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### A MAN AMONG MEN.

Even at the advanced age of 78, the United States could ill afford to lose George Frisbie Hoar, senior senator from Massachusetts. Few men were his equal and his passing takes from us one of our most brilliant and upright statesmen. For nearly half a century Senator Hoar had been conspicuous in public life, and, while at times he may have assumed positions which did not meet with the approval of the majority, no one could question his honesty of purpose—which, after all, is the greatest qualification of life.

Senator's Hoar's persistent sense of right occasionally led him to extremes. All of us well remember the Washington city incident in which the senator turned his back upon Editor Scott of the Oregonian. Mr. Scott had spoken very unkindly of the United States senate, and the Massachusetts statesman regarded the attacks of the Oregonian as a personal assault upon every member of that exalted body. Most politicians would have overlooked the editor's unkindly reference to the senate, out of a desire to promote friendly relations with a man of influence. But Senator Hoar was no such man. He was thoroughly and at all times honest, and "policy" was never a consideration with him. When his party in congress announced a Philippine attitude with which he could not agree, he promptly joined the democrats in their attacks upon that policy, and to the time of his last illness used his utmost endeavors to bring about what he believed to be the proper condition of affairs.

Men of this caliber are few. Most of us are tactful, willing to concede our opinions and forsake our principles for temporary self-advancement. But no such consideration ever moved Senator Hoar, whose devotion to what he believed to be right was unflinching. He lived for the people whom he so ably represented and for the republic he loved so well. He was a man among men, and his memory will long be cherished, not alone by the people of his own state, but as well by those of the entire nation.

### MISDIRECTED ENERGY.

Carrie Nation has again been thrown into jail for destroying property. With three other women, she attacked a liquor warehouse at Wichita, Kan., and proceeded to smash in some plate glass windows. In jail she knelt down and prayed, while demanding the return of her hatchet, which she is reputed to "cherish."

Mrs. Nation is correct in her view that the liquor traffic is a bad thing. Few persons would undertake to deny her belief. As a rule—and rules "go" in this country—the man who uses intoxicating liquor is not as well off as the man who does not use it. There is no question, either, that absolute prohibition would, so far as the moral and financial status of the whole people is concerned, result in a higher standard all around.

But it is impossible to see wherein Mrs. Nation is helping the cause for which she claims to be working. Indeed, it is difficult to understand that she is not injuring it irreparably. Her crusades are made the laughing stock of the country and bring into ridicule and contempt the earnest efforts of those temperance people whose well-directed efforts have accomplished much good. The ordinary mortal will be unable to realize in what possible manner Mrs. Nation's course in smashing the plate glass windows at the warehouse can assist the prohibition cause. Nor is there any apparent reason in her system of smashing the heads of barkeepers and saloonmen generally.

The individual—man or woman—who resorts to such methods as those which have characterized the career of Mrs. Nation puts himself on an equal with other wrongdoers. The law very explicitly provides that one person shall not destroy the property of another, and Mrs. Nation is much more in the wrong than the men upon whom her wrath has fallen.

For the benefit of the temperance cause, such women as Mrs. Nation should be immediately and effectually restrained, and subjected to treatment for mental disorder.

### A DESIRABLE CUSTOMER.

It is a curious thing to observe the attempts that are being made to extend our foreign markets by means of subsidies and otherwise, and to note that

the same persons and interests that are engaged in this task strenuously fight every effort that is made to extend our trade with our next-door neighbor—Canada, says the New York Commercial. We make a great hue and cry about the "open door" in semi-civilized China, thousands of miles across the sea, and then discourage every effort to open wide the door to trade with a progressive and prosperous country that lies just across our northern border.

Although Canada possesses a population of less than 6,000,000—a smaller number than the state of New York has or Pennsylvania—she is, next to Great Britain and Germany, the largest consumer on the globe of the products of this country. Our exports to the dominion for the fiscal year 1904 amounted to \$131,275,000 in value, while those to Mexico and to Central and South America combined amounted to only \$105,300,000. We sold more products and goods to Canada in the last fiscal year than we sold to the whole of Asia, Africa and Oceania. And all this happened in the face of the existence of high tariff duties in this country and of a stiff protective tariff in Canada. The dominion's imports amounted to \$241,200,000 in value—\$65,400,000 worth of which was furnished by Great Britain and about \$22,000,000 by Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Holland and Switzerland. There is no reason in the world why the great bulk of these imports should not have been furnished by the United States, except the fact that we are unwilling to liberalize our trade relations with our northern neighbor. Canada buys from us absolutely nothing that she is not compelled to buy; while, on the other hand, by means of her preferential tariff, she virtually offers a premium or bonus on Canadian purchases made in Great Britain.

All talk about extending our foreign markets in the face of the maintenance of such a policy with Canada savors largely of cant, and it is not surprising that the common sense of the nation is beginning to rebel thereat.

### OPPOSITION IS NECESSARY.

In a country where the rulers are chosen by popular elections there must always be parties or, at least, factions that dispute the offices, says the San Francisco Bulletin. Whenever in the United States one party is so strong that a nomination from its convention is tantamount to election the real election is the primary, and a candidate must fight as hard for the nomination as in other places he fights for election. In the southern states, for example, where the democrats have an overwhelming majority, thousands of citizens neglect to vote because they know that the democrat nominee will be inevitably elected. But they do turn out at the primaries because there their votes may affect the result. When Richmond Pearson Hobson contested with Congressman Bankhead of South Carolina for the nomination, just 11,319 votes were cast at the primary in the district, while at the subsequent election only 6981 persons voted.

Parties make a republic. Without parties, this government would be a despotism ruled by the men in control of the nominating machinery. If the people were offered no choice, if one all-powerful political organization were in control of the nation, if there were no organized opposition, the forms of popular government might as well be abolished. But the presence of an opposition, even though weak, keeps the party in power on its good behavior. The ruling party dare not arouse the anger of the people, lest in their wrath the people put the opposition into the offices.

### THE SULTAN AND THE POPE.

The sultan is profoundly interested in the strained relations between France and the vatican, says the Saturday Evening Post. He hopes that the pope will take away from France the protectorate over Catholics in Turkey and will either distribute it among the Powers, letting each power protect its own subjects of the Catholic faith in Turkey, or, better still, will establish direct diplomatic relations—an embassy of the sublime porte at the vatican, an embassy of the pope at Constantinople. As the pope is without army or navy, and is surrounded by Italian diplomats of the old school who are as fond of unwinding interminable diplomatic correspondences as is the old brown wolf of the Bosphorus, the reason for this longing for direct diplomatic relations is obvious.

Thanks to the quarrels and jealousies among the powers, the sultan's soldiers have been able to pursue their favorite pastime of pot-hunting "infidel dogs" without much fear of interruption or punishment. If now pope and sultan were in direct touch, and the pope were undertaking the protection of Turkish Catholics, not only would the "pot-hunting" go forward more vigorously, but also the sultan could enlarge the activity of his chief passion—dictating diplomatic notes and receiving harmless "ultimatums."

President Roosevelt confidently expects the election to give special significance to his Thanksgiving proclamation.

The Japanese fearlessness of death is not remarkable in a nation that has so long encouraged the practice of hara-kiri.

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### Got the Title.

He married for a title. But you must understand He specified as vital The title to her land. —Judge.

### As It Affected Him.

"I saw Henpeck today, and he said he was so homesick." "Why, he's at home, isn't he?" "Yes, that's what he meant."—Brook in Eazie.

### Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for 12 years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers. Only 50c.



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