon License in Pontiac.

Alderman Waters, whose name would indicate prohibition drinks more than his actions, stirred up a hornets' nest when he offered a resolution to grant license, after having been elected on a no-license ticket. We understand that now he claims that he don't, nor never did intend to vote to license saloons. There may be a great deal of sense and consistency displayed in introducing a resolution to grant license, and then voting against granting license, but we fail to see it. It now comes out, so it is said, that a nice little boodle has been raised by the saloon keepers to "persuade" the council to grant license, and it may be that the two thousand "persuaded" the council to grant license, and right to go back on the people who elected him. It looks a great deal as if the alderman was "out for the stuff" or had a "wheel in his head."