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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

GARDEN ROSES

A single rose is fair to see, the dollar kind the florist sells
Viewed from an artist's point of view a tale of care and culture tells
And in his slender silver cup, provides a touch of lovely grace,
Tall, straight and perfect and precise, a lamp to light a darkened place,
But there's a lovelier sight to see, the roses in a garden grown,
Old-fashioned blooms of red and white with all the petals fully blown.

The florist might not call them fine, the artist's eye might fail to see
True beauty in so mixed a mass; but still they mean a lot to me.
I've known this rich bouquet for years with every summer that has been
Always upon the table there this glorious cluster I have seen,
And I can call them all by name, this red one shading almost black
Has been a boyhood friend of mine—a Jacqueminot—best known as Jack.

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KEEP THE CHANNEL OF PROGRESS OPEN

In a story given on the front page of this paper today Senator Capper of Kansas gives reasons why the direct primary should not be destroyed or crippled. Those reasons are sound. The direct primary system is democratic and democracy is the safety valve of civilization, the antidote for bolshevism and for its twin brother, tyranny at the hands of a reactionary oligarchy such as Russia had under the czar.

Give the people a chance to express themselves, to have their will executed and there will be no trouble. The people as a whole are not radical nor are they unfair. The general public is conservative and believes in square dealing. They may be trusted.

The stream that flows freely purifies itself. When impounded it cannot. In Russia the old order blocked the channel and when the waters rose high enough and the weak spots in the dam were found the flood broke that has all but destroyed civilization in that benighted land. Russia is today a horrible example not merely of bolshevism but also of czarism, for the Lenin regime with all its horrors and mistakes may be laid directly at the door of the old order in Russia. They held back the water too long and devastation followed.

The true policy in this republic or in any other popular government is to keep the channel of progress open and to see that the current moves neither too slowly nor too swiftly. Public opinion will attend to that if the public has confidence in the government and confidence in the press. Naturally this public confidence can best be had when the people have a direct voice in nominations as well as in elections. To destroy the direct primary and go back to the old order of selecting candidates by bosses and campaign fund contributors would go far towards undermining faith in our institutions. Once that faith is gone anything might happen. When people grow resentful over conditions and feel they have no lawful methods whereby they may get redress, they give ear to radicals and may be easily led astray into the paths of lawlessness and sovietism.

Some people think that in fighting the direct primary they are fighting bolshevism. Let them study affairs and learn their mistake. They are fighting the surest antidote for Red control and the misery it would involve for all, be they rich or poor, weak or strong.

IN MASSACHUSETTS

THE education of the anti-prohibitionist, whose opinions are based upon the chatter of the thirsty and the allegations of an interested propaganda, is a patriotic duty to the performance of which The News is glad to contribute its help. To this end we call our readers' attention to an article in the July issue of the World's Work, entitled "What Has Prohibition Done?" and written by Elizabeth Tilton, chairman of a committee named to investigate the results of prohibition by the Family Welfare society, formerly the Associated Charities, of Boston.

The inquiry was confined to the state of Massachusetts, and two significant facts are to be kept in mind in considering the results disclosed. First, Massachusetts was a wet state before the passing of the eighteenth amendment and since then has enacted no state enforcing law to sustain the federal law. Second, the comparison of conditions is made between the years 1920-21 and 1914-15, both of which periods were marked by commercial and industrial depression.

Nothing could be fairer than to compare statistics of a wet period with those of a dry period of depression. The state labor department's graphs for Massachusetts show that in December, 1915, there was 8.6 per cent of the organized labor of the commonwealth out of work, and that in December, 1921, there was 27.3 per cent in a like plight. Hence the 1921 industrial situation was markedly worse than that of 1915 and for this reason we would naturally look for a correspondingly worse showing in the social reactions indicated by statistics.

But here are some of the facts which Miss Tilton and her committee discovered:

In 1921 total arrests were 15 per cent less than in 1915; arrests for drunkenness were 43 per cent less; charity cases in which drink was a factor were 90 per cent less; cases involving ill treatment or neglect of children in which drink was a factor were 66 per cent less; children removed from improper homes were 90 per cent fewer; admissions to the Washington home for inebriates decreased by 27 per cent; deaths from alcoholism—in spite of the fatal character of bootlegger booze—decreased by 35 per cent; first admission as insane to asylums, diagnosis alcoholic psychosis, decreased 49 per cent; the penal population was 41 per cent less; juvenile delinquency was 50 per cent less; indoor relief to inmates of institutions decreased 57 per

SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

Sap and Salt in the Woods, Astland, Oregon

Women who marry smart men are rarely happy.

Luxury and poverty are the things that tumble governments.

Two big men in a small town are worse for it than a spell of typhoid fever.

It doesn't matter so much what the laws are if honest men are elected to run things.

Nothing sold in a drug store is put to such severe tests as the so-called "beautifiers."

Every human misdeed and injustice can be banished if men would only get together and do the right thing.

Hez Heck Says:

"The law and indecent exposure seems to apply only to men."



cent; outdoor relief decreased 10 per cent; cases of nonsupport or placed on probation decreased 18 per cent.

Diseases in which alcohol is a predisposing factor showed the following decreases: Cirrhosis of the liver, 47 per cent; Bright's disease, 9 per cent; pneumonia, 51 per cent; tuberculosis, 23 per cent; suicides, 8 per cent.

In spite of the fact that 1921 showed a much heavier unemployment than 1915, the number of deposit accounts in savings banks showed an increase of 9 per cent.

Can anyone doubt that prohibition played its part, and the largest part, in making so good a year—morally and physically—against the counter influence of the war's industrial aftermath?—Rocky Mt. News (Denver).

We think the pioneer days are over, yet down near Vancouver, Wash., Monday night a bear jumped off a shed upon a woman and she did not get hysterical about it, either.

People who deface road signs confess by that action that they belong in the home for the feeble minded.

The strike difficulty is a "condition and not a theory" confronting the country.

TOM SIMS SAYS

A man can inherit dollars but not sense.

Tariff boosts wool and the strike boosts coal. It will be easy to keep coal next winter.

A transparent Palm Beach suit shows you what kind of a man he is.

Funny things happen. One store is advertising petticoats.

"Mystery in Bonder's Death"—headline—Interview the cook.

The old horse trader didn't have as many things to lie about as the modern auto swapper.

A speeder doesn't break any records getting out of the hospital.

With six million things at home that are fine to worry about some people keep up with the Chinese war.

The outlook is brighter. We saw a man buy a new dinner basket.

You seldom see a bootlegger drunk.

The man always turning up his nose might as well turn up his toes.

Success is getting what everyone else wants; happiness is getting what you want.

Rockefeller says he made his first dollar selling geese. Moral: Find something to sell geese.

When an office starts out to seek a man it usually finds him coming to meet it.

Very few men who long for the good old days eat through six inches of moustache.

Canada has a larger percentage of home owners than any other nation. We are hoarding on property anyway.

The millennium will be here when a church bell draws as big a crowd as a fire bell.

The boss can get by with loafing on the job by pretending he is figuring out something.

One half the world doesn't know why the other half lives.

You never have to go to any trouble to find trouble.

A New York actress who imitates Louise Brooks' Ki Ki in a Broadway summer show comes out in all white gossamer made just exactly like the old water gossamer. But, oh my! Leave me, they're Darbels!

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