

WHY MAN-MADE LAWS FAIL TO PROTECT WOMEN

Richmond Suffragists Proud That Leaders in Child Welfare Work Agree With Them.

LAW'S BEST WHERE WOMEN VOTE
Miss Julia Lathrop, Head of Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, Gives Interesting Views on Suffrage.

Suffragists have certainly had their "winning" during the past week in Richmond, for the great majority of visiting notables who attended the several conventions have already endorsed their cause.

It was interesting to a number of Richmond women to chat with Miss Lathrop informally over the tea cups at the Jefferson Hotel between sessions of the convention and hear her views of suffrage, peace and kindred subjects.

woman lawyer in the State studied in his office. He drew up the law permitting women to be admitted to the bar in that State, and was very earnest in believing women were entitled to an even chance for education, an even chance in holding property, and so on.

It really seems to me suffrage is one of the fundamentals of democracy. Certainly, if we are going to reach that higher plane of settling national and international differences by intellectual conferences, rather than in the manner it is now being done in Europe, we must have the opinion of the whole people as to what course to pursue.

MAN-MADE LAWS SOMETIMES PROVE SERIOUS BLUNDERS
"Man-made laws do not always cover the problems with the very best of intentions, the lawmakers sometimes blunder in trying to legislate for a concrete illustration of this, consider the English maternity provision, which allows one guinea upon the birth of a child. The law made this payable to the father. But the father so often used the guinea for a drunken celebration that the allowance became a cruel travesty, and finally last year the Women's Co-operative Guild, with a membership of over 20,000 married workingwomen sent a delegation to Parliament and now it is paid to the order of the mother."

Miss Lathrop was asked which she considered the best country, and she said that for years New Zealand had been able to show the lowest infant death rate in the world.

Do you attribute this to the fact that women have a hand in the law-making? some one inquired.
"It is true that women have had the suffrage in New Zealand for a generation, and they are hard at work

for infant welfare. Of course, we cannot give absolute proof in the matter," she smiled, "but don't you think it very significant that where the women have the most to say in the national housekeeping, the best-protected children are found?"

On the "forgetfulness" of women's need in one-sided laws, Miss Lathrop cited the following:
"it is stated by English authorities that the commission which worked out the plans for English industrial insurance now admits that it 'forgot' the disabilities of motherhood, which precede the birth of a child, and made no provision whatever for wage-earning married women at that time. No one can doubt that women in such a condition would have been able to present justly the needs of mother and that it is a public loss of efficiency to forget and ignore them."

MANASSAS

MANASSAS, Va., December 12.—Rev. and Mrs. A. Connor left on Tuesday night for Miami, Cuba, where they will spend the winter.

W. H. Cather, left on Monday for West Virginia on a business trip of several days.

Miss Ida Camper has returned to her home at Orange after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Camper.

Miss Lucy Black has returned to Annewille after visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Black, of Orange, formerly of Manassas, was the guest of friends here this week.

Miss Lathrop was among the visitors during the week of the week-end at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. D. Clark this week.

N. C., after visiting his family in Manassas. J. H. Moran, of Washington, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Moran, for the week-end.

SOUTH BOSTON

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH BOSTON, Va., December 12.—A wedding of much interest took place at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening at 8:20.

Miss Helen Wilson Baskley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baskley, became the bride of Rev. Robert Mooreton Simpson, of Danville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. S. Wilson, of Richmond, assisted by Rev. C. W. Maxwell, the bride's pastor, of this place.

The groomsmen were Rev. E. J. Flanagan, of Bellhaven; Dr. John Owen, of Tullahoma; Rev. James Moore, of Lewisburg, W. Va.; William W. Owens, of Dennington; D. V. Owen, of Dennington; J. H. Easley, and W. L. Easley, of this place.

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Howard Gill returned on Thursday from Baltimore, where he has been on business. Mrs. Gill returned from a trip to Philadelphia, this week.

Dr. F. D. Erent has been in Lexington this week.

Mrs. T. H. Follen, of Coan, returned from Baltimore on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Hove was in Baltimore last week.

Ernest Bryant, of Baltimore, came down on Tuesday to attend the public sale of his mother's personal property. The family will move to Baltimore to reside.

Miss Lenora Mied, of Baltimore, returned to her home last week, after spending several days with her friend, Miss Spickard, one of the Callahan High School teachers.

Messrs. John and Thomas Lewis, of Leesville, visited in Baltimore this week.

Miss Ruth Watkins, Jr., a cousin of the bride, played the wedding march, while Mrs. W. H. Hove was maid of honor, and Mrs. E. B. Craddock, of Chester Springs, was matron of honor. Both are sisters of the bride, Rev. W. W. Pharr, of Richmond, was the best man. The bridesmaids were Miss Harriet Wilson of Springdale, W. Va., was the best man.

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Hugh Arthur, of Leesville, was a visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cumbeck were among the Lynchburg visitors on Wednesday.

D. Arthur Smith and bride returned Sunday afternoon from their wedding trip to Washington and Baltimore, and are home at Mrs. W. C. Steinfors' on Broad Street.

James L. Arthur, of Leesville, passed through town Friday on her way to her home. She spent some time with her daughter, Mrs. Starkie Jeff.

Miss Amber Bobbitt, who has been visiting at Mrs. W. G. Lane home, left for home on Friday. She was accompanied by Miss Pauline Lane, who was her guest for the week-end.

Mrs. G. D. Black and daughter, Clara, Duena Vista, and Mrs. W. H. Snyder, Waynesboro, passed through Altavista, Friday for their homes from Leesville where they had been to attend the wedding of Miss Lucille F. Arthur to D. Arthur Smith, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blackwell returned last Thursday from Greensboro, and being entertained at the home of the former's father for a few days.



Mrs. Barnett, wife of the major-general commanding the United States Marine Corps, has just returned to the capital after summering in Virginia.

GIFT FURNITURE

Good News for the Perplexed Buyer

"Cudgel your brains" no longer about that Christmas remembrance for the answer is--give furniture--and by this we mean give something practical that will decorate while serving for utility too. Some inexpensive piece a few of which we illustrate above and more are described below. In these tight money days how better can you prove true friendship for those you care for than by testifying to it in this helpful way. Read how little money is required to do it most substantially.

Doll Go-Carts
A gift for the little girl that will make her happy at prices from \$1.50 to \$10. Rubber tires, leather and wicker tops.

Quartered Oak China Case
Was \$25.00
Xmas Special \$17.50
Others \$12.95 to \$75.00

Extra Special Kant Break
Another lot of those wonderful Character Dolls; 18 inches high. Only 89c

Mahogany and Oak Rockers
Always sold at \$10.00. Xmas Special \$6.75
Genuine leather Cushion
A superb gift. Others \$1.75 to \$20.00

Extra Special Toy Furniture
5 and 6 piece sets, for Dining Room, Bed Room and Hall. Monday Only 19c

Children's Wicker, Oak and Mahogany Rockers
Just the thing to delight the heart of the little one Christmas morning. 89c to \$5.00

Parlor Suits
3 pieces—Was \$25.00; Christmas Special, \$14.50
Others, 3 and 5 pieces, up to \$125.00.

Child's Desk and Chair
Genuine maple wood, another wonderful Hopkins special; a \$2.98 \$5.00 value for. Others in oak and mission, from \$1.98 up.

Combination Book Cases For Him
\$11.50 to \$50
A gift that would please the most fastidious man. No library is complete without one. Come and look at our beautiful line before selecting his Christmas gift.

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Excellent Christmas Gift
We are making Christmas prices on writing Desks. You have a large variety to select from. \$6.50 Desks, while they last. \$3.50
Others from \$3.50 to \$25.

Child's Couch
Length 40 inches, finished golden oak or mahogany; just like cut. \$1.98

Metal Doll Beds
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Other Styles of Morris Chairs \$4.95 to \$35.00

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