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Whatever may have been the sins of the republican majority in the lower house of the New Mexico legislature, as impured to it by the democrats, in the unseating members and substituting therefor contestants who carried the banner of republicanism, The Outlook believes the republicans of the Kansas house has gone them one better. Here is exploited boss rule with somewhat of a vengeance. Some of the republican members became recalcitrant and helped the opposition to defeat the bills creating the initiative and referendum and establishing a state society of labor. Thereafter the republicans caucused and the result of this round table deliberation was the introduction of a bill on the following day by Representative Stauffer making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment in the Shawnee county jail, not to support a party measure. The bill also makes it a felony to vote against a party measure, punishable by fine of not exceeding \$1000 and from one to five years in the penitentiary. All of which inclines us to the opinion that within the ranks of the republican party there are a few brawling asses—a few, not many who "pull" some such rough stuff as this and then very soon opened their eyes to the realization that they have jumped from their utopian woodshed into a rubber plant and bounced off into oblivion. And the aforesaid Stauffer, alleged representative of the dear people of bleeding Kansas, is one of them—plus.

It is a doubtless good thing that the constitution of the state of New Mexico was printed, so the original document may be looked at by the sedate statesman who framed it a few months ago, to ascertain just what they did. In keeping with the two sessions of the first state legislature the present assemblage at the Ancient City is rapping our basic law with multitudinous glee. So far the amendments proposed at the present session include one for submitting prohibition to a vote of the people in 1916; one for equal suffrage; one providing for county instead of district attorneys; one for holding the legislative sessions in the good old summer time; one to make the calling of grand juries optional with the district judge; one to put Toas county in the first judicial district and one proposing to abolish the corporation commission. In the remaining three weeks of the present session there may be further efforts to make that instrument meet the wishes of a few individuals who seem not favorably inclined to the change from the territorial to those conditions which are presumed to round out the symmetry of a sovereign state. Maybe they are right; and, too, maybe ex-Senator Beveridge, who made a trip through New Mexico one time, was smarter than he looked.

Fannie Crosby, the sacred song writer, who died last week at the age of 94, was surely an inspired writer of those songs which have in them the heart punch. Such dear old verses as one finds in "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Rescue the Perishing" will never grow old, nor will they ever be devoid of the inspiration to wandering ones to step over from the broad walk into the straight and narrow path. Mrs. Crosby is accredited with 8000 sacred songs, which she wrote after she had reached the age of forty-five years; and it is said she wrote the words of "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" to the music played to her only once by the composer, W. H. Soane, in about fifteen minutes. No one, not supernaturally assisted, could have accomplished this.

We do not believe that M O Llewellyn, who has filled the office of treasurer of the Agricultural College, has helped his cause perceptibly in his letter to the governor, which has been given to the press. He tacitly admits that he, too, knew the conditions which existed in the First State Bank of Las Cruces. And yet he did not withdraw the college funds from the tottering institution, nor did he give the alarm, if we are to take his own word for it in his published letter.

Secretary Redfield thinks that the census of manufacturers can be taken this year for forty thousand dollars less than usual. After another year of free trade and business meddling it probably can be taken with no expense at all.

The American protests are well based and fully justified, yet it is rather distasteful to think what action this country would take if England or Germany, or both, should reply with a blunt defiance.

With wheat at present prices, observes the Philadelphia Press, what is there for a western farmer to swear about? Oh, the man with an automobile always finds plenty to swear about.

The Outlook modestly suggests to the professors of the Agricultural College that a number of Harvard professors have contributed their salaries to make up a deficit in the college revenues. This knowledge may help some.

We wonder if J H Christ, the gentleman from Rio Arriba, is immersed in that hushed and tranquil reaction which comes to the impeccable hero who has done an unselfish duty valiently.

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NEEDS DIRECTION OF EXPERT

Discussing the advisability of the formation of a body for the exclusive purpose of developing plans for the improvement of the city the New York Times says:

"The city-planning commission should have in its permanent employ a well-paid executive officer, who should be an expert in city planning and city maintenance, familiar not only with domestic affairs, but thoroughly acquainted with all the various phases of European municipal undertakings, so that he may avoid as much as possible experimental work at the public expense. Such an expert must be able to treat the subject freely on its merit. He should have no property or other interests in the city liable to be affected, and he should have no personal considerations that might bend the plan to his own advantage, as is likely to be the case of a plan formulated by those put in office by local politicians.

"The work of replanning a city like New York involves so many and such intricate features that it is undesirable to trust it exclusively to local municipal engineers and architects, for however much experience they may have in their own lines they will be lacking in the special knowledge that is necessary to make a success of city planning."

HOLDING GARDEN TO MARK

One of the world's greatest artists, Michel Angelo, said perfection is made up of trifles. The rules of art, so far as rules apply, bear the same relation to every earthly activity, whether it be sculpture or gardens. Therefore, the perfect garden is one where the planter has given, at some time, attention to each little matter of detail to see that it harmonizes with the garden as a whole. It may not be possible to deal with all at once, yet in time the grand total may be covered and the sum of the little things will constitute perfection. In order to keep a garden up to a high standard it is not necessary to make many or marked changes at once, but deal with each little problem as it arises. If a plant dies, put in another at once. Do not wait for a bigger job with several. Keep substitute plants always ready.

Efficient City Planning.

It must not be understood that the artistic effect has always been the only aim in city-planning schemes of the old regime. There were exceptions, the most remarkable one being the case of Berlin in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when the Prussian rulers practiced in a very efficient and far-sighted manner city planning on an entirely social basis, working with powerful hands for the rapid opening and building up of wide and healthful suburban areas, without neglecting the beauty of the central district.

It is largely due to this powerful and advanced city planning that Berlin, from a little medieval town of 8,000 people, became one of the leading capitals of Europe, with 1,600,000 people at the beginning of the French revolution. This social kind of city planning, however, was the exception, and, with the entire change of the political situation caused by the French revolution, the social tendencies in city planning suffered the same decline as artistic city planning all over Europe.

Ireland's Stirring Song.

The origin of the unofficial anthem of Ireland, "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning," is most obscure. The earliest known copy appears in Rutherford's "Country Dances," published in 1749, but it is said to have been played by the Irish pipers at the battle of Fontenoy in 1745, and was probably current for some time before this. The tune is found attached to various rollicking old English songs. The Cumberland song of faithless Barbary Bell, whose lover vows to wear a red coat for her sake, is sung to a version of "St. Patrick's Day," the words "Barbary Bell's my darling" being substituted in the chorus for "Patrick's Day in the Morning."

Character of Ambergris.

Ambergris, which is used as a basis for much standard perfumery, was first found, an unattractive mass, floating on the sea or lodged upon the shore. How so unlikely a substance ever suggested itself as a perfume is not known, but it has been in use for centuries. It is believed by some to be the morbid secretion of the liver of a sperm whale. It is described as a fatty waxy substance, disagreeable to sight and touch, but even in its crude state exhaling a pleasant odor. The crude substance is subjected to chemical action to extract the active principle called amberin.

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