

FAIR SEX, POWER IN BUSINESS, RUNS NORWAY, MOST DISTINCTLY WOMAN TOWN IN AMERICA

THEY CLOTHE, FEED, DOCTOR, MARRY AND BURY THE TOWN PEOPLE, CARE FOR THE TRAVELER, ARE DIRECTORS, POSTMASTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AND WITHAL HAVE GOOD HOMES.

(NOTE.—The editor of The Evening Citizen believing that women everywhere would be intensely interested in the manner in which their sisters, dominate their "woman's town," detailed Miss Leckie to make a special visit to Norway and write the story for the readers of this newspaper.—Editor.)

(By Katherine Leckie.)

Special Correspondence. Norway, March 8.—Frisks, fur-belowed and chignon the actual business of this bustling, thriving New England town.

In every line of commerce and finance, trade and profession, the gentler sex of Norway is successfully engaged, and it is the most distinctly "woman's town" in America. The women not only clothe, but they shoe the population, but they gracefully preside over meat markets, the postoffice and the three hotels.

The women of Norway marry the living and bury the dead. Legal disputes are settled by a feminine justice of the peace. Sick and wounded are administered to by a woman doctor. The countryside is photographed by another woman. For twenty-two years the checks at the bank have been cashed by a small white woman's hand, while a quarter of a century is the period that a woman has swayed the morals, opinions and politics of the town through the columns of her paper.

A director in the street railway and the corporation that lights the village is a woman, and she attends each and every meeting of the directorate and gets her pay for attendance with the same regularity that old Uncle Russell Sage did.

The Men Brag About It. Yet it cannot be said that the fair ones of Norway compete with the men. The latter are too gallant to permit of competition. They simply roll back in their big comfortable arm chairs and admiringly tell what their women "folks" can do.

It is a good housekeeper as though there was not such a thing as stocks and bonds, dry goods, undertaking and embalming, for she is attended to and the printing presses to run. The homes of this beautiful little village are real homes.

The S. B. and Z. S. Prinee store is not only owned by two sisters, but every thing in the shop is done by women. The only connection that a man can have with this establishment is as a purchaser.

"It was after I found that I could only earn \$2.50 a week as a school teacher that I determined upon being a business woman," is the way Miss Prinee explains her entrance into the fields of commerce.

Rules for Business Women. "To succeed in business women must know three things," is the declaration this smart business woman made to me. "She must not run her business with a mortgage stock, she must pay her bills two or three days before they are due, thus greatly impressing the people from whom she buys, and that a woman must always be dressed well."

Across the street from Miss Prinee is a shoe store conducted by Miss Edith Smith, who is a young woman who three years ago inherited her stock from her father.

Mrs. Laura A. Sanborn can set the type, feed the press and set up the copy for the Norway Advertiser as easily as she can write its editorials. Mrs. Sanborn learned the printing business soon after her marriage, twenty-five years ago.

Women Honest Bankers. "It was a good adder and that is the way I started in the banking business," is the modest explanation that Cashier Stella B. Pike gives of her association with the Norway National bank. "I soon found out, though, that it took more than an adder of figures to be a financier. But women are especially adapted for the banking business. We are by nature honest and that is the thing that tells in a bank."

If there is not a preacher handy and a couple wish to get married, Miss Margaret A. Baker is the one whom the swain seeks out. As the justice of the peace she is permitted to perform the marriage ceremony, to acknowledge deeds and administer oaths.

This justice of the peace has a clever younger sister, Miss Jennie P. Baker. She is one of the most capable business women in Norway, managing a large dry goods store, the proprietor of which lives in Portland, Miss Jennie is about twenty-six years old.

Caring for the dead is one of the necessary things of life. Miss Grace Thayer owns a large undertaking establishment and is licensed as an undertaker.

She's Town Doctor. For eight years Dr. Annette Bennett has been the town physician. She is appointed by the board of selectmen, which body is made up entirely of the stronger sex. There are a number of men doctors in Norway who each year apply for this official medical office. Dr. Bennett is the first and only woman in the state of Maine holding the position of town physician.

The walls of the studio of Miss Minnie F. Libby are covered with such fine examples of photography that her art should have a national reputation.

The hotel women of this place are noted far and near. Martha C. Whitmarsh came to be the proprietor of the Elm house. She delights to tell of the times forty years ago, when the stage, with four, used to dash up to her tavern door. Mrs. Lizzie Woodman is the proprietor of the Beale house. Her sister, Mrs. Ella Tibbitts, was also a hotelkeeper, but she has retired.

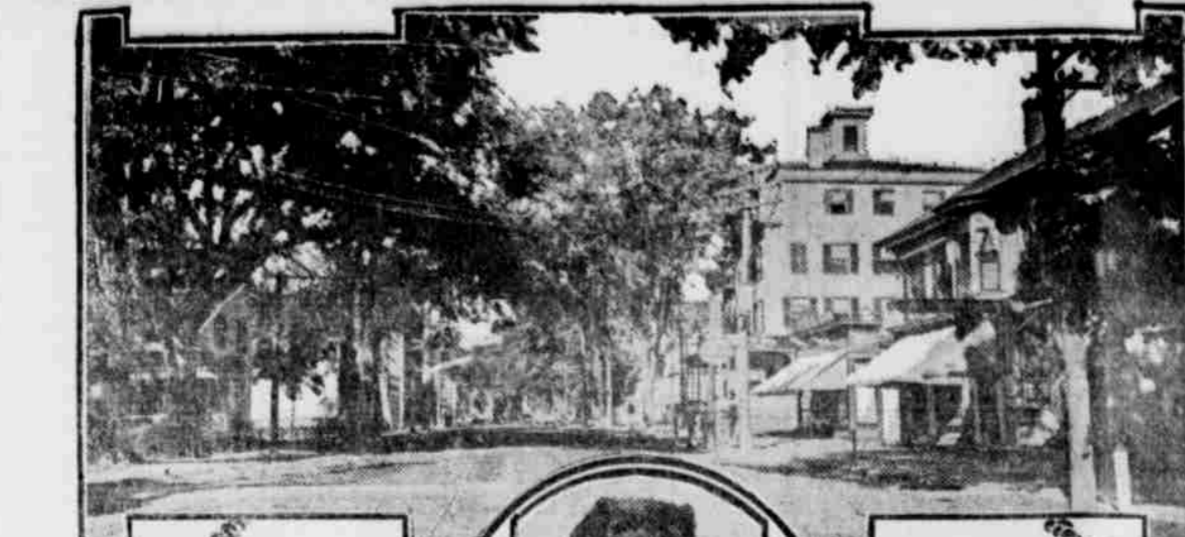
When Postmaster Charles S. Akers received his appointment from President Roosevelt a short time ago he, in turn, appointed two women as his assistants, a thing his predecessor had not done.

Mrs. Effie Akers is the helpmate in federal duties as well as in matrimony of the postmaster while Miss Elsie Swan is the second assistant in the office.

Mrs. Alice L. Nash is a licensed taxidermist. She was taught her profession by her husband after she was married.

Woman Butcher, Also. One of the biggest butcher shops in Norway is run by Mrs. Owen P. Brookes, whose husband insists that he never made money until his wife was behind the counter.

Mrs. Cora Briggs has composed and published a number of songs, both the words and music being



A VIEW OF NORWAY, AMERICA'S MOST DISTINCTLY "WOMAN'S TOWN," AND SOME OF NORWAY'S PROMINENT WOMEN.

No. 1—Mrs. O. P. Brookes; she conducts a meat market. 2—Miss Grace Thayer undertaker. 3—Mrs. Alice L. Nash, taxidermist. 4—Mrs. Rose Powers, milliner. 5—Dr. Annette Bennett, the town physician; Miss Margaret Baker, justice of the peace; Mrs. Cora Briggs, musical composer; Mrs. F. W. Sanborn, editor "Advertiser"; Miss Jennie Baker, store manager.

written by her. Mrs. Gertie Allen, ably assisted by Miss Elizabeth Cooley, makes hats for her sisters in town and in the country. Mrs. Rose Powers is another seller and designer of hats.

There are a couple of women among this large group of money makers who attend, similar to the growing of their fortunes. Miss Elizabeth B. Deal is a director in the Norway & Paris Street Railway com-

pany, and she is also a director in the corporation that operates the electric lighting and power for the village and adjacent land.

There is little or no crime in Norway. The town has not a saloon, and liquor is not even sold on the quiet. The men do smoke, but the women are hoping that the time will come, and come soon, when this "vicious" habit will not be indulged in by the voting population.

AWFUL STORIES OF INHUMAN TREATMENT OF WOMEN PRISONERS LEAK THROUGH FROM RUSSIA

DRAGGED TO THE PRISONS OF SIBERIA AND SOUTHERN URSURIA SHACKLES RIVETED UPON THEIR LIMBS AND DEGRADED BY BESTIAL JAILORS—TERRORIZING WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION.

Special Correspondence. Berlin, March 8.—Despite strict censorship news is leaking through the European capitals of the terrible treatment of women confined in the political prisons and mines of Russia and Siberia.

Daring women have played leading parts in agitating the new revolutionary spirit which is rampant in Russia. Police see their greatest peril in activities of these women revolutionists who are ready to sacrifice their lives,

mysteriously. Not even their husbands or babes know the secret of their fate until months have passed. Then a furtive word or two is whispered by a passing traveler, garbed as a peasant, and the awful truth is known—the wife and mother is a political prisoner in Siberia, or in the mines in southern Russia, which rival in their cruelties Siberia at its worst.

The prison way stations through which from 1897 to 1899 passed 85,000 prisoners, of whom about one-fourth were women, have been reopened, and are overcrowded. Russian women, now illly clad, half fed, are being thrust into cells reeking with filth. They are at the mercy of degraded jailors.

Consumption and typhoid reap a deadly toll, but are welcomed as the alternative of the Siberian dreariness and insanity or suicide. Murderers and



AN ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN A SIBERIAN PRISON. THE WOMAN IS ONE OF THE MANY REVOLUTIONARY EXILES. THE SOLDIER IN THE BACKGROUND HELD WHILE THE OTHER RIVETED THE SHACKLES ON HER WRISTS. THE LOOK OF DEFIANCE ON HER FACE, THE SPIRIT THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN BY BRUTALITY AND SEVERING IS TYPICAL OF THE RUSSIAN WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION.

and they are seeking to strike terror to the hearts of other women by the horrors inflicted upon those who are caught.

From the Akatol silver mines come reports that hundreds of political prisoners have been placed in chains and women formerly high in political and social circles have had the clothing torn from their bodies and forced to don the vermin-infested prison garments. Chains have also been riveted on them, and every possible indignity offered to make their condition more revolting.

Among the women sufferers is Mile, Maria Spiridonova, assassin of Luzhensky chief of police at Tambov. She has smuggled news to her friends outside Russia that she has been manacled and forced to submit to indignities too terrible to relate.

Days of the old regime when Siberia in all its terror flourished are being revived. Women disappear

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BORAH DECLARES HIMSELF A "PEOPLE'S SENATOR"

"BY THE PEOPLE, I MEAN THE PEOPLE, NOT THE ASSOCIATED SPECIAL INTERESTS," SAYS IDAHO'S STRONG NEW MAN IN THE "MILLIONAIRES' CLUB."

Washington, March 8.—A new member of the United States senate—a man who comes as the choice of the people of his state, and not because he has purchased his seat with the trust-made millions—is W. E. Borah, of Idaho, successor to Dubois.

The new senator has been in Washington looking over the ground. He will not take the oath of office until next December, but Borah wanted to see how the senate looked.

"What do you think of them?" I asked. "Bully," was the non-committal reply.

"What are you going to do? What is your general idea as to the policy when you begin to play the game with them?"

"I will keep close to the people," Mr. Borah replied. "I find that a pretty safe guide."

"How about the rest of the country? Are you going to legislate for Idaho exclusively?"

"My state comes first. A senator is the voice of his state in an assembly of states. On general matters the voice of Idaho, so far as I determine it, shall be for what a great majority of the people want. And by the people I mean the people—not the associated special interests."

Mr. Borah is a square-jawed, sturdy proposition, with a lot before him. He is only 42, and what he has he owes only to himself. What he has he took. And he took it standing up. In the taking he may have knocked some men down but he did it from the shoulder. He did not trip them up.

Borah was born in Illinois. Then he was a farmer boy in Kansas. Later he taught school, learned the law and struck out for the coast. He couldn't pay fare farther than Boise, Idaho, so he nalled up a shingle there.

It was hard sledding. Presently he was a stock raiser's case against the Union Pacific and business began to flow his way. But he isn't rich even now.

Borah is the talking type of politician. By this I mean that he is the opposite of Tom Platt, who came to office by virtue solely of his ability to give advice.

Borah also mixes well. He is calm and well poised in his manner. He does not obtrude or attempt to shine. He rarely starts a conversation, but when drawn out is found to have ideas.

His election to the senate is Borah's first public office. He came into public notice several years ago when retained as special counsel in the case of the dynamiters who blew up the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines, at Coeur d'Alene, killing a number of non-union workmen. During the silver agitation in the west Borah joined the silver republicans and stamped for them. Silver republicans are mostly straight republicans now, and so is Borah. A year ago he began to stump the state as a candidate for the senate.

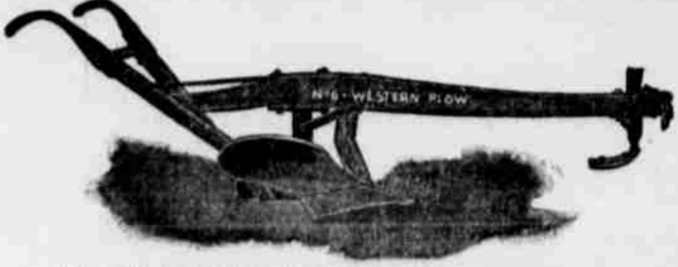
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