

PROHIBITION PARS.

Alcoholism, agent in all physical and moral degeneracies, is moving on to the destruction of our land. I cannot too much insist on the literal truth of the sorrowful prediction, and I affirm that one can inscribe this formula over all the drink shops of France: "Finis Galliae."—Dr. Dupre, eminent French physician.

The campaign in Egypt was a tee-total campaign. We drank the Nile, and nothing added. In no other part of the world have I seen a force of men so fit and well.—General Grenfell, 1896.

It is strange that we always find whisky and crooked politics hand in hand. It is now a question of whether the liquor interests are to dominate your parties, dominate your public life, and dominate your Government.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Major-General Leonard says:—"So far as the Army is concerned, the nation has been dry. We could not have accomplished 30 per cent. of the work we did if it had not been our men in the camps were always fit and ready to work, due solely to the fact that the camps were dry."

"The water wagon is a sort of Car of Jug-or-not."

"The Sahara Desert at one time was the largest dry area on earth."

"We shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our corkscrews into buttonhooks."

Testifying as an expert witness lately, an American doctor for mental diseases said that no one can drink alcoholic liquors without the cells of his body becoming affected. It is immaterial, he asserted, whether the use of alcohol is excessive or ordinary. Alcohol is what is known as a cellular poison, affecting the cells of the body generally. The doctor explained that if alcohol is taken in ordinary quantities the body can throw off the poison without that effect, but if taken in more than ordinary quantities for a continuous period, the temporary changes in the cells become permanent, and the whole body soon is in a state of cellular degeneration. In some cases the breakdown is rapid, in others slow. But the doctor declared the individual does not live whose cells are not affected by the continued use of alcohol.

The Supreme Court of Maine has handed out a decision that Jamaica ginger is an intoxicant, and its sale or possession is held unlawful. Three different grades were in one lot seized containing respectively 25, 28, and 55 per cent. of alcohol.

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