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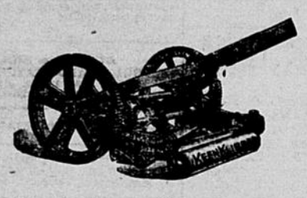
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If the Irish people are not to get home rule they may at least enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that the home rule question is still potent to disrupt British cabinets. The truth of the matter appears to be that there is a certain element in both the great British parties which never will assent to any proposition involving Irish autonomy. Thus the home rule issue is the apple of discord in liberal and conservative governments alike. The trouble is that all the cabinet ructions, though they divide the English, do not help the Irish at all. It is a singular situation.—Chicago Chronicle.

Out of his mind and raving about the hanging of a negro, Sheriff R. F. McCaslin, of Greenwood county, S. C., died in Greenville from physical collapse. Three weeks ago Joe Evans ascended the gallows to pay the penalty for having attacked the wife of his brother and then killing the brother when the crime was discovered. Evans was the first man to be hanged in Greenwood county, and it was the first execution in which Sheriff McCaslin had ever taken part. He had dreaded the idea of hanging the negro, and immediately after the murderer was pronounced dead, he went to his bed, and never left it. The horror of taking human life, even though it was in legal form, seemed to prey upon the mind of the officer to such an extent that the doctors could give no relief to his suffering mind and body.

"Ian Maclaren."

"Ian Maclaren" is dead in Iowa while the announcement of his latest novel is fresh in the American prints. His pen-name was so much more widely known than his real name that news merely of the death of the Rev. John Watson might have passed unnoticed in many quarters, even among attentive readers. And this, it is understood, is much as he desired it to be, his work as a novelist being thus dissociated from his career as a preacher.

However, there is constant ministering to faith in his lighter works, even as in such serious books as "The Upper Room," "The Care of Souls and "The Mind of the Master." And there is charm in everything that has fallen from Dr. Watson's pen.

"Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," published in 1894, set a new type not only of Scotch story-telling but of tale construction generally. It was instantly popular; and the stories which followed, "The Days of Auld Lang Syne," "Kate Carnegie and Those Ministers" and "A Doctor of the Old School,' also found a ready public. It was upon Dr. Watson's second visit to America that he met his death. Only a few weeks ago he spoke from the pulpit which is now Dr. Aked's, in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. A native of Manningtree, in Essex, born in 1850, he lacked at his death almost four years of the three score. His voice and pen, instruments of a simple sincerity, have been stilled all too soon.—N. Y. World.

Taft's Victory.

In an editorial on the Ohio political situation printed April 1, The World said: "Nobody need be surprised if in the final line-up Taft gets the Ohio delegation to the National Convention and Foraker the indorsement for the Senatorship.

That Taft will have the delegation to the National Convention is already settled. That Foraker will be re-elected to the Senate is as probable as anything is ever likely to be in Ohio politics. It is inconceivable that the Republican machines, which Foraker, Dick and Cox control, has suddenly surrendered to the Roosevelt-Taft forces without definite assurances of what Mayor McClellan calls "peace with honor."

Yet the effect of the Ohio compromise on Mr. Taft's Presidential prospects is not to be minimized. Under the leadership of Mr. Roosevelt the Secretary's friends have won a decisive victory. The so-called Taft boom could make little headway in other States when it was anything but sure that the Secretary's own State would send a friendly delegation to the National Convention. With this doubt disposed of the exultation at the White House is justified.

But the good fortune of the Taft candidacy is not limited to the surrender of the Ohio machine. The American Economist, the official organ of the highly protected industries, is out against the Secretary. Wakeman has formally excommunicated him. The American Protective Tariff League will issue a statement declaring that Taft is not sound in the faith. As evidence of heresy to the gospel according to St. Dingley it cites his "strenuous advocacy of free trade in Philippine products," his "persistance in the matter of purchasing in foreign markets materials and supplies for the construction of the Panama Canal" and his speech in Maine last fall in which "he pronounced for the immediate revision downward of the Dingley tariff."

To have forced the Ohio machine to abandon its opposition and to have incurred the hostility of the American Protective Tariff League are glory enough for one week. Secretary Taft, following the custom of the victorius Athenian, ought to sacrifice his dearest possession to the gods.—New York World.

Not Much Spring Fever.

I ain't had much spring fever
This year, it seems to me,
An' I ain't been a-lookin' 'round
To find a shady tree
To lay in under, half asleep,
A snoozin' in the grass,
With nothing else to do but watch
The clouds and worktime pass.

I ain't felt much like loafin'
And layzin' erround
A-dreamin' of the places
Where fishin' kin be found;
Where all day long the ripples
Makes music out of sight,
An' sunfish fight for chances
To bite an' bite an' bite.

Art Johnson he went fishin'
Last week down by te dam;
But Art is somethin' fonder
Of fishin' than I am.
He didn't come to supper,
And so they took a dog
An' hunted him an' found him—
His clo's froze to a log.

I ain't had much spring fever
This spring an' I don't seem
To hanker much fer loafin'
An' settin' 'round to dream;
There's somethin' wrong this season,
An' mighty wrong that's what,
With spring, because, by gravy,
I'd ruther work than not,
—W. J. Lampton in New York Sun.

The Eternal Round.

A fragrant breath along the woodland pass,
Where peeps the shy arbutus through the snow
'Mid wintergreen and moss; upon the grass
A brighter sheen; where honeysuckles blow
The yellow coated bee's indurtrious hum;
The robin's early trespass on the lawn;
The bursting buds that tell of fruit to come—
All cry: "Rejoice! Rejoice, a year is born.

The knee deep grasses where the cattle graze,
The quivering air that shimmers on the hill,
The shallow pool wherein the minnow plays,
The dragonflies that dart and then are still,
The russet tassles on the chestnut trees,
The ripening wheat that lifts its golden spear
To catch the kisses of the wanton breeze—
All cry: "A cheer! A cheer for the lusty year!"

Upon the fields a faint, uncertain haze;
On maple leaves a strife 'twixt red and gold;
The mountain ash with berries all ablaze,
And morn and eve with early frost acold;
The steel and amber glow that sunset weaves
Out of the west, before the stars appear;
The fitful gusts that chase the flying leaves—
All sigh: "Prepare a bier for the dying year."

A leaden sky that from the zenith down
Deepens to black; against the sky the trees,
Knotted and bare, save here and there a brown
Leaf rattling in the gale; the hum of bees,
The song of birds all hushed, on hill and vale
The ghostly, silent snow; a pall o'erhead,
A shroud beneath, and mournful winds that wail:
"Lament! Lament, the new born year is dead!"
—Charles Mumford.

Mulct Law to be Contested.

Waterloo Reporter: Claiming that the mulct law of Iowa is unconstitutional, the temperance people of the city will make a test case in the action entitled H. G. Beeman vs Jackman Bros., to abate a nuisance. The case was filed for record in Blackhawk county when the wave of reform struck the city headed by J. B. Hammond, and the petion was drawn up and filed under instruction of the temperance people by Attorneys Baker & Baker of Centerville. Since then Dunshee & Dorn of Des Moines have entered upon the scene and in a demurrer to the answer filed by Jackson Bros., through their attorney, W. N. Birdsall, have attacked the constitutionality of the state law, and the purpose now is to make the case a test on which the future of the sales of intoxicating liquors in the state must depend.

The answer of defendants denied all material allegations of the petition of plaintiff, and claimed that they were not maintaining a nuisance by conducting a saloon on Commercial street, where intoxicating liquors were sold as a beverage and drank on the premises. They claimed that the signatures of the people owing property within a given distance had been secured, that the law of the state and the resolution of the city council were complied with in every particular, and that the institution was being conducted as a legitimate business legalized under the requirements of the law as expressed in Section 2448 of the Code. This section of the Code gives the full requirements regarding the signatures of property owners, resolution of city council, action of supervisors and the manner in which the business shall be conducted.

The demurrer filed by Attorney Dunshee claims that the answer is insufficient in that it does not make proper defense of the action in question, which is the abatement of a nuisance. Particularizing, the plaintiff claims that the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail to be drunk as a beverage on the premises is destructive of public morals, of public health and of public safety, tends to idleness and promotion of evil manners and is therefore inherently immoral and unlawful, contrary to the first great principles of the social compact which lies at the foundation of every civilized government and cannot be licensed under the constitution of the state of Iowa or the United States.

The plaintiff also claims that the maintenance of the place for the sale of intoxicating liquors to be drank as a beverage on the premises is destructive of public morals, health and safety, having a tendancy to induce the crime of idleness and the promotion of evil. On these grounds it is proclaimed unconstitutional, inherently immoral, and existing without constitutional right for the reason that the legislature of the state has no such power as to pass laws to legalize by license a public nuisance. Section 2448 of the Code is claimed unconstitutional for the reason that it conflicts with the spirit and purpose of the constitution of the state of Iowa and United States, under which all just governments derive their power. It is claimed an attempt to legalize a public nuisance.

The section of the code referred to has been passed on by the courts and held to be constitutional, while a more recent decision of a saloon case in Indiana has been held to be unconstitutional, as claimed in the demurrer filed. It is with the intention of establishing a precedent of more than passing importance in Iowa that the case will be tried as a test of the law under which hundred of thirst parlors of the state are operating, and from which they claim authority and legalization. The case will doubtless come up at the May term of court, and no matter which way it is decided in the lower court will be carried to the supreme court and further if necessary before final decision will be reached. In the meantime it is probable the other cases filed against saloon men will be permitted to rest.

Idaho Murder Case.

BOISE, Idaho Dispatch.—College men, mechanics, adventurers, soldiers of fortune, farmers and indolents—all the elements of civilization, went to the new west ahead of the railroads, were shaken by the upheavals of circumstances into classes and now, a generation later, years of industrial warfare has led through endless charges of assassination by wholesale into courts of Idaho, where President Moyer, Secretary Haywood, for the western Federation of Miners, and G. A. Pettibone stand accused of the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg.

In the fight for gold in the early days the fortunate and strong became the employers. The unfortunate or weak became the employes. Viewing the situation from opposite standpoints the two forces, which might have worked together to build up the west, became divergent and crystalized in late years into the Mine Owners' association and the Western Federation of Miners. Warfare since has been relentless and bloody. The strike of 1894, when the sanguinary battle of Bull Hill in the Cripple Creek district was fought, the gold and coal miner's strike of 1903 when Gen. Sherman Bell and Gov. Peabody carried on the warfare in the Cripple Creek and Trinidad districts, the Couer d'Alene riots in Idaho and numerous minor troubles incident to or accompanying these have kept the Rocky Mountain states in continual bitterness.

The fight has spread into all sections of America where labor is employed. Wm. Haywood, whose invalid wife and two little daughters await in Denver the return of husband and father, is given peace of mind by the knowledge that his comrades at liberty send his salary regularly the family, dependent alone upon him for support. The dominant note of Haywood's private life is his love for wife and home. Through years when she lay a victim of paralysis, completely helpless, her brawny miner, husband carried her up and down the mountain sides after his work was done, that she might get fresh air and possibly recover. Husband and nurse he was to her, and his care in a measure restored her health.

Regardless of charges against him, heedless of the anathemas of millionaires and statesmen of high degree, despite the characterization by President Roosevelt of Wm. Haywood is "an undesirable citizen," Mrs. Haywood is certain of his innocence, nobleness and ultimate release. The wives of Moyer and Pettibone are in Idaho, permitted to visit their husbands and cheer their days in prison.

Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are well supplied with attorneys. Money for every purpose has been supplied to them by labor organizations throughout the country. An appropriation of $50,000 by the state legislature and the regular revenues at the disposal of the prosecuting officers have been met by contributions from every source. The general opinion among labor men is that Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are victims of persecution. There have been scores of murders, dozens of dynamite outrages occuring in the Rocky mountains co-incidental with labor troubles. The Mine Owners' association and the Western Federation of Miners accuse each other of instigating them the former to create favorable sentiment, the latter to do by force what they had not the power to do by other means.

Someone placed the dynamite that killed thirteen miners at Independence, Col., on the backbone of the continent. Some one killed Frank Steunenberg, governor of Idaho, during the Couer d'Alene troubles. All the other long list of crimes were not upheavals of nature. The state of Idaho believes it will prove that the present defendants were responsible for at least one murder.

Steunenberg was blown up by dynamite as he entered the gate to his home at Caldwell, Idaho, Dec. 30, 1905. His body was blown twenty feet, a portion of the fence was wrecked and his house damaged. Gov. Gooding at once charged the crime to officials of the Western Federation of Miners. In the February following, Harry Orchard, in the Idaho penitentiary, made a long confession, so it is charged, to Detective Jas. McPartland of Denver. As a result of this confession and upon other evidence, said to be held by the police, steps were taken to remove Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone into the jurisdiction of Idaho from Colorado.

Warrants were sworn out by Gov. Gooding formally, charging Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone with the murder of Steunenberg. The governor of Colorado secretly honored the extradition papers, the men were secretly arrested and in the darkness of early morning were placed aboard a special train, heavily guarded, and carried to Idaho. To prevent interference along the route changes of engines were made at remote sidings instead of at stations.

A protest against this proceeding made by the prisoners, was carried to the United States supreme court, which decided against them and cleared the way for the state to proceed with the trial. Gov. Gooding has personal charge of the prosecution, but J. H. Hawley is field marshal for the state. His leading associate is United States Senator Borah, one of the greatest criminal lawyers in the west. Borah's friends charge that it is because of his association with the prosecution of this case that charges against him in connection with the land investigations have been made.

Attorney J. H. Nugent has charge of the active preparation of the case for the defense. He established officers here soon after the arrest of the prisoners and has practically lived here continuously. Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, a leading lawyer of radical opinions, identified with ex-Mayor Dunne's advocacy of municipal ownership, is one of the most prominent among the counsel for the defense.

Frank Steunenberg was governor of Idaho during the Couer d'Alene labor troubles. He made the application that brought United States troops into the district to restore order. Several years elapsed after he left the executive chair before he was killed. The miners say he had passed from their minds and that they harbored no feelings of revenge.

The long delay in getting the case to final adjudication has been favorable to the defense in that they have secured as a witness, Steve Adams, chief of those intended by the state to corroborate Orchard's alleged confession. Adams recanted his alleged confession, was immediately re-arrested upon the charge of killing Fred Tyler, a sheepman in the mountains, and given a speedy trial. While these facts may be introduced by the state as discrediting his testimony, he is lost forever as a witness to support the prosecution.

The prosecution claims to have found in Orchard's trunks instruction in cipher from Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

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