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TEACHINGS OF THE DRAMA. The Paris correspondent of the London "Times" writes to that journal as follows in commenting upon Octave Mirbeau's new play at the Renaissance Theater in Paris, "Les Mauvais Bergers," in which Sarah Bernhardt plays the part of a starving revolutionist, shot down upon the barricades:

It is not so much of the piece in itself that I wish to speak as of its being a type of a school, a sign of a growing tendency, in which light it is worthy enough of the attention of the British public—perhaps as a salutary warning.

I have already said that the license of the press in respect of social drama is having judicial censure are paralyzing authority. The most dangerous theories are now being placed upon the stage; the imaginations of the uncultivated are being fired by ideas for which they are not prepared; the animosity, not only of classes, but of social groups, is being sown abroad; and as if we had not yet divisions enough we are now having, with all the prestige of art and superior stage setting, the inflammatory theories of the socialist club.

"Repas Du Lion," given the other night at the Ambigu, was a sort of lecture. It was admirably constructed, but the dramatic interest was sacrificed wofully to the theoretic exposition of the social question. In this new piece by M. Mirbeau, we have gone a step farther. The very life blood of the revolutionary drama throbs in this dramatic play. We are shown men who protest and believe that the employer is oppressing them simply for his own pleasure, using them up as if they were automata, not only without soul, but without flesh and blood. Here, as ever, in this new type, the employer is a selfish and ferocious tyrant and the workman a long-suffering slave. To make matters worse, in M. Mirbeau's piece woman is associated with the work of revolution, and, in fact, becomes its apostle.

There is probably some exaggeration, but unquestionably, a great deal of truth in the foregoing extract. Something of the same tendency referred to by the "Times" correspondent is noted in this country. The dramatic stage is a great teacher. It preaches and teaches to a larger audience than does the pulpit, to an audience more susceptible to the insidious encroachment of error upon the domain of truth.

Obviously the truth is the thing for both pulpit and stage to deal with, but when either appeal to passion and prejudice they commit themselves to error, because passion and prejudice are always wrong—in degree, at least.

In this country of all others, there is the least reason for preaching any doctrine that is inflammatory and calculated to create hatred and distrust among people of the common country. Reference is made to socialistic teaching by the correspondent. We assume that he means the radicalism of socialism. For conceding that there is much that is true, good and uplifting in the greater socialistic theories, there is much in even the attempt to radically apply them, that is dangerous and calculated to defeat the very end sought to be attained.

The drama on the American stage to-day is quite largely influenced by these, they appeal to passion, to the cultivation of class hatreds; it is given to much fanning of the flames of ignoble, not worthy, discontent. Happily in America, where every man is an active and visible unit in the Government, and where there are no limitations upon political or social ambitions, there is not much soil ready for the planting of the seed of anarchy and revolution. That there is room for social and political reform is undeniable, but the way to these with us is through and by means which demand neither the stimulus of passion nor the prejudice of hatred and selfish seeing.

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of the road construction and practical illustrations from its progress. It is to be hoped that this example will be followed by many institutions throughout the Union. The prospect for road-building in the future is so extensive that there will be great need of skilled road engineers and inspectors. If the proposed plan for the establishment of postal savings banks and the investment of the surplus deposits in road bonds should be adopted, there may be no limit to road construction except in the number of experts available for carrying it on in a proper manner. The United States Office of Road Inquiry, we are assured, will at all times be ready to co-operate in plans for the training of such experts either through sample road building or general instruction, and in this manner effectually to "assist the Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations," as required by law, "in disseminating information upon this subject," to the full extent of its means.

They make no concealment now in South Carolina of intention by hook or by crook to disfranchise the negro. One Journal favoring it declares that it is less injurious than is unrestricted suffrage, except the negro is by education first qualified to exercise the voting privilege. The trouble about that is, that the laws of the Federal Union written into the Constitution and sealed with the blood of patriots, declares the suffrage a right, not a privilege. South Carolina insists that her purpose is not to wholly exclude the negro from the ballot box, but to continue the effort to fit him for useful and intelligent citizenship, and as he develops capacity to admit him to the full exercise of the ballot. While a State may attach certain regulations as requirements, such as educational qualifications, etc., these must not be exceptional, but run to all citizens alike. If South Carolina keeps within such limits, it is not likely that there will be any serious objection. But if the regulations turn out to be proscriptive and unequal in operation, and to work the practical disfranchisement of the negro while giving full liberty to the white citizen, South Carolina will find itself in a sea of trouble.

The industrial number of the Portland "Oregonian" issued on the 1st inst., was a triumph of clean, manly journalism by one of the ablest and most self-respecting and courageous papers of the country. The number consisted of sixty pages, devoted to illustration and exposition of the trade industries, production and business activities, social life and institutions of the region in which the "Oregonian" mainly circulates. Most of the space and attention are given to the Klondike business, and in that connection the paper presents a large and superior map of the new mining region.

Probably in every case of popular estimate of the wealth of rich men there is great exaggeration. The complete inventory of the Fair estate has, after eleven months' search and valuation, been filed and shows that the estate is worth a little over twelve and a quarter millions of dollars. Yet there was no previous estimates which fell short of \$90,000,000. In nearly every case it is noticeable that the real wealth of millionaires falls much below the popular estimation.

The Riverside "Press" New Year's annual, is a large quarto volume of nearly sixty pages, well bound and in an illuminated and tasteful cover. The pages overflow with very fine half-tone pictures, illustrative of the homes, business and industries of that section, concerning which the text treats fully. It is typographically a very handsome affair, is a credit to the community, and may justly be a source of pride to the enterprising journal that issued it.

The Board of Aldermen of Chicago have passed an ordinance over the Mayor's veto that gives every member of the board a clerk at a salary of \$1,500 a year. Eight of the Aldermen have appointed their wives to such clerkships, and others will do so, while the unmarried section is busily engaged in passing upon applications by pretty typewriter girls for the places. So goes woman down the social scale.

The chaps who bolted the Republican party in Ohio and clasped palms with the Democrats to help the latter down the Republican party, now object to being called "Democrats." They say we are, or were for the time, simply ex-Republicans. Well, well, no matter what the name, the thing remains.

Goldwin Smith says that the Kingdom of Great Britain is the only nation with which the United States of America ever waged serious war. That is true, and it is also true that she whipped England every time and when she was relatively better equipped than she is now, our condition in the revolutionary era, and in 1812-14 being taken into account.

All honor to the man or men who suggested and had carried into effect the new method of marking the steamrooms and apartments for the sexes on cars and steamboats. Instead of "Ladies" and "Gentlemen" staring one in the face from the transoms of these rooms, we now find respectively the words "Women," "Men." Who said that the world does not move?

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VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

Utah Press: It is not likely that the United States will be compelled to do battle for her rights in China, but that she is not likely to be compelled to do so mainly to the chief benefit would be a very potent factor in determining now doubtful issues in favor of such of the European powers as espoused her cause. And after the present phase of the Chinese question has disappeared, whether Britain, Japan, Germany or Russia be the chief beneficiary of the settlement, Hawaii will be even more coveted by foreign powers than it now is. The Chinese problem once solved, Hawaii certainly will become a European or a Japanese possession, unless it speedily be made a part of the United States.

THE BOOK HUNGER. The State Teachers' Association has again passed resolutions condemning the system of State publication of text books. This seems to have become the regular thing with that body, but it is a little remarkable that the resolutions are always submitted at the teachers' meetings almost at the last moment, when there is little time for debate, and the teachers are tired and want to go home. So far as can be seen from the published reports of what debates were had there were neither facts cited nor arguments employed against the books or the system, the objections resting on empty declarations that the books were not good and the system a failure. So far as the word "system" applies to the methods employed by those in charge of the publications, the assertion calls for no discussion, as it is employed to imply that the principle of the State publishing the text books used in its schools is bad. The method pursued has not resulted in producing books as good as they should be, but it is evidence that the State Board of Education has not done its duty in the selection of editors. This is evidence that the State Board is not in sympathy with the law, but rather leans toward the book ring.

ARE THEY TOO SEVERE? Oakland Tribune: Sometimes it seems as if our criminal laws are just a little too severe. As an example, take the case of a man who was sentenced to the state prison, in accordance with the statutes, to State Prison for life by Judge Wallace. His offense was that he had an accomplice had "rolled" a man in a saloon and taken \$10 from him. In a newspaper account of the case it appears that the man who was convicted committed the trouble with the prisoner was that there was a "prior" against his name, and that was what caused the "life."

HAWAIIAN DISCUSSION. San Diego Union: It appears that the Senate tonight, as was to be expected, will pass the Hawaiian annexation treaty in open session. There seems to be no secrecy whatever as to what is being said and done in the matter. In any event, very full accounts of the proceedings are afforded by the press associations, and only a very few details should appear in the newspapers. The whole country are vitally interested in this Hawaiian matter, and there is a prevalent sentiment that if this republic is to make so radical a departure from its traditional policy as is involved in this annexation, it should know the precise grounds on which this step is to be taken. The secrecy of executive sessions, however, appears in the present case to be a harmless fiction, so the people will not quarrel with the Senate's methods in the matter. 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