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LINCOLN IN BRONZE.

Here do I look upon historic form Fashioned in bronze grown cold, but glowing yet— In our Columbia's memory casket set A sovereign jewel. Earth's un conscious storm May beat upon and work the statue harm; Old Time may topple it without regret. Perish the bronze, but we will not forget The great heart for its brothers beating warm. The hand of Lincoln, bronzed by honest toil, That drove the ax and felled the forest oak, Then working up amid the world's turmoil At one proud blow four million fetters broke: It is not dust—still does it reach and clasp Past present, future, in its kindly grasp! —Robert Lore.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2-CENT LAW.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has just affirmed the decision of the common pleas court of Philadelphia county that the 2-cent fare law passed by the last legislature in unconstitutional.

The lower court gave weight to the contention that the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which fought the enforcement of the law, was protected by certain charter rights which constituted a contract with the state and under which the rates of passenger fare could not be altered by legislation.

BUT IT IS ALSO HELD THE 2-CENT RATE TO BE—AS REGARDED AT LEAST A PART OF THE COMPANY'S PASSENGER BUSINESS—OPPRESSIVE AND CONFISCATORY.

This essential point in the decision is sustained by the supreme court, which says that flat 2-cent rate would prevent the company's earning a fair return on some of the lines which it operates.

The nullification of the 2-cent fare law is welcome, says the New York Farmer Tribune, because it will help to restrain the tendency of legislatures to deal summarily with a general situation without inquiring into and allowing for necessary inequalities in local conditions.

IT IS ABSURD TO IGNORE VARIATIONS IN THE EARNING POWER OF RAILROAD PROPERTIES AND TO PRESCRIBE THE SAME MAXIMUM OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION CHARGES FOR A TRUNK LINE OPERATING A HUNDRED OR TWO HUNDRED TRAINS A DAY AND A BRANCH LINE WITH PERHAPS ONE TRAIN EACH WAY DAILY.

Because the big stem line can and does reduce passenger rates it does not follow that the branch line, owned by different interests, should be compelled to do business at a rate forbidding legitimate profit.

There was no question in Pennsylvania of the ability of the Pennsylvania Railroad company to do the greater part of its passenger business at a maximum rate of 2 cents a mile.

The company's suburban traffic charges average much less than 2 cents and it offers 1000-mile tickets, good over all its lines for \$20.

Yet it is not clear that it could make a uniform 2-cent rate on many of its branch or leased lines for local as well as for special 1000-mile ticket traffic.

Undoubtedly on some such lines the passenger would be carried at a loss, and it was a plain neglect of duty on the part of the legislature not to recognize the inequalities in earning power between the different corporations involved.

What was practically harmless, perhaps, for one was a positive deprivation of rights and property for another.

Governor Hughes did a great service at a critical moment by vetoing a 2-cent fare bill in this state and thus calling a halt on a movement then sweeping the country.

Generalized legislation is easy, but Governor Hughes wisely insisted that details should not be ignored and that the case for each railroad should be judged on its own merits.

There should be no more off-hand guesswork and farcical flat rate equalization in passenger fare legislation.

HEREDITY DOES NOT EXPLAIN THE REAL MAN.

The Corvallis Gazette has an intelligent, thoughtful and philosophical editorial upon heredity as follows:

The believers in heredity are often forced to revert to a distant ancestry for evidence of unfavorable physical, mental and moral conditions which, after several intervening generations of non-appearance, reappear in some remote descendant with increased virulence.

Whatever may be the truth of the power of heredity we are not prepared to accept as true all that is claimed by those WHO REFER ALL THAT CONSTITUTES A MAN TO THE INFLUENCE OF HEREDITY.

It is true that by careful selection and breeding the race of men can be and has been improved.

This is the method nature pursues, and she makes no mistakes.

If she produces a hybrid or a mongrel of any sort it is in resentment of some INTERFERENCE WITH HER SIMPLE AND WHOLE-SOME LAWS.

The Spartans put themselves in harmony with these laws and became an ideal race of men.

But what of the power of environment?

Is it not probable that here may be found the greatest of all forces in moulding human character?

WE USE THE TERM ENVIRONMENT IN ITS MOST COMPREHENSIVE SENSE.

It is certain we have not been enough solicitous as to the real influence of environment upon men in their formative state.

The case of Thaw, again on trial, suggests these thoughts.

NO MAN HAD A MORE DESIRABLE ANCESTRY THAN HE.

His maternal grandfather, Josiah Copeley, through a long and useful life proved himself to be a man "created a little lower than the angels."—only.

THE SAME MAY BE SAID OF THE YOUNG MAN'S FATHER, WILLIAM THAW.

On both sides and for many antecedent generations young Thaw has a most excellent heredity.

The force of this was turned aside by an unfortunate environment.

Pre-eminently public-spirited HIS FATHER WAS ABSORBED IN MANY ENTERPRISES.

Exceedingly charitable, and having ample means, his mother was ever busy with public and private charities.

Left to the care of paid servants, tutors and instructors, over-indulged and pampered, THE CHILD, YOUTH, MAN, HAD LOW IDEALS SET BEFORE HIM.

These he chose to follow.

We need not present the lesson, especially to parents.

TO ONE WHO KNEW THE PARENTAGE OF THE MAN it would be a hateful task,—yet must we say, "O' parents; be mindful of your responsibility for the right training of your children."

BASEBALL IS THE MOST COSTLY SPORT

Frank J. Farrell, owner of the New York American league baseball club and the proprietor of a very useful racing stable, says it costs more than twice as much to run the ball team than the gee gees. For salaries of players and expenses of other kinds the nine forces Mr. Farrell to pay out \$98,000 a year. To run his stable it takes \$40,000.

The cost of running the ball team is about as follows: Salaries of 25 players, \$60,000; hotel bills, \$6375; spring training trip, \$5000; incidentals, clerks and attendants, \$15,000; making a total of \$97,375.

Mr. Farrell's racing stable cost last year about as follows. Twelve horses at \$75 a month and extras, \$9000; entry fees, \$5000; jockey fees (regular price of \$10 a month), \$5000; forfeits in stake races, \$10,000; traveling expenses and attendants, \$8000; salaries of three betting commissioners, \$3000; making a total of \$40,000. Although Mr. Farrell, like all game men, is as silent about his winnings as he is when he loses, it can safely be said that racing pays him well in the long run. In fact, it is several years since his stable has failed to pay expenses.

As for the ball team on the hill top it has been a financial success from the start. Mr. Farrell was recently asked which he liked better, racing or baseball.

"It's hard to say which I like the better," he answered. "As a steady money maker, baseball is undoubtedly the better, but there is a fascination about the turf which I cannot get over." Mr. Farrell admitted that as a personal amusement he would choose the ponies, but he thought that as a scientific sport baseball had a much deeper hold on the public. The proof of this is that baseball draws enthusiastic crowds year after year without the aid of the subtle attraction of gambling.

It Does the Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed without leaving a scar behind." 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

Hubby Is Pevish.

"Do you really love me, John?" "Oh, no. I wear these summer pants and this tramp overcoat merely to appear, eccentric, that all."—Philadelphia Press.

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His Neighbor's Cat.

A Cleveland lawyer tells of a man living in a suburb of that city whose sleep had been disturbed nightly by the howling on his back fence of his neighbor's cat. At last, in despair, he consulted his lawyer.

"There sits the cat every night on our fence," explained the unhappy man, "and he yowls and yowls and yowls. Now, I don't want to have any trouble with this neighbor, but the thing has gone far enough, and I want you to suggest a remedy."

The lawyer looked solemn and said not a word.

"I am well within my rights if I shoot the cat, am I not?" asked the sufferer.

"I would hardly say that," replied the legal light. "The cat does not belong to you, as I understand it."

"No." "And the fence does?" "Yes."

"Then," concluded the lawyer, "I think it safe to say that you have a perfect right to tear down the fence."—Lippincott's.

Didn't Affect Him.

Stella—Mrs. Jones wants a new coat because Mrs. Smith looks so well in one. Jack—Yes, but Jones won't sign a check merely because Smith looks so pretty when he is writing one.—Harper's Bazaar.

Caught in the Rain.

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Kidney trouble becomes so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child born afflicted with weak kidneys.

child urinates too often, if the urine is the flesh, or if, when the child reaches age when it should be able to control passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the ility is kidney trouble, and the step should be towards the treatment these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not habit as most people suppose.

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One Kind of Fame.

Authorities who have in some of England's ancient treaties try to discourage the habit of using initials on these rolls. A fine of \$15 was recently imposed on a man who had chipped his name in letters six inches high on one of the stones in the "Druids' Circle" at Keswick. Close to the giant globe at Swanage a special sign provided for the harmless recording of the names of all who are added to this self advertisement. On the regular Alpine summits its is customary for names to be left on crumpled wine bottles.—Chicago News.

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