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THE MAN WHO SAVED A PRESIDENT.

"How say you, Mr. Senator Ross? Is the accused, Andrew Johnson, guilty or not guilty of the high crimes and misdemeanors with which he is charged?"

That was the question put to Senator Edmund G. Ross, of Kansas, by Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, presiding over the Senate sitting as a court of impeachment in 1868.

It must have been a dramatic scene, as impartial, as dignified, as judicial as we have, even the Chief Justice must have felt a surge of emotion as he put the deciding question to Ross.

In a voice that trembled with emotion, Ross's answer to the query of the Chief Justice rang out "No."

So, in a moment, an obscure man, wavering between two factions, decided against the majority. His vote kept Andrew Johnson in office and kept Ben Wade out of it, and what the result would have been if Wade had become President, no man can say.

On Thursday, Representative Lambert introduced into the Kansas House a bill to appropriate \$1,000 for a bronze tablet in memory of Edmund G. Ross.

Forty-two years ago, Ross was "the most hated man in Kansas." Almost every man in the State felt deep animosity against him when it was announced that he had saved Johnson from disgrace, and passions flamed high.

Why should not a tablet be erected to the memory of this man? As estimates of Andrew Johnson have changed powerfully since 1868, so must estimates of Ross be revised. Historians are admitting that the removal of Johnson would have been a national mistake.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.

Cy Sulloway's bill to give the men who "saved the Union" more money for doing it may fail to pass the Senate. If it shall be passed, it will add \$15,000,000 to the pension graft annually.

The question, however, asked by our unforbearing contemporary if this bill should pass the Senate, "Will the President veto it?" is wholly pertinent to the situation.

Why should a President have more courage than a member of Congress? The answer is easy: Because he is President. That is one of the reasons why he is President.

The New York World has printed so far five or six able editorial articles advising Mr. Taft to call the Congress together in extraordinary session.

Much to its credit, the Alabama House of Representatives has almost unanimously passed a rule excluding from the floor of the House all persons save members, employees, and reporters engaged in recording the proceedings of the body.

Under the working of this rule, even ex-members are excluded from the floor, a point to which anti-lobbying laws rarely extend.

There was much unfavorable comment last winter when certain former members of the General Assembly of Virginia were on the floors of the respective chambers almost as much and almost as frequently as actual members.

One of our contemporaries in a Southern town notes the death of a lady in the nineteenth year of her age as "the relief" of the late So-and-So.

There are anti-profanity societies in this country which are trying to break up the habit so many men have acquired of taking the name of the Almighty in vain.

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William B. Bailey, Assistant Professor of Political Economy in Yale University, has contributed a very interesting article to The Independent on the consumption of intoxicants in the United States in the periods covered by decades from 1849 to 1909.

As the New Orleans Times-Democrat asserts, "Even after the passage of the proposed law none of the judges of the Federal Courts will receive what might be considered an adequate salary."

1909," says Professor Bailey, "there has been a change from those drinks containing a high percentage of alcohol to those containing a low percentage—and this is the one cause for encouragement."

College Topics of the University of Virginia calls attention to the fact that Professor Charles A. Graves, of the law faculty of that institution, a distinguished teacher of the law, has included among his distinguished pupils Congressman Martin W. Littleton, of New York, an alumnus of the University of Virginia, and Mr. Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, who was taught by Professor Graves at Washington and Lee.

A casual examination of the records of the members of the United States Supreme Court affords a fair presumption, though not entirely beyond reasonable doubt, that Professor Graves may be the only living law school professor who has had as a pupil a Justice of the highest tribunal in the land.

The Rocky Mountain News, of Denver, one of the liveliest papers of a live section of the nation, printed the other day some very strong arguments for good roads in Colorado.

"It's cold as hell," said a young man, who looked to be of average intelligence, to his companion, another likely appearing fellow, on a Broad and Main Street car last night.

"Hell is a place that burns with fire and brimstone," and that is accepted as a fair description of that general region, or state, or whatever it may be in situation or condition.

"Nowhere else in the world is there such magnificent and varied scenery within such easy reach of metropolitan civilization. Give us the roads, and our mountains would be thronged all summer by automobile parties."

The French farmer, too, with his good roads, can get his produce to market in all kinds of weather, at any season of the year, at an average cost of about one-tenth the sum per ton-mile that it costs the American farmer to get his crops to market.

Moorestown, New Jersey, has "the best developed chicken craze in the country." Many people in that town are boasting that they will profit at least \$1,500 the year, with sixty head of hens.

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Benjamin Cooper, the Philadelphia paint manufacturer, says that it is just as cheap to raise blooded stock that will sell from \$15 to \$25 the head as to grow potbellies, and that there is much money in the chicken business.

Much trouble and hardship are avoided by British workmen who "increase the collective agreements between them and their employers."

The Chief Justice of the United States will, under the order of things, get less than ordinary Judges of Assizes get in England. It is always to be remembered that were the Federal Judges practicing lawyers, they would, with but few exceptions, earn much larger incomes than they receive from the Government.

Thirty-four ambitious boys of Virginia competed recently at Roanoke in the second annual boys' corn judging contest. This competition was to test their knowledge of corn from the practical standpoint of those who know how to grow the king of cereals.

An old officer of the Navy of distinguished service does not object to the portrait of Brigham Young on the soup tureen and coffee tray of the battleship "Utah," as the officers of that ship will then be able to say: "To our sweetheart and wives."

The New Haven Register suggests that possibly the abolition of slavery in Connecticut "was due to early discovery that there was more profit in selling slaves to the South, where they were needed, than in keeping them in the North, where they were not needed and did not pay."

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"Business Man" who spells "business" with the "f" before the "s" writes us an anonymous letter on prohibition. Why does he not give his name?

2,400,000 working people. Thirty of these agreements are sliding scales, 563 are piece price lists and 1,103 are working agreements. The building, clothing, textile, metal, engineering and shipbuilding industries have the largest number of these pacts.

Prevention of the stoppage of work is the most striking thing about these agreements. Of the 7,608 cases settled by conciliation boards in ten years, only 104, or about 10 per cent, were accompanied by a stoppage of work.

Before electing Champ Clark President, let us find out what he will do as Speaker; let us find out what he will do in doubt as to what he would do as President; but one thing at a time, brethren, one thing at a time.

The Waterbury American, speaking of the wonderful oratorical gifts of Senator McLean, of Connecticut, Yes, he did, once. That was when he said a mean thing about the Democrats of Connecticut, and a slip over which came very near losing him the Virginia vote in his race for Senator.

Albert Hubbard, of Roycroft fame, is in the last stages. He has gone into vaudeville.

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Young Mothers. The greatest crisis in a woman's life is when first she becomes a mother. All the physical strength of her nature is demanded at such times, and it is necessary that her system be thoroughly prepared for the event, in order that her health be preserved for future years.

MOTHER'S FRIEND. Daily Queries and Answers. Address all communications for this column to Query Editor, Times-Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no dealers' names will be given.

Electricity. When was electricity first discovered? It is recorded that about 600 B. C. Thales of Miletus, a Greek philosopher, discovered that amber when rubbed attracted light and dry bodies.

A Felony. A burglar is committed and property of no value of \$5,000 is carried away. The owner advertises that he will give a certain reward for the return of the property, no questions asked.

Cartoon. Does the word "cartoon" pertain to a container? No. Cartoon is a design drawn of the full size to serve as a model for a smaller size.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY. DOM MIGUEL, Duke of Braganza, necessitates assistance on the part of his friends, and the story from the published New York Tribune—a paper celebrated for its candor—tells the effect that Emperor Joseph had paid Dom Miguel's debts.

The Duke of Braganza, standing, as the Legationist pretender, much in the same relation to Portugal as Don Jaime does towards Spain, had been in London well at the time of the assassination of Don Carlos at Lisbon, just about three years ago.

Manuel replied in a very cordial fashion to the Duke of Braganza, thanking him for his letter, expressing his regret that he could not wish, to accept his proposal, adding, however, that in view of the necessity of retaining existing laws, it would be necessary to submit the matter to the Cabinet, and that the Cabinet should submit it to the Cortes.

There the matter remained. King Manuel was alternately flattered, irritated and humiliated by the successive Cabinets, and was unable to bring about the fusion of the two branches of the house of Braganza.

How many people who go to see "Salome" are aware that the real Salome, that is to say, the daughter of Herodias, died a happy wife, and the happy mother of a happy child, and that she was unmarried at the time of Herod's feast and of the decapitation of John the Baptist.

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