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the marriage ceremony among the hill tribes of India, the bride stoops forward while her husband puts his right and then his left foot on her head. In some parts of eastern Russia the father gives the bride a few cuts with a whip as a warning of what to expect if she disobeys her husband.

WOMAN AND SUFFRAGE.

MAN superior and woman inferior? The answer of laws made by man through several thousand years of history is in the affirmative.

Until thirty years ago, a widow had no right to burial in the family lot in Massachusetts. It was the law that a widow could not remain forty days in the husband's residence after his death without paying rent.

It is only within a generation in many of the states that a married woman gained the right to own her own clothes. Before that her clothing was her husband's property.

In France the discrimination against woman by man-made laws is still greater. The alleged inferiority of woman is made apparent in many statutes. A child born in wedlock belongs to and is under control of the father until of age.

Under the French code, for violation of the marriage vows, a husband is granted a divorce, but the wife, if convicted may be imprisoned for three months to two years. She has no redress in the law, unless a husband keeps a mistress in the house under her eyes.

At one time a woman in France could not become a milliner unless married, or unless a man sold her the privilege to use his name. Under the Victorian rule, woman gained more rights in England than in 800 years before.

Among the Maoris of New Zealand when the bride is given away the near relatives say to the groom: "Take her, eat her, beat her, kill her, do as you like with her."

The hatred and disappointment awakened by the birth of a female child was one of the early characteristics, and a tremendous indication of the belief in woman's inferiority.

In Corea husbands have absolute power over their wives and concubines, and among the wealthy, wives are kept veiled until the end of their days. The burning of widows was practiced in India until 1829, when it was forbidden by the British.

The Athenian wives remained secluded apartments and were allowed to appear on the streets only on festival occasions, and only then when veiled, face and all, with a sheet-like garment.

The Borneo woman spends the whole day in the fields and carries home at night a heavy load of vegetables and firewood, often a distance of several miles. She pounds rice with a heavy wooden stamp which violently strains every part of her body.

MORE murders are committed in capital punishment states than are committed per capita in states that have abolished the death penalty. The percentage of increase of homicides in capital punishment states is larger per capita than in states in which the death penalty has been abolished.

1910 the ratio of homicides in the four non-capital-punishment states was 66.1 per million of population. The ratio for the capital punishment states was 145.3 per million. Homicides are swiftly increasing in the United States, but the ratio of increase in capital punishment states is more than three and one-half times as great as in states that have abandoned the death penalty.

A killing by the state psychologically causes the individual, especially the degenerate, to hold killing lightly. Rev. J. Roberts of Bristol says of 180 condemned murderers he visited, 164 had attended a public hanging. At the hanging they learned the lesson of killing.

Experience, reason and morals all advise the abolishment of hangings.

OBLIGATIONS WE OWE.

THE JOURNAL supports Mr. Wagon with full and accurate knowledge of all the facts. It knows Mr. Wagon. It knows Mr. Reed. It has no hesitancy in insisting that Mr. Wagon's election is preferable.

We are undermining society by creating tax perjurors. We are destroying respect for the law by dodging the law in tax matters. We are making ourselves a generation of law evaders, and law destroyers by our lax and inefficient processes of assessment.

The Journal seriously insists that Mr. Wagon has a keen appreciation of this phase of our social life, and official obligations, and that is why it advocates his election.

NOTHING TO RETRACT.

Whereas, the Evening Journal has attacked an honored and respected member of organized labor, namely, Mr. W. H. Fitzgerald, Republican Progressive candidate for sheriff, and in its eagerness to defeat Mr. Fitzgerald it has resorted to the most invidious comparisons, has not stopped at character assassination, and, whereas, by its unfair and untrue insinuations upon thousands of honorable workmen and women of our county and city; be it therefore resolved, by the Central Labor council of Portland and vicinity, that an immediate retraction is demanded of the slanderous insinuations of organized labor is working hand in hand with the element of vice to elect Fitzgerald sheriff of Multnomah county.

1. The gentlemen who issue this command to The Journal say "The Journal has attacked an honored and respected member of organized labor." It has not. It attacked the slanderous article published broadcast in Mr. Fitzgerald's behalf, and called upon him to repudiate it, which he should do.

solid support of organized labor, and does not now understand that he has. Meanwhile, no retraction will be made of anything. Every word The Journal has printed on the subject stands.

THE DRIFT OF THE CHURCH.

TWO marked and opposite tendencies are noticeable in the churches of today. The one is the development of the business and institutional side of its activities. The demand for efficiency has invaded the sacred precincts.

The activities of such a pastor are reflected in the membership of the church. There is work found for every one in the family. The condition sought is one of perpetual motion—tending, it is true, towards good at every point of contact between the church and the world, to use an almost absolute term.

The minister who preaches today the Christ of the Bible as the source and inspiration of spiritual life, who has a simple message to deliver, whose life is a testimony to his fidelity to the truths he preaches, he it is whose church is filled by thronging people.

Letters From the People

Discusses Senator Bourne. Portland, Nov. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—I make an appeal to all who favor an attack on that form of political civilization known as the protection of votes for Dr. Lane and especially against Senator Bourne for the following reasons: One of the defects of our system of government is that we make a platform, elect a president on that platform, and then oppose him with a senate or lower house which is absolutely opposed to him and the platform on which he was elected.

Not Convinced by Dr. Sheldon. Portland, Oct. 31, 1912.—The Editor of The Journal—Charles M. Sheldon, one of the speakers at the national convention of the W. C. T. U., recently held in Portland, is an ardent advocate of woman suffrage, but his reasons for the faith that is in him do not impress me very forcibly and I am sure that none will be influenced by an array of "arguments." Dr. Sheldon confines his reasons for the necessity and desirability of votes for women to four principles. First, he declares that "women are human beings and therefore entitled to all rights of other human beings." Are they not also "human beings," and according to Dr. Sheldon's reasoning, equally "therefore entitled to all rights of other human beings?"

Why Mr. Jones Favors Single Tax. Medford, Or., Oct. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—I want to give my reasons for favoring the single tax measure. Four years ago, I owned 113 acres of dry land 20 miles north of Medford on which I was trying to make a living for my family.

buyers. Mr. Jones assessed at \$40 per acre our improved land, which had cost \$30 per acre to grub. I decided at once not to grub another acre, but to sell the place. Later, I found a man willing to pay \$5000 for the 113 acres, providing he could buy the 150 acres of wild land around the place. It belonged to the Gold Ray Realty company.

Advocates Equal Suffrage.

To the Editor—I believe in woman suffrage, because no man should have a governmental right not accorded to women. When I consider the girls and young women who freely and intelligently participated in school and college affairs on equal standing with the boys, and who cannot understand that their right to participate in political affairs equally with me stopped with my minority.

Complains of Gas Company.

Portland, Oct. 31.—To the Editor of The Journal—Why do the Portland Gas & Coke company permitted to maintain a nuisance in the business center of our city? Why are small factories given notice by the fire marshal, if the sparks and cinders from their stacks fall on the street or find lodgment on the roofs of adjoining buildings, to place smoke consumers or spark catchers on their chimneys, while the Gas company is allowed to belch forth its vile smoke and cinders to the damage of every building, person and thing within a radius of half a mile?

Single Tax and Small Investors.

Portland, Oct. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—There is probably no city in America where the people are so heavily obligated for real estate as in Portland. These people earned their money to invest in this real estate just as honestly as anyone could.

News Forecast of the Coming Week

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—What has been the most eventful political campaign the United States has seen in years will terminate Tuesday, when the vote of the people will decide whether the Republican administration of William H. Taft is to have a renewal of its lease of power, or whether the Democrats, under Woodrow Wilson, or the new third party, under Theodore Roosevelt, will assume the reins of office.

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Warning to the Voters of Oregon. The proposed amendment to the state constitution which will appear on the official ballot in November as "Nos. 308-9," if it carries will take away from the people the right to govern themselves in taxation matters and return to the legislative and predatory and private interests the power to "regulate" and "arrange" taxation, measure, the interference being that the people are not intellectually competent to pass upon such things at the polls.

be, buzzing in midday's bonnet, increasing the fashionable and all too common disease—nervous prostration! Will the ballot in the hands of woman add to the stability of government, the glory of woman, the honor of the state or the peace of the world? Concrete woman! Save her from herself. The noise of the minority must not be mistaken for the voice of the majority. The vast majority of women do not want to vote. ANTI-SUFFRAGIST.

Three Men

From the New York World. Other things being equal, a man who has had to earn his own living is likely to be a far more trustworthy leader of the American people than one who has never felt that pressing responsibility. That is one great advantage that Woodrow Wilson has over Theodore Roosevelt or William H. Taft. He is more completely a product of American institutions than either of his opponents.

President Taft's Children.

Portland, Nov. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Why may I please inform me in The Journal how many children President Taft has, their names and if any are married. With thanks from MRS. S. Charles, Helen and Robert, all unmarried.

Pointed Paragraphs

But a homely man doesn't look it after you get used to him.

The man with a subscription paper also loves a cheerful giver.

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GREAT AMERICAN LEGENDS

The Legend of Leech Lake. By Celia K. Husik. "Who is it?" asked the girl, much surprised and bewildered, for no one had ever come to this sequestered region. "I am the spirit of good and have come here, at the bidding of the god Hiawatha," answered a voice from without. "Please let me enter that I may give you a stone wherewith you may free yourself from the clutches of the evil one."