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THE ANNUAL report of the Hospital for the Insane, at Catonsville, has just been issued, and it is a remarkably strong plea for increased state aid. There seems no doubt that institutions of this kind deserve the fullest support of the state, and should have much that now goes to private concerns which return little or nothing to the public—certainly not to the deserving public.

### The Special Session Question.

The present agitation of the question of calling a special session of the legislature has grown to a considerable amount of discussion from those who keep close watch on things political. While the subject is viewed largely from a partisan standpoint, and favored or opposed accordingly, there appears to be a strong sentiment against the proposition from those who are not easily led to champion mere political manoeuvres, yet who have demonstrated conclusively, within recent years, that they hold, and know how to use, the balance of power in the state.

The need for an educational qualification is recognized by many who do not indorse the special session means of securing it. It is not such an urgent matter that it cannot afford to wait at least until the regular session, a year hence, having already waited so many years. It also seems like an imposition on the tax-payers to ask them to bear the expense of a month's session at Annapolis, in order that our present law makers may be given a chance to accomplish something they left undone when regularly in session and this, indeed, without positive assurance that the end aimed at would now be accomplished.

The other reason given for the proposition—that the enumeration of the population in some sections is claimed to be incorrect, therefore, there should be a state enumeration—has less to recommend it than the first. This claim is based, largely, on the fact that the republicans, apparently, will gain a few members in the House of Representatives, which, in view of the coming election of a United States Senator, is held to be an important matter. So far as we know, there has been no positive evidence produced that the recent enumeration has been defective—only unsupported opinions to that effect.

Even if there have been errors, it would be a difficult matter, no doubt, to show that they were purposely made for partisan advantage; and, it would be still more difficult to persuade the people to believe that an enumeration under state supervision would be superior to that made by the government, or, whether it would be strictly non-partisan, especially in the light of the present agitation, which hinges wholly on this point. In fact, a state enumeration could not now be made without its having a distinct political significance, subject to all attendant possibilities.

The question of the extra expense of a special session is passed over, lightly, by the champions of the movement, the answer being given that the finances of the state are in such a condition that no addition to the rate of assessment need be made. What fallacious reasoning. The cost of the session would be paid by the people's money now in the treasury, therefore, the people would be losers, because it is the presumption that the present good condition of the treasury will eventually lead to a lower rate of taxation. If a man loses \$100.00, he is then worth that much less, even if he does not have to borrow that amount to meet current expenses.

But, there is another, and greater, item of expense than that of the special session, which would be borne by the people—the cost of a state enumeration. The two, taken together, would represent a very pretty sum to invest in a lottery. We do not believe that the great majority of the people are willing to indorse any such scheme, for the very simple reason that they are not, by any means, spoils politicians. On the whole, the extra session, if held, promises to react disastrously to the party in power at the next general election.

Although not authoritatively announced by the governor, it is considered as good as settled that he has acceded to the powerful pressure brought to bear on him, and will call the session for February or March. If this is true, then we have another powerful illustration of the politicians pulling the strings and the people footling the bills. How long will the tax-payers continue to allow themselves to be mulcted for the interests of individuals and private institutions? Can we not secure legislators for the people?

### Why Take the Chance?

Although the American plan of electing a President by "electoral votes" has never miscarried, there seems to exist an unnecessary chance that at some time, and under certain circumstances, individual action may thwart the will of the majority. Undoubtedly, the safety of the law, as it stands, rests wholly in the probity of the electors, as there is no feature of the law which compels them to cast

their votes in January for the candidates of November. Their action is entirely discretionary.

For this reason, it is esteemed a high honor to be named an elector, because the position apparently represents personified integrity. In this day of safeguards, however, when law and bond and security are used to their fullest extent in the direction of impregnable, it seems strange that this one vital point should remain uncovered except by individual honor. It is not true, that "Every man has his price," and yet, the chance of its being true, as applied to presidential electors, even though remotely so, does exist.

The electoral system, in so far as it relates to the restriction of a state's vote for a president to a certain small number of votes, is evidently proper, for many reasons. Election by direct popular vote would open the door to everything crooked and corrupt in politics, and surely lead to manufactured majorities. Under the present system, no state, no matter how corrupt its election methods, can influence a National election beyond its own borders—beyond the number of its electoral votes; but, why the law does not compel, instead of simply contemplate, the election in November to be final, instead of permitting the electors to meet in January and name a different result, is one of the questions no one seems to be able to answer satisfactorily.

The sense of honor may be as high to-day as it ever was, the faithfulness with which a "public trust" is observed is as genuine now, no doubt, as in the days of Washington; and yet, this does not answer the question, because, it is equally true that there are still Judas Iscariots and Benedict Arnolds, and always will be, no matter how carefully we may seek to avoid naming them for high positions.

### A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks.

Prof. Roxa Tyler, of Chicago, Vice President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by R. S. McKinney, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

### Abolition of the Canteen.

The action of the United States Senate last week indicates that when the Army Bill is passed it will be with a provision explicitly prohibiting the canteen. This will certainly be the case unless the Senate changes its mind, which it still has opportunity to do. We have no doubt that there is a strong interest of small liquor dealers in favor of the abolition of the canteen; we suspect that the interest of the distillers is more or less enlisted on the same side; the uncom promising temperance advocates have added a moral support to this measure; and the moderate and, as we believe, saner temperance sentiment is not sufficiently vigorous and aggressive to counteract the double, though not co-operative, influence of the liquor-dealers and the radical prohibitionists.

We can understand the position of the radicals. It may be briefly stated thus: All use and sale of alcoholic beverages is wrong; therefore the Government should not participate in such sale nor encourage such use. If we agreed with the premise, we should agree with the conclusion. It is no reply to say that the abolition of the canteen will lead to the establishment of worse places outside the camp. The possibility that worse places may be established without Government sanction does not justify the establishment of a bad place with Government sanction. We should not believe it right for Government to license regulated houses of ill fame or opium dens within the camp in order to compete with unregulated houses of ill fame and unregulated opium dens without the camp. We agree absolutely with the contention of the radical temperance reformer that we may not do evil that good may come.

But we do not agree with the premise. We do not think that all use or all sale of alcoholic beverages is wrong. That all use and all sale of alcohol is not wrong is admitted by most prohibitionists, who allow its use to be legitimate for medicinal purposes. We do not believe that science justifies any such sharp line between beverage and medicine. If drunkenness is wrong, all drinking is not wrong; whether drinking is wrong or not depends upon the time, the place, the circumstances, the person. And each person is to judge for himself as to the time, the place, the circumstance. The soldier is entitled in this respect to the same liberty which most communities award to others; he has a right to his club; he has a right to decide for himself what he will eat and what he will drink at his club. If the club proves to be a source of demoralization and disorder, the government has a right to close it, because it is a source of demoralization and disorder. But the overwhelming preponderance of testimony from army experts is that the canteen is not a cause of demoralization and disorder, that, on the contrary, it tends to reduce drunkenness and disorder, and its abolition will tend to promote drunkenness and disorder. The morality of the canteen is to be determined, not by any a priori assumption that all liquor-selling and all liquor-drinking are wrong, but by its actual results on the discipline of the army and the character of the men. Whether it is innocent or vicious depends upon whether it is helpful or harmful to the character of the individuals and of the organizations.

If the Senators who voted for the abolition of the canteen were all total abstainers, if they all personally held the radical view that all use and sale of alcoholic beverages is wrong, if by their action they imposed on the army no more stringent regulation than they impose on themselves, their action would command a greater respect than it can now command. As

it is, we feel that some of them have voted for a law which they do not really approve, because they thought the pressure was too great to be safely resisted.

We believe that the abolition of the canteen will injure the morals of the army in two ways. It will tend to keep from enlistment men who present being put under a bondage not necessary for the good of the force, and who will be unwilling to enter a service which avowedly treats them as children unable to care for themselves. And it will drive those who do enter to seek that social companionship which is vital to the welfare of men and of society in places without the camp, the social atmosphere of which will be vitiated and degrading. We regard the abolition of the canteen as a serious blow both at the army and at the cause of temperance.

—The Outlook.

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### Judged by its Newspapers.

While the giving of the news without fear of favor, in its wholesome entirety, yet with unswerving loyalty to the pure, the true, the good and that harmony in life, society, and government that may be classed as the beautiful, is the chief end of the newspaper, it is well for editors and publishers to be frequently reminded that there are other duties. The Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune says, along this line: There is the staid old newspaper that runs along in the same old groove year after year, and there is the newspaper that has sufficient enterprise to keep up with the times. The latter is, properly speaking, the modern newspaper. A newspaper of that character necessarily does much for the community in which it is published. A town is judged very much by the character of the newspapers published within its borders. There are thousands of men and women who see the newspapers of Great Falls who have never seen the town.

So it is the civilized world over. Such people know nothing of the town but what they learn from its newspapers. If these papers impress it favorably a good opinion of the town is formed. This impression, whatever it may be, is circulated wherever the people who have it happen to go. So it is that a town becomes known by the character of its newspapers. There is the subservient newspaper and there is the independent newspaper. The latter is one that upholds the right, protests the weak and exposes the wrong. The former is one that is governed in its utterances by expediency. For fear of losing business or some man or men's favor it dare not say what it knows to be right, and it often says what it knows to be wrong. A paper of that character is not of much value to a town, at least morally speaking, while one that dares to say what is right, to uphold honesty and denounce dishonesty, can do untold good to any community.

### How Long Will Foreign Missionary Work be Needed?

Foreign missions have been the glory of the nineteenth century. The contributions of the churches in Christian lands for their maintenance have been swelling year by year. There is no doubt that this growth should continue. The status of Christianity in non-Christian lands is not yet such that aggressive work by foreign Christians for the kingdom of their Redeemer can be diminished. But a certain dismay has beyond question come to many Christians in view of a supposed indifference and uninterested attitude upon Christendom for increased contributions for foreign mission work. The question has arisen, when is this to stop? To this question the points presented afford an answer. There will be a culmination in foreign missions. A time will come when expenditures for this work may and ought to begin to diminish. The quickness with which the turning-point may be reached depends on the energy and liberality of the Church of Christ in the early years of the twentieth century. The nations of the earth are in a tumult. All the world is about to be open to the preaching of the Gospel of Christ as never before. Bold, aggressive labor for its kingdom, on lines of the best methods, will be more effective in the twentieth century than in the nineteenth. By a few years of strenuous labor and liberal giving, a mighty transformation will be wrought. By wise and adequate labors, Christianity may be made paramount in every nation on earth in the early years of the twentieth century.—From "Foreign Missions in the Twentieth Century," by Edmund F. Merriam, in the American Review of Reviews for January.

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