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Our Ballot Law & Model.

The recent elections have called attention to the fact that the so-called Australian ballot laws of most of the states are a long way from the pure system as exemplified in Minnesota and Massachusetts.

The straight ticket laws are vicious in more than one respect. They put a premium on ignorance by their kindergarten symbols which stand with the illiterate voters instead of a party name, and they put a handicap on independence by making it easier to vote straight than to split a ticket.

Reminiscence of Gladstone. The new British cabinet is decidedly reminiscent of Gladstone liberalism. At its head is Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who was Gladstone's secretary for war, an ardent home ruler and so-called little Englander.

The Frigate Constitution. The fire of indignation is kindled in Boston. People there are so mad at Secretary Bonaparte that they cannot digest their baked beans. His cold-blooded recommendation that the old frigate Constitution be towed out of the harbor and sunk with a shot from a modern gun-rank in the Bostonian boom to the exclusion of every other sentiment.

The Russian government is said to approve a railroad from Siberia to Alaska. But it doesn't make much difference what the government of Russia approves just now.

her up. On the contrary, the old ship was the center of interest at the recent centennial celebration of Nelson's victory. One cannot but believe that Secretary Bonaparte has needlessly wounded the sensibilities of the American people.

What Russia Lost. What Russia lost in the way of progress toward the open sea was not all expressed in the surrender of Port Arthur. A grand strategic opportunity in another direction was sacrificed by Japan being thrown back not only from the Pacific but from the Indian ocean as well.

The Japanese-British treaty seems now to have shut Russia out from any effective move toward Herat, but of this military experts are not so certain. They point out that if Russia should be at war with England she would have to maintain a large army on the borders of Korea to prevent Japan from rendering any effective assistance to her ally in India.

Education of the Indian. We have for Indian commissioner now a man who has made a study of the Indian problem for a good many years in connection with his work as a journalist. Francis E. Leupp, for a long time Washington correspondent of the New York Post, now commissioner of Indian affairs, in his current annual report says some interesting things about the Indian problem.

CLEVER TALE OF A CLEVER FOX. One takes quite as much interest in Red Fox, the hero of a book by the same name written by Charles G. D. Roberts as he would in human hero. The reader's interest is thoroughly awakened by the heroic self-sacrifice of the father of Red Fox in a vain effort to save his family.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THOSE WHO SEEK A COUNTRY HOME. Many there are who would like to have a country home, but the expense is in the way. A Self-Supporting Home, by Kate V. Saint Maur, tells how the author, inspired with the thought that "instead of waiting for the acquisition of fortune to realize a desire, she might as well begin at once to help acquire some of the fortune."

THE TRUE STORY OF PAUL REVERE. Charles Ferris Gettemy, in a book bearing that title, gives a concise and unbiased record of the career of one of the most interesting and picturesque heroes of the revolutionary era. He corrects many errors regarding the main events of Lowell's life, but the author is not to blame for that; the fault is rather with the poet for having allowed the errors to get into his story.

SNAPSHOTS OF WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS. Silas A. Lottridge, a camera hunter of wide and long experience, has put some of the results of his labor in forest and field into a book that cannot fail both to entertain and to instruct. The results are in the form of pen sketches and half-tones from photographs taken by the author in the field.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL YEAR-BOOK. Second Series.—Quotations for every day in the year showing the laws, the ways, the means, the methods for gaining lasting health, happiness, peace and prosperity—arranged with some reference to their chronology, beginning with Genesis and ending with the authors of today. Compiled by Janet Young. Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco. \$1 net.

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THE OPEN BOOK

By W. P. Kirkwood. A TALE FULL OF RARE HUMOR.—One of the best books of the season, indeed, a book of high quality for any season, is "The Mayor of Troy," by A. T. Quiller-Couch. It is a picture of the life of the Cornwell peasant, and the small nobility. But he who has even a little humor in his makeup will enjoy it to the full.

On Tuesday evening, in the university chapel, the annual freshman-sophomore debate for the Peavey-Dunwoody prizes, the most interesting underclass event of the year, will take place, and during the last two months the members of the two teams have been busy preparing to uphold the honor of their classes on the rostrum.

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CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS, NEW YORK. \$1.50. The Architectural Record for December has for its leading article "The Chateau de Vaux-le-Viscompte," by Frederic Lees, a description of a magnificent palace thirty miles from Paris, usually overlooked by tourists.

AMUSEMENTS. Bijou—"The Funny Mr. Dooley." After seeing the show, one is moved to bow in veneration before the master clairvoyant mind that prepared the headlines on the playbills for "The Funny Mr. Dooley," the successful musical comedy.

WILLIAMS' PLACE NOW THREATENED. Democratic Leader in House, Warring with Hearst, May Be Deposed. Journal Special Service. Washington, Dec. 11.—John Sharp Williams, the democratic leader in the house of representatives, is in grave danger of being deposed as party leader as the result of a serious row, which has been brewing in the party during the last few days.

Orpheum—Modern Vaudeville. Cherous girls, magic, monolog, trained puppets and slapstick, the new vaudeville of nations at the Orpheum this week. It is a bill of widely varying novelty and merit, but furnishes an evening of good entertainment.

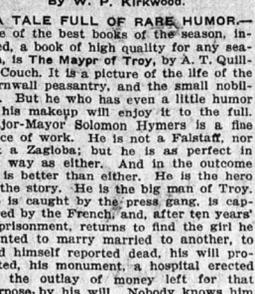
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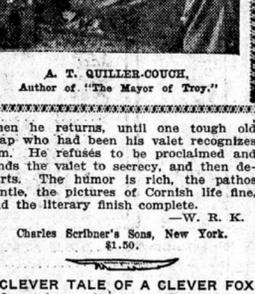
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MICHAEL J. DOHERTY.



ALBERT G. EVANS.



HAROLD DEERING.

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BUREAUCRACY IS DOOMED, HE SAYS

Sienkiewicz Declares Poland Is Not Likely to Start Armed Revolt.

Stockholm, Dec. 11.—The Associated Press has had an interview with Henry K. Sienkiewicz, prior to his receiving the Nobel prize for literature. The novelist said: "I have not been in Poland for three weeks. The situation in Russia and in Poland is extremely bad. The bureaucracy cannot last much longer, with or without revolution. Its days are counted. The Russian people are good but the bureaucrats are a set of thieves. That was proved by the war."

Germany does not desire a rapprochement between the Russians and the Poles and would not be willing to see Poland free. We will remain part of Russia if Russia gives Poland autonomy. We do not wish to be a republic and neither Poland nor Russia is ready to become a republic. "If Poland should revolt it will not be against Russia, but against the bureaucratic government."

The Poles in War. "In the last-mentioned connection, let me say that we have splendid Polish generals, and it was notable in the war with Japan that the Polish soldiers were the best fighters. General Kurokin once hated Poland, but now he loves it. "The printed reports to the effect that I was arrested or that any punishment had been inflicted upon me are untrue. I am gratified to know that the uneducated Jews in the Polish cities are socialists. We have not had any Jewish atrocities in Poland. For the Poles would not be so barbarous as to assassinate women and children."

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