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JUDGE ARTMAN'S ARGUMENT.

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PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE.

THOSE WHO insist that the way to keep peace is to arm to the teeth are wrong. The proof is at The Hague. Step by step the conference is evolving into a congress of the world.

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The opportunity for seizing territory by an armed force is passing and with it a chief influence for armament. Constitutional government is slowly but surely undermining divine right thrones...

KEEPING UP THE FIGHT.

THE NATIONAL Rivers and Harbors congress will prepare a series of articles for the press setting forth its aims and purposes, what it has done and especially what it will endeavor to accomplish.

The fact that the existing means of transportation are wholly inadequate is a fact needing no demonstration. The very statement of the proposition carries with it the only demonstration needed and even the most earnest and capable of the managers of the great railway systems of the United States freely admit their inability to move the freight of the country and with equal frankness concede that the question can only be answered rightly by the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country.

A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT.

IN SPITE of all the contemptuous flings at the initiative and referendum, its principles seem to be making steady progress throughout the country, much the same as the movement for the Australian ballot system did some 20 years ago.

The gains for the initiative and referendum this year are noticeable and significant. Oklahoma adopted it in its constitution—one reason, perhaps, though not the main one, why some Republican leaders are trying to prevent the acceptance of the constitution.

This Date in History.

- 1493—Hotspur (Sir Henry Percy) killed at the battle of Shrewsbury. 1637—Book of Canons and Common Prayer issued for Scotland. 1662—Baron d'Avaugour, governor of New France, resigned. 1785—Saxony, Brandenburg and Hanover formed the Germanic Alliance. 1803—Rising in Ireland under Emmet. 1828—Siberia invested by the Russians. 1844—Christian Gobrecht, celebrated engraver to the United States mint, died. BORN 1784. 1858—Jews relief act passed by the British parliament. 1864—Dr. Livingstone returned from his expedition in Africa. 1875—Great Eastern started by the second Atlantic cable between America and Europe. 1875—France and England signed a treaty of commerce. 1884—Princess Beatrice, daughter of Queen Victoria, married to Prince Henry of Battenberg.

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Now the railroad financiers and managers cannot reasonably complain if the people are determined to stop this sort of business. The railroads are really public property, and the managers and officers are public trustees, and railroad stocks and bonds ought to have a stable, actual, dependable, honest value, and not be subject to this process of inflation for the benefit of a few high financiers at the expense of the people. A paper that favors Roosevelt for president, yet would be quite satisfied with Fairbanks, furnishes evidence that it is of the "yellow dog" partisan order. The two men are entirely different in ideas, methods and purposes, yet the Pendleton Tribune would plead and hurrah for one almost as earnestly and lustily as for the other. With many people a party name covers a multitude of sins. The trusts are safe for another two years at least, according to the decision of Republican leaders not to meddle with the tariff in that time. The people's interests can wait, indefinitely. The trouble is that the man who habitually carries a big stick usually wants to whack some weaker fellow with it. Sudden death at sea is sad and terrible, but not so much so as slow death by roasting in a railroad wreck.

The Play

There was profound admiration on the part of a large audience at the Marquam last night for the artistic efforts of Miss Nance O'Neil in her portrayal of Magda, the principal character in Sudermann's great play of that name. The interpretation is undoubtedly the most finished of any during her engagement in this city. The play has probably never been given more impressively interesting production in this city. The great stars have appeared in it, but certainly none has interpreted it so naturally and so completely as Miss O'Neil. Her performance is a real manifestation of art, than Miss O'Neil last night. The play has been seen in Portland on many occasions and the story is well known. Its problems are, for the most part, modern, though the clash between custom and hidebound ideas of the former generation is well known. As a representative of these new ideas, Miss O'Neil is a heartbreaker. Her teachings of her character, as the prima donna who returns to her native town after achieving greatness on the stage, shining with a splendor rarely attained by an actress, and a damsel of custom and rebellion are corded to the parental authority of the old school. As a representative of the old school of patriotic devotion, worshipping the fatherland, the home, and the father, Mr. Rankin, as the venerable prima donna and father of this modern drama, has essayed the part. His portrayal is delightfully paternal. Miss O'Neil and Mr. Rankin received excellent support in this production of "Magda." However, their parts and in a play of such a character, it is to be expected that the supporting parts should be of excellent quality. Mr. Franklyn Underwood in the part of the sympathetic part of the pastor of St. Mary's and gives a consistent portrayal. Mr. Edward E. Kelly, who represents the heartless possessor of the land, Mr. Edward Emery rather overacts the part. Miss Frances Slosson appears to be a very good actress, but she has not the opportunity for a display of her talents which she has previously been assigned her. Miss Georgia Woodthorpe appears in an excellent bit of character acting. "Magda" will be the bill at the Marquam during the entire week.

The Diary of a Hero.

Monday—Everything lovely. Number of influential workers coming to lunch. Later—Perfect pandemonium. One of the workers, a Prohibitionist, and he drank four cocktails without knowing what he fell asleep on the table and when he woke up said he would do his best to defeat me. He don't know why, for he even ate the cherries. Tuesday—Sat on the veranda of the hotel all day and drank a glass of buttermilk. Possessed of Plan and will. Opponents visibly weakening. Wednesday—Drinking buttermilk on the veranda. Then a girl in a dress got in the way of a sprinkling cart. Dashed out and rescued her from drowning. Tried to keep affair quiet by telegraphing it to the papers. Public loves a hero, and that girl in Cuba wasn't so very high. Saturday—Fighting with the elevator boy today and thanked him for a safe journey. Imagine this goes a certain person in Oyster Bay one better. Friday—Dispatch from Oyster Bay says certain person has been pitching a party for the next three years. Will spend the day hoing apples. Must clinch the farmers' vote. Saturday—Tried to move after yesterday's work. Friend insists I must shoot a bobcat. Told him I think drinking buttermilk makes me more solid than a bobcat. He says I am a hero. I say I am a hero. Discovered today that cows do not give buttermilk, and thereby saved myself from making bad break to prominent farmer. Was in bed 1884.

Likes and Dislikes

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1907, by The Journal-Examiner.) "A woman was boasting in my presence of her 'strong likes and dislikes.' I wonder how many thousand people I have heard use that same expression. It is such a platitude. 'I love and hate with equal intensity,' she said. 'If you love in real fullness of heart,' I ventured, 'you will find no room for hate. Love is like the sunlight, and drives out the darkness of hate.' 'Oh, but I never forget an injury,' the woman explained. 'If you did me a wrong I would get even with you if it wasn't for ten years. It is my nature.' 'A poor use of a good memory,' I replied. 'I would rather forget my bad luck on the ground of my own cultivating misfortune.' 'But you can't change nature,' persisted the woman, 'and I am my mother. She never forgot an injury.' 'Then I would emulate my father,' I quoted, 'and forget them.' 'But you can't change nature,' repeated the woman. 'You have to be as you are made.' 'It is the cry of the mental jagged. But it has no foundation of truth.' 'I am the nature of my man chosen at the expiration of four years. Out of misanthropic he creates fertile valleys and blooming gardens. Wealthy and happy hills are transformed into arid, sterile hills. Fertile parks and the courses of great rivers are changed for the purposes of commerce.' Human nature is just as susceptible about the task with the same determined will. Over and over, the gardener who prepares a waste play ground for vegetables, plucks away rocks and weeds, and fertilizes the soil, and sows the seeds, and waters them, and weathers the winter, and in the spring the flowers spring into sight, the weeds die, and the garden is ready for the call of the gardener, who is prone to call our heart weeds by their good names and to ignore their viciousness. 'The man of whom I speak believed in the revenge of the gods. He was a she-god in it. So many of us still our petty jealousy, 'an excess of love,' 'a high sense of justice.' And we cut, and prune these ugly and unsightly weeds, instead of pulling them up by the roots. We straighten crooked limbs, we correct crooked teeth, we remove blemishes from the face, we are quick to mend the mind and heart as well. Prudence, strength and insight, reason on the part of your character, and the qualities of a noble nature within you to be what you desire. Do not say we cannot change nature. 'We will be what we will be.'"

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