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Thy husband is thy lord, thy life, thy keeper,
Thy head, thy sovereign, one that cares for thee,
And for thy maintenance; com mits his body
To painful labor, both by sea and land.

THE CHILDLESS FAMILY.

The Living Church Annual, the year book and authority of the Episcopal church, bitterly complains that infant baptism has decreased in that church 50 per cent in 14 years.

In the past year the number of adult baptisms has largely increased, while the number of children baptized has decreased greatly.

The annual does not mince its words in explaining the cause. It goes directly to the bottom of the statistics and shows why this decrease in the number of children coming into the church.

In the homes of the wealthy and prosperous, among people amply able to raise families, educate them and prepare them for useful lives, there are found no children.

People with palatial homes, with wealth to lavish on "poodle" dogs, donkeys, cats and freakish and empty ideals, have learned to despise children and this high church authority predicts that the time is near at hand when a condition will prevail in America resembling that in France, where a woman bearing one child is given a premium by the government.

INEVITABLE STATE CONTROL.

Elbert Hubbard, editor of the Philistine magazine, one of the most original thinkers in the United States, has figured out the railroad question in a practical manner and here is what he says:

The trusts are a movement of nature in the interests of mankind. The people will yet own and control the railroads, just as we do the postoffice. The state will own the railroads, just as we control the highways, where once everybody paid toll. But the

change cannot come by voting out the strong men who have brought railroading up to its present high degree of excellence, and putting in dissatisfied walking delegates. We will make terms with these strong men and retain them in power.

"The nation can only be strong by using the efforts of its strong men. These men in power have proved their fitness and the men who operate the railroads of the co-operative commonwealth will be men trained and educated by the men now in power. And the change will come as quietly and imperceptibly as a change in schedule. It will be evolution, not revolution.

"I believe in co-operation, even with people we do not like, if it will bring us any nearer our ideal. Never was there a time when men of steady judgment were more in demand. We want hopeful, earnest men, and above all, men of patience, kindness and good cheer. We want the opportunist—the man who does what he can, the best he can, and who tomorrow will do the same thing."

The unsatisfactory labor situation revealed by the riot of the Greek track laborers at La Grande, on Sunday, is worthy of serious thought by every one interested in his country. If the O. R. & N. company could secure sober, steady, trustworthy white men to perform its work, does any one think for a moment this horde of mongrel barbarians would be tolerated no matter what the price? If gangs of white men, who could be depended upon to return to work sober and in fit condition to perform their work, on Monday morning, after being paid off Saturday evening, could be secured, does any one think the company would invite such unpleasant occurrences as the riot at La Grande, by hiring the riff-raff of Europe and Asia in even the most menial service? In conducting large enterprises like railroad construction and track repair, it is necessary to keep a heavy force on hand, ready to crowd work when it will not interfere with traffic, and the fact is that white men cannot be depended upon to "stick." Some form of contract must be entered into between the company and the laborers to insure a working force at all times, hence these gangs of Greeks and Japanese are contracted from large employment concerns in order to have some responsible force back of the individuals to insure the presence of a certain number of men at times when most needed. The gradual deterioration of the shiftless white laborer on the Pacific Coast is responsible for the presence of the barbarians. Railroad companies hate these pagans as heartily as anybody, but they are driven to employ them in self-defense.

There are 200,000 miles of ocean cable in the world, valued at \$210,000,000, their maintenance and repair requiring the service of 40 specially equipped vessels. The land lines of telegraph in Europe and America aggregating 2,809,000 miles of single wire, valued at the enormous total of \$110,000,000, with several hundred thousands of dollars invested in repair and construction equipment. All this wonderful achievement and investment, binding the remotest corners of the earth together in almost instant communication and employing a million servants is threatened with absolute disuse by the alarming growth and simplicity of the wireless miracle, and yet how wonderful it was before Marconi swept his wand across the dark realm of science.

It was a sad day for the Canadian mounted police along the Alaskan frontier, when they were compelled to move back from their old stations to the new lines just established by the Alaskan boundary commission. The United States advanced her outposts in this instance without much ceremony, but it represents the greatest diplomatic victory of the century.

OLD ICELANDIC QUARREL.

A political quarrel of more than 20 years standing between Iceland and Denmark has at last been settled. The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The Icelanders, who speak a language different from Danish—in fact, their tongue is very nearly that of the old Norse Edda—have incessantly contended that between that country and Denmark there should only be the 'golden link of the crown.' In making this claim they went by ancient historical traditions of still greater freedom.

Their claim was that there should be a special minister for Iceland, who should reside at Reykjavik and be a native of the island. Hitherto the Danish minister of justice was at the same time the minister for Iceland, and he, residing at Copenhagen, was not required to know the Icelandic language. This was held to be some grievance, especially when the althing, or parliament, was assembled, and the Danish government at Reykjavik had often to correspond by letter from the often storm-bound island, with the authorities at Copenhagen, there being no telegraphic cable.

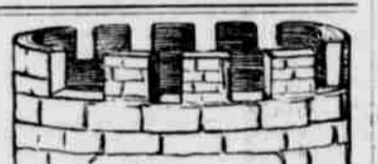
Now the Danish government has yielded to the Icelanders and the althing has given its assent to the bill in question. As a curious fact, it may be mentioned that the island, with a population of but 80,000, has an upper and lower house, of 12 and 24 members, each easily accommodated in an ordinary room. As a rule, the Icelanders are intellectually much gifted, producing many learned men."

THE ORIGIN OF THE CAKE-WALK

At first the figure was only an incident of their dances, a "crow," in imitation of the game-cock as he announced his victory. Then was added the strutting and flapping of wings, then the cock at the head of his brood—this was represented by a negro man at the head of several men and women in couples, each dancing and imitating the strutting, crowing, scratching, and other antics of the brood of fowl, the leader generally having two palm-leaf fans to use as wings. The more grotesque and novel the antics of the negroes were rendered, the greater was the amusement, and the couple who produced the most fun were voted the most popular and the man was declared "cock of the walk," and made the leader of the next exhibition.—R. F. Smith Sr., in December National Magazine.

DOWIE THE DIVINE.

John Alexander Dowie—the evangelist who denies his own father—seems to be a thrifty fellow. Like all other self-styled Messiahs, who profane the name of Jesus Christ, he is out solely for the "stuff." His religion is simply but blasphemously used as



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Dated December 10, 1903. J. H. RILEY, Secretary.

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