THE LIQUOR DEALERS

R. RANKIN DIVIDES THEM INTO THREE CLASSES.

They Are the Jointist, the Druggist and the Licensed Rum Seller.
—The Lecture To-Night.

A small audience assembled at the First Christian church last night to hear Mr. Rankin's lecture on saloon keepers. The speaker divided the liquor dealers into three well known classes: the jointist, the unlicensed rum seller, and the licensed rum seller. Rankin seemed to the second class in view of purposes to sell liquor to other places to serve the market, an The dangerous was to be avoided. When he could not reduce his customers to the point of not buying illegal liquor, he would sell it for the purpose of getting a profit. He spoke of the business of liquor, and as it is more profitable than any other business, the business men who are not in the liquor business are not entitled to the support of the business men who are in the liquor business. He, in whose favor a claim for the support of the liquor business has been made, has a claim against the liquor business of the Union. He said that the life of society is Christ, the Son of God, and that the duty of the church is to care for the sick and the poor. The speaker closed with a forwardance to the time when Kansas, and every other state in this Union will be free from the curse and the blight of the liquor business. He said that when the states are free from the saloon and the fruits are united, the wave of public opinion will sweep everything before it, and America will have national prohibition.

Mr. Rankin holds his audience with the power of a practiced orator. He uses humor and pathos in a forcible and artistic manner, and speaks with an earnestness that carries conviction to his hearers. Mr. Rankin speaks this evening.

and Oklahoma has decreased to less than 15 per cent of the whole, and another year's time will see it less than 5 per cent. Cypresses and Washington spruce are rapidly taking the place of the remaining demand that yellow pine had not already absorbed. The decreased production of white pine has so advanced the price of that product that actual competition between the two products has resulted from the Missouri river, where the yellow pine product met its fifteen years ago, to a distance 700 to 1,000 miles farther east.

GRAIN DEALERS MEET.

Kansas Association in Annual Session at Representative Hall.

The third annual meeting of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association is in progress in Topeka, with 15 delegates in attendance. The meeting began yesterday.

BOYS ORGANIZE A LEAGUE.

They Pledge Themselves to Abstain.

The lecture "Burning His Brain," given last night by Dr. Struble, was so well received at the First Methodist church that the audience was not able to appreciate the message of the lecturer, who said that the use of tobacco was a danger to the public health.
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A scene from the lantern slide photoplay adaptation of the Rev. Mr. Charles M. Sheldon's famous novel, In His Steps. Here, the managing editor of the Raymond Daily News confronts the owner-editor (left) with a warning that the paper is headed for bankruptcy if he continues to publish it as a Christian daily. The background printing is a portion of p. 4 of Sheldon's actual Christian daily edition of the Topeka Daily Capital of March 15, 1900, an experiment that was inspired by the fictional Raymond Daily News. Several authorities believe that the 150-slide series illustrating In His Steps, made in 1900, and owned by John W. Ripley, author of the feature article beginning on p. 1, represents the first photoplay adaptation of a best seller.