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When the children of queens are born with the stamp of royalty upon them; when the mine monopolist can show us his title deeds duly signed by Almighty God; when the unrequited toilers are born without stomachs, and the luxurious and the idle are born without hands—then we may know that Jefferson was wrong in asserting that men are born with an equal right to political justice and with an equal right to determine the form of governments under which they must live and work. The child of Astor comes into the world as naked as the waif of Five Points. Land monopoly makes the difference. Nature does not starve one and gorge another. Human law does that. To the stars above, men are brothers, heirs of a common bounty, children of the same impartial Father.—Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow.

PAYING THE PENALTY.

Russia has not yet tasted of the penalty that is due her for her wanton oppression of the weak and poor.

The murder of one of her tyrants is not a drop in the bucket, compared to the crimes that these tyrants have committed against humanity.

It may be that one should not speak the honest thoughts under pressure of excitement of the assassination of Piehve, Russian minister of war, but the long history of crime, bigotry and oppression wilfully, skillfully and fiendishly practiced by the Russian government deserves little mercy.

Piehve's last official act was to suppress four Jewish newspapers in St. Petersburg, throwing 1200 people on the charity of the Russian public, which means for those Jews, starvation and death by slow processes of torture.

This is only one of the numberless acts of oppression and cruelty and it is little wonder that his blood is spilled in this manner. In view of the recent cruelties to Jews, Poles and Finns, the wonder is that not more Russian officials have passed out by the dynamite route.

In the midst of a civilized and Christianized age Russia persists in practicing mediaeval barbarities, enforcing barbaric laws that were actually formulated about the time the Goths crossed the Danube with an eye on Rome and in denying her people the simplest benefits of the great deluge of progress that sweeps about them.

She is paying the penalty for her cruelty and ignorance. She may expect revolt after revolt and murder after murder, because she is sowing seeds that blossom surely into these storms of disorder.

Her subjects are sinking humans, and would enjoy and conduct a civilized form of government, if she would permit them. But her oppression, tyranny and bigotry are making brutes and monsters of them. Every people is a mirror of the government under which they live. Such is the case in the United States, and such is true of Russia.

The American people typify the highest development of government under the sun and here the brutal instincts that would murder and destroy are the exception and not the rule. Russia, in her oppressed and unhappy subject races, symbolizes the lowest grade of enlightened government and the constant revolt of the people against studied oppression, makes the murderous instinct the rule and not the exception.

Penalty must be paid for every crime, and while the pent-up indignation of the Russian subject may assuager for years, yet it is certain

to burst out at intervals, until the government makes conditions bearable and the slave forgets his chains.

The rather spectacular bluster in President Roosevelt's reply to the notification committee yesterday, concerning the danger of leaving the construction of the Panama canal to a democratic president is not worthy of serious consideration. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, spent the best part of his life in the effort to get an Isthmian canal, and was removed from the senate canal committee chairmanship for purely partisan reasons, for fear that too much honor would come to a veteran democrat, under a republican administration. The government has paid for the canal rights, appointed a commission and is now preparing for the work of construction of the canal, all of which would be continued with just as much vigor, just as much ability, just as much honesty, just as much fidelity to duty by a democratic administration as by Mr. Roosevelt. His school boy oratory and egotistical assumptions of superior ability and honesty are out of place in the office of president. When he speaks as president of the United States and representative of 80,000,000 people, he is not speaking as a magazine writer nor a ward politician. A certain dignity and consideration should accompany the public utterances of the president, no matter how bitter his partisanship or how warm his zeal. Such heated expressions from officials only induce more criticism of them and a consequent loss of respect for them among all classes of people.

The largest pensions in the United States are drawn by women, 24 of whom receive in the aggregate more than is paid to 550 veterans of the \$6 month class. Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. McKinley receive \$5000 a year each. Mrs. Phillip H. Sheridan receives \$2500, while the pensions of Mrs. Logan, Mrs. McClellan and Mrs. Frank Blair are each \$2000. Eighteen widows of generals and admirals receive \$1200 a year, six \$800 and 200 have pensions of \$600 each. The total received by 200 widows amounts to \$165,000, equal to the amount received by 2298 veterans at 20 cents a day.

The native common sense hidden away in every man's nature comes to the surface at times, despite his caloused dishonesty. The excellent editorial on gambling, as a vice, in yesterday's Oregonian was worthy of a thinker and conscientious scholar, and in reading it one almost forgets the Oregonian's campaign baldersdash.

HUNGRY FOR NEWSPAPERS.

Rev. W. E. Smith, a Methodist missionary in China, in a letter says: "One of the blessings of Canadian life is the daily newspaper. Imagine the province of Sz Chuan, West China, with a population of over sixty millions, and not one newspaper printed within its borders.

The Western Chinese must depend for the current local news on the tea shops, in which everybody assembles to gossip and discuss the leading subjects of the day. In 1901, in addition to the religious publications, we introduced several daily newspapers, printed in Shanghai. These we put on file in our public reading rooms, so that everybody had access to them. They developed a taste for newspaper reading, and we soon had several subscribers.

During the year several influential men and sons of officials waited on me, requesting me to take the editorship of a daily or semi-weekly paper. They agreed to bear all financial responsibility, and when I pleaded lack of time, offered to attend to all editorials, correspondence, etc. In answer to the question, why give me the honorable title of editor, with none of the responsibilities? they replied: "we are not permitted by our government to give expression to our ideas through the press, but behind your name we would have perfect freedom."—Newspaperdom.

HELPING THE FARMER.

The wonderful strides of the rural free delivery system in four or five years is the most marked feature of recent national growth. In 1889 only 200 routes were in operation. At the close of the present fiscal year there will be over 25,000, routes running, bringing a daily mail service to more than 12,500,000 people residing in rural districts. The appropriation for this service during the next year is \$20,816,600.

It is impossible to estimate the educational benefits that will accrue from this magnificent system which, as an aid to the higher civilization will outrank any agency now in operation for the betterment and the uplifting of the human race. While primarily for the benefit of farmers, it really confers benefits upon every man, woman and child in the Union, and no money was ever so well spent as that set aside for the extension and improvement of this great agent for the extension of intelligence and quick communication among the masses.

The steel trust has just declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. The net earnings of the trust for the quarter just passed was \$19,490,725.

MORTIS DIGNITAS.

Here lies a common man, his horny hands, Crossed meekly as a maid's upon his breast, Show marks of toil, and by his general dress You judge him to have been an artisan. Doubtless, could all his life be written out, The story would not thrill nor start a tear; He worked, laughed, loved and suffered in his time, And now rests peacefully, with up-turned face Whose look betrays all struggle in the past. A homely tale; yet trust me, I have seen The greatest of the earth go stately by While shouting multitudes beset the way, With less of awe, The gap between a king And me, a nameless gazer in the crowd, Seems not so wide as that which stretches now Betwixt us two, this dead one and myself, Untitled, dumb and deedless, yet he is Transfigured by a touch from out the skies Until he wears, with all-unconscious grace, The strange and sudden dignity of death.—Richard E. Burton, in Scribner's.

A lively stable fire in North Yakima, Wednesday morning, destroyed two barns and 40 head of horses, loss about \$30,000. Two of the horses burned were stallions valued at \$2000 each. A Chinese mercantile establishment and other buildings were also burned.

A trolley representing the latest type of modern car building embodies the semi-convertible idea; that is, the windows, when not in use disappear in receptacles in the roof.

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