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IN RUSSIANIZED WEST VIRGINIA

The other day a socialist editor in West Virginia printed an article criticising the governor—not an unusual thing for a socialist editor to do. In fact, a good many non-socialist editors have the same habit.

Ordinary governors have to inure themselves to criticism, since it is a part of the day's work.

Not so the illustrious executive of West Virginia. He rules by martial law. So he sent a squad of soldiers after the contumacious socialist, seized him and two printer companions, and railroaded them to jail. Incidentally the editor's printing press was locked up, too.

This editor and these printers are not to be brought to trial. At least they have not been served with any notice of trial. They are held in jail pending such time as Governor Hatfield's choler cools sufficiently for him to let them go.

Down in Washington Senator Kern, a little-d Democrat, has been trying to find out if the governor of West Virginia is within his rights in running things very like the bureaucrats run them in Russia.

It appears to us that his curiosity is justified, and that congress might, with propriety, see if the constitutional guarantee of the equal protection of the laws has ever been surrendered to accommodate the railway and mine barons of the Panhandle state.

We ask you to read Senator Kern's article on another page, in which he illuminates this subject for readers of The Star.

FREE TOLLS

It is announced that President Wilson is not in favor of free tolls for American ships using the Panama canal, on the ground that American coastwise shipping is a monopoly controlled by the transcontinental railroads, and, hence, there would be no competition and no lower freight rates, with consequent advantage to consumers.

The main arguments for such free tolls are that they would encourage the building of American ships and promote competition with the transcontinental railroad rates.

The first of these arguments is unanswerable, if we grant that a railroad trust that would and could keep up rates on its shipments by water. The higher the trust rate, the greater the inducement for others to go into the coastwise shipping business. But, this trust would probably do just as all other trusts have done—buy out the independents, or ruin them by temporarily lowering its own rates below the point of profit-making.

But isn't it pretty near imbecility to admit, at this time, after all our efforts, that Uncle San connot open a new enterprise as he wants to because of his fear of a trust? If Uncle Sam must lie down in terror of birth of a trust, how hopeless his efforts to control and eradicate trusts already armed and intrenched!

Is there anything to prevent an interstate commerce commission's regulation of rates through the Panama canal? Is there any sound reason why, all else failing, Uncle Sam should not build ships for coastwise traffic as competitors to trust-owned ships?

President Wilson is acquiring some repute as a precedent-buster. He has wisely broken many of the social and executive precedents at Washington. It is delightsome, but it cuts no figure in the reduction of prices on bread and bacon.

He might break the precedent of dilly-dallying with the trust issue in this Panama instance.

Trust or no trust, who'll pay the tolls, Mr. Wilson? The woman with the market basket and the man with the dinner pail. Free tolls will not be a ship-subsidy, but a man-subsidy, if Uncle Sam knows his duty and boldly performs it, in the matter of maintaining competition in that canal traffic. Isn't it about time that the toiling men and women got a little in the way of subsidey? There's a vast difference between a subsidy that means a reduction in the cost of transportation and the usual subsidy, which merely means larger dividends to a corporation.

MAN MORE HUMAN

Says that beloved old philosopher, John Burroughs:

"Man has grown more human as he has grown less superstitious. Science has atrophied his faith, but it has softened his heart. His fear of Nature has given place to love. He has withdrawn his gaze from heaven and fixed it upon the earth. As the angels have departed, the children have come in."

Yes, man is less superstitious than he used to be, but has science atrophied his faith? Hasn't he strengthened his faith by fixing his gaze upon the earth?

Man, as a rule, perhaps, no longer builds a heaven of golden streets and buildings that glisten, with a great ruler, pictured by inspired artists as man-like, even to whiskers, on a throne, awarding halos or satisfying vengeance. The conceptions of winged cherubs and cherubim and St. Peter with the keys are now idealistic, whereas they used to be very realistic to man. Man has grown less superstitious and more human, and turned his gaze from superstitious creations to the earth, not through atrophy of faith, but because he got closer to God, as he came to better understand God's actual works.

Man erects magnificent churches and put in charge of them the most eloquent of preachers, and still the cry is that the churches are empty. There are sermons in stones, in flowers, in creatures, and man is coming to understand those sermons. These works of God, these natural preachers of divine goodness and love, are not false, are not hired, are not liable to go astray. They truly respond to faith, if there is genuine faith in the heart capable of birth and growth. The angels specially designed by artist or theologian may have departed, but upon the face of every one of nature's children is written divine love, on which faith may feed and grow strong.

In days long past, they built man's faith on the dual proposition of munificence and terrorism. Science may have weakened that basis, but understanding has turned man to looking "through Nature up to Nature's God," and his fear of Nature has become complete confidence that all is well.

Teachers of agriculture are better paid than any other, says U. S. bureau of education.

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Remember that the Mr. and Mrs. Fly, who go on their wedding trip in May, will have great-great-great - great - great - great - great-grandchildren in July.

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SAD, SHORT STORY.

The Blackhand man he lit a bomb.
The fuse too short, cut he.

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Two birdies now are nesting in
His whiskers, up a tree.

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No man could possibly be as conspicuous as he thinks he is the first time he wears a silk hat.

No woman could possibly be as inconspicuous as she says she is when she wears a slashed skirt.

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Always Something Doing.

And when tariff's settled,
We do not feel so gay;
Experience has told us
It never stays that way.

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Wise Kink.

"'Tis best," the king of Belgium said,
"To let the toilers vote;
I'd father lose some dignity
Than have them get my goat."

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In about two years we'll be laughing at the foreigner who wears a hat with a bow on the side.

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Bang!

Sunday afternoon Mr. A. O. Sparks of Atwood and Miss Emma Gass, a beautiful brunet, were married, both of them formerly of Jasper county.—Atwood Ill., News.

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Why is it always a "big policeman" in the newspapers? And a "pretty stenographer," a "beautiful society woman," a "brawny negro" and a "dainty little actress"?

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If women had a sense of humor the man who wears sidewhiskers would never find a wife.

n. y., may 19.—peopel sertenly do the funnyest things over in brooklyn

you never can tell what next, for a fact, they got even the judges gessing with the funny plays that comes off in court

the uther day judge kemper was setting on the bench and he calls the case of osker wilyems agenst mary wilyems, osker charging mary with waywardness.

osker to the bat, ses the judge, tell us about it osker, what's the matter with mary

osker is a classy looking guy about 55 years old, and he ses to the judge, he ses, mary has got the cabbaret habit

wot in sam hill is the cabbaret habit, ses the judge

i gess you aint much of a sport, judge, ansers osker, cabbarets is them eating joints where they got ragtime and skirt dancin and nobody goes home till the street is full of milk waggins

dear me, ses the judge, i did hear about them, and does your dauter frequent sutch places as them, i am sirprised

and the judge looks verry hard at mary, who is about 17 and quite nifty

dauter nuthin, ses osker, she's my wife, and the worst of it is, she brings home all kinds of funny-lookin boobs with her, and they set out on the stoop and hold hands

my goodniss, ses the judge

but that ain't all, hollers mr. wilyems, i aint so partickler myself, but look at the exampel she is setting my children

how many children have you got, asks the judge

i got 9, ses osker, mary is their step-mother, they are all older than mary is, and 3 of them is married, but at that she is putting the hole famely on the bum with them ney york habits of hers, and i want it stopped

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about this time the judge was kind of gasping for breth, just one more question, mr. wilyems, he ses, how long have you been marrid

2 months, judge, ses mr. wilyems, and then he ses, very sadly, ime afrade maby i made a mistake

ime afrade sumboddy made a mistake, ses the judge, but i gess you and mary will have to fite it out yourselves, its more than i can tackle

morrel—it takes 2 to make a bargin, but one can bust it all to blazes johny

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Answers Attack on Woman Suffrage

Editor The Star: I would like to answer an article by Ernest Hederick printed in your columns, on the subject of woman suffrage. This man says: Man constructed the church, the university and the industrial world; and created the farm, the village and the city. I would like to ask him what the women of the country were doing during these years of masculine activity. Did not the women keep the houses, prepare the meals, and bear and rear the children, who populated these cities and villages, and is not this work as necessary and valuable to the world as the man's?

As for the English law, does this man know that when a woman marries, her whole fortune, with the exception of a settlement to be agreed upon before marriage, goes to the husband, and that he may control and appropriate the income from this settlement, and any wages which a woman may earn if she works? As for the English suffragettes, while they certainly defy the police, I challenge him to cite an instance where they have begged for protection.

I do not approve of the methods of these women. They injure the cause, and set the public against them, but they are doing what men have always done, fighting for liberty.

Our opponents tell us that women should remain in the home, but we have not yet arrived at that paradise, where all have homes. A large class of women have to work for their bread. In a republican government, no class is safe unless protected by the power and influence the vote gives them. I believe the better class of men sympathize with women in their efforts to free themselves from the robbery and oppression of the brutal man-made English laws.

LOUIS GREENTREE.

Japanese Reader Asks for a Square Deal

To the Editor: I beg to say a few words to Mrs. E. W.'s letter, "The Japanese Question," which appeared in Tuesday's Star. The lady writer made a striking remark that she often hears some of her friends say that they would not buy a five or ten-acre tract over by Seattle, because of so many Orientals in this city and that consequently Seattle is not fit for a white man to live in.

I earnestly request the candid opinion of every fair-minded Star reader, whether this statement is correct or not. I am forced to wonder how much real, first hand knowledge of Seattle and its conditions Mrs. E. W. has, and how far she has exerted her influence toward helping to improve the foreigners. As a foreigner, I enjoy the hospitality and good influence of the people of this city and feel quite at home, which naturally leads any foreigner to be law-abiding, progressive, and to love this city.

Speaking of the hospitality of this city, the fact demonstrates itself that all business and social organizations co-operate with foreigners, and welcome them with open hand, no matter whether he is an Occidental or an Oriental. However, the so-called "Seattle Spirit" makes this city so famous far and wide that it is no wonder Seattle gains so much population and that her trade increases enormously with other countries.

As a Japanese, I admit that we have as many faults as any other foreigners, but we are willing to correct all our faults, and accept advices or correct any manner, as far as possible. Furthermore, we will gladly and willingly assist the authorities in whatever way we can give assistance. At the same time, we ask full protection and a square deal. GEORGE K. ENOSAWA
2008 East Spruce St.

WOEFUL WORDS.

Of all sad words,
With doleful sounds,
The saddest are,
"No game—wet grounds."

JOSH WISE SAYS:

"Speakin' of telepathy, th' Congressional Record is to hand and we note that Congressman Mockhiser made a long speech in th' house on th' chinch bug th' very day he wuz here at home fixin' his fences."

Stage Letter by Norman

NEW YORK, May 19.—From a 'Frisco cabaret show to 40 weeks' solid booking over the biggest vaudeville circuit, under the personal management of one of the foremost of musical comedy stars—it sounds like a dream come true, doesn't it?

It's the dream that came true for Rita Boland, a girl of 18 or 19, who has beauty, a voice and an ability to dance. She was doing an after-supper turn in a San Francisco restaurant when Elsie Janis happened in for a bite. Miss Janis watched the girl with the greatest interest. Afterward she sent for her.

As a result Rita came to New York a few weeks ago. Miss Janis wrote an "act" for the girl and two men dancers, and they made their debut at the Palace theatre, biggest and newest of vaudeville houses, "presented by Elsie Janis." Their act want big, the 40-week booking was easily obtained, and the California girl is on her way to stardom.

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It was three years ago that the Shuberts began their revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. "Pinafore" was received at the Casino with acclamations of joy. Others of the famous old pieces followed and every one was welcomed.

"Iolanthe" was reserved until this week, and it has scored a triumph second to none of the others. De Wolf Hopper, who has certainly risen to new artistic heights in these presentations, gives a characterization of the Lord Chancellor, which seems unexcellable. His rendition of two of the greatest "patter" songs Gilbert ever wrote, "I Says to Myself, Says I," and "When You're Lying Awake, With a Dreary Headache," earn him encores without number.

The cast, which can both sing and act, includes Viola Gillette as Iolanthe, Cecil Cunningham as Phyllis, George MacFarlane as Strephon, Arthur Aldridge and Arthur Cunningham as the two earls and John Hendricks as Private Willis.

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It does not seem apparent that he will ever be another Harry Lauder. Nevertheless a fair measure of stage success seems assured to Lord Kenneth Douglas Lorne Maclaine, chief of his clan and godson of the duke of Argyle.

This young Scotchman, who is more commonly known as The Maclaine of Lochbuie, a peculiar kind of title which goes with his ancestral estates, is appearing at Hammerstein's. He came to America to earn money to pay off enormous mortgages on the said estates. He has a good stage presence, a fair voice and some elaborate costumes, including a kilt outfit, a gorgeous purple walking suit and some swell yachting clothes.

His final number is a song Elsie Janis wrote for him, called "I've Been a Disappointment." It goes very well.

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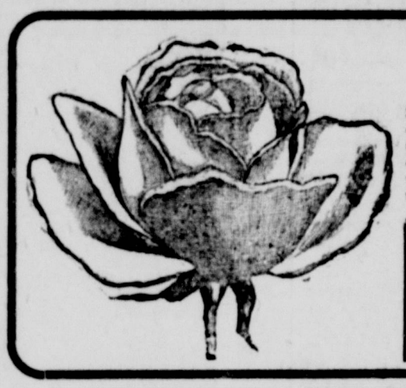

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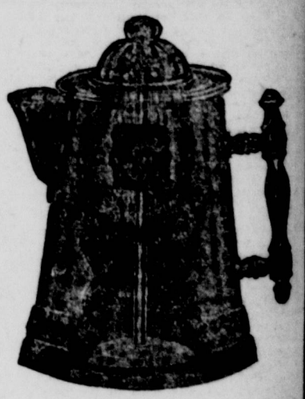

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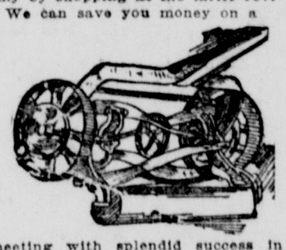

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