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JEROME AND LAWSON

District Attorney Jerome of New York is severe on political bosses. Note this from a recent speech made by Mr. Jerome in Kansas:

"There is Murray Cane, now a senator," he said. "A better man than Crane never lived. When he wants anything in Massachusetts there are no Democrats or Republicans. They are all Murray Crane men. But Cabot Lodge! Does anybody believe he would be elected to any office in the State if the people's wishes were consulted? He is not as broad as a knife blade standing on its edge. God made him for a man, and I suppose we will have to let that pass. He is the Republican boss and controls the machinery of his party. That is why he is elected to the United States Senate. Then take my own State, New York, represented in the Senate by Thomas C. Platt and Chauncey M. Depew. Think harshly of us people in New York if you will, but don't think for a moment that we would ever be represented in the Senate by such men as T. C. Platt and Chauncey M. Depew if we were allowed to exercise our own choice."

With two such men as Mr. Jerome of New York and Mr. Thomas W. Lawson of Boston in the State at the same time the Kansans must have got a good deal of information about the "Systems," both political and financial. But Mr. Jerome does not wholly agree with Mr. Lawson. He puts most of the blame on the political machine, whereas Mr. Lawson puts on the trusts. Thus Mr. Jerome said:

"The evil of trusts is greatly exaggerated in the West. Trusts have cheapened the articles they touch, and are part of business evolution. Natural laws in business will regulate them and prevent extortion. You in the West don't look like people who have been eaten by the money devils. Wall Street finances your railroads and drills your oil wells. But then there is another view of the trust questions. Trusts corrupt legislatures, buy courts and congressmen. Here is the real evil. The party machine is responsible for this. The people are honest, but their will is not expressed."

Neither Mr. Lawson nor Mr. Jerome has gone to the root of the matter. The dishonest people are not all rich people nor members of political machines. If the "people" were absolutely honest, and determined to abide personally and also hold others to high standards of honesty and fair dealing, their power is irresistible. It is because the big man on Wall Street finds little men all over the country who are as eager as himself to make a dollar, without too close a scrutiny of the methods, that the big man on Wall Street is a possibility. It is because the big political boss has smaller imitators all over the country who are willing to wink and share the spoils that the political machine is possible.

The remedy lies in a heart-searching process that will reach down to the small speculator and the ward hustler, as well as up to the Rockefellers, the Lodges and the Platts. The motto, "Put money in thy purse," must be abandoned for the higher one, "Put character into thy life."

THE POPE AND POLITICS

Interesting results may follow the decision of Pope Pius X. to take a hand in Italian political affairs. A letter from Rome says:—

"The enormous success obtained by the Catholic party in the recent administrative elections in Rome will have the effect of giving the Roman Union, numbering 20,000 Catholic voters, absolute control of the majority of the municipal councillors and the new mayor. This election, coming so soon after the issuance of the recent papal Encyclical to the Italian bishops, admonishing Italian Catholics to exercise their rights as Italian citizens to vote, demonstrates once more that Pius X. is the master of the electoral situation in Italy. His long experience in Venice, where he for years practically controlled municipal elections, has enabled him successfully to manage the same issues in Rome, and the more influential position he now fills will enable him to exert an influence in every city of Italy. On one point Pius X. is determined; that is to prevent the election of Socialists to public office, even those who claim to be Christian Democrats and to be in perfect accord with the church. Just before the recent election Pius X. instructed the leaders of the Roman Union to refuse all cooperation from Christian Democrats and to exclude them from the official list of candidates."

If the head of the church may outline a political policy in Italy, why not elsewhere?

There is a vast difference between advising electors to exercise their franchise and telling them whom they shall exclude from office; and there has always been a disposition to resent the latter, as an unwarrantable interference on the part of the church or its representatives. The present Pope is a man of great prudence and sagacity, and even the bare suggestion that he may regard his mission from the political as well as the religious standpoint is calculated to arouse universal interest. In the past, attempts to mix denominational religion with politics have not tended to promote harmony, and human nature has not changed.

A very interesting letter on the subject of the Pope's new departure appears in today's Times.

Two wealthy cigar manufacturers in a Pennsylvania city counterfeited revenue stamps, and from there went into the manufacture of bogus hundred dollar bills. They were detected and given twelve years in prison. At the expiration of five years they have been pardoned. These men were not poor, nor driven to extremity. They went deliberately into the business. One of them said when arrested:—"It was ten millions or ten years; we took the gambler's chance and lost." Men of that stamp should be compelled to pay the full penalty.

In a Kansas town yesterday several places where liquor was sold contrary to law were wrecked with dynamite. In a mountainous district in New York state certain makers of whiskey who defy the law fought with rifles against U. S. marshall and several persons were shot. The question of the sale and consumption of liquor continues to be one over which fierce controversy rages, with sometimes fatal results. On the whole, however, the tendency is toward greater restriction and reduced consumption, although prohibition is yet a very long way off.

Governor John McLane of New Hampshire has issued an invitation "to all who love New Hampshire" to take part in the seventh annual Old Home Week, beginning Saturday, Aug. 19. He says: "For all the thousands who will come the bonfires will blaze bright greetings, the churches will open wide their doors on Sunday, and on other days the cool shade of the groves will encompass picnic dinners and the renewing and making of a multitude of friendships."

The morning papers tell of the death of another victim of Frenzied Finance. He was only forty years old, but had plunged too deep, and found ruin. Rather than face the conditions he took his own life, at an age when that life should have been full of promise. In their fierce desire for riches, such men fail to discover the meaning and value of life. They fail to learn until too late that "man cannot live by bread alone."

In a recent speech in the west Mr. Jerome implored the people not to believe that the citizens of New York would make a man like Chauncey M. Depew senator if they had the choosing. The Equitable disclosures published today give point to Mr. Jerome's remark. It is now expected that the guns will be turned on the management of some other insurance companies.

The proposal to give members of parliament an increased indemnity may, if carried out, tend to lower the tone of parliament. The subject is one that requires careful consideration. What is needed more is a time limit for speakers, and a penalty for vain repetitions of what has already been better said.

Building permits in Winnipeg are being applied for at the rate of 40 to 50 per day. Now, if the crop turns out all right, keep your eye on the west. If it should turn out ill—but that would be another story. Happily the harvest is near and the prospects very bright.

Canadian marksmen are doing well at Bisley this year. What Canada needs in the line of defence in her military equipment, is more and better marksmen. This lesson was taught by the South African war, and emphasized by the Russo-Japanese war.

At the present rate of progress in looking up the antecedents of wealth in the United States, the question soon will not be How much has he got—but, Whose money was it before he stole it?

The attempt to establish a new ocean mail record to Canada by means of the Virginian and a special tender and train service via Sydney will be watched with no little eagerness.

The colliery horror in Wales, costing over a hundred lives, is another illustration of the difficulty encountered in protecting the lives of those who labor in the coal mines.

The assassination of the Moscow chief of police by a member of a deputation whose petition he was courteously receiving was a crime that deserves swift punishment.

Is the "System" responsible for the loss of Thomas W. Lawson's voice, or was his speech "frenzied?"

TO JAIL OR TO ENGLAND

Thomas Jackson, who was arrested for stealing $60 from Frank Ewers, a brother Englishman, and sent up for trial by acting magistrate Henderson, was tried yesterday under the Speedy Trials Act by Judge Forbes.

C. H. Ferguson represented the crown; the prisoner was not represented.

Jackson pleaded guilty and the judge sentenced him to the option of doing two years in the penitentiary at Dorchester or going back to England.

Judge Forbes in delivering judgment said that he had been reading recently of a magistrate in England who had been remitting the punishment of certain criminals on condition that they emigrate to Canada. His honor thought it an opportune time to retaliate.

The prisoner will return to England.

CHILD SENT TO JAIL

Edward Cook, ten years of age, and a son of George Cook, painter, Springhill, was arrested there yesterday charged with having stolen a small quantity of fruit from the shop of John Wilson. The magistrate gave him thirty days in the county jail at Amherst in which he was lodged by the Springhill police.

The editor of the Amherst Telegram, Mr. Jamieson, when he learned of the sentence, secured the services of Stewart Ellis, barrister, who made an ex parte application for the release of the child on several grounds. The child admitted that he had taken about six bananas. The magistrate issued an order for the boy's release.

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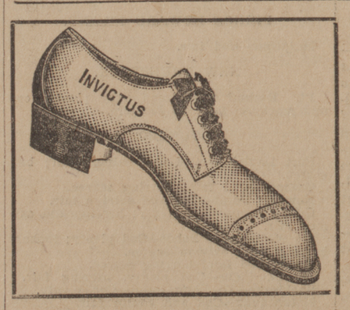
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LECTURE ON JAPAN

Rev. E. H. Jones Tells of the Customs and History of the Land of the Mikado.

Rev. E. H. Jones, a returned missionary from the land of the Mikado, lectured on Japan at Germain street Baptist church last evening before a large audience.

Mr. Jones has become thoroughly familiar with the flowery kingdom, its people and their customs; and his lecture was one of the most interesting that has been given here for some time.

The lecturer showed that Japan has been making rapid progress during recent years and its future outlook is encouraging. He also spoke of the ancient and modern customs of the nation; the war celebrities and public buildings. While some of the prominent men and statesmen are not Christians they are encouraging the spread of religion. Gen. Yamagata says that Christians make the best soldiers. There are at present in Japan 140,000 Christians, of wrom 40,000 are Protestants and 100,000 Greek and Roman Catholic.

Government ownership has been very successful in Japan.

The Japs crave education, many young men taking menial positions in the United States in order to enter college. The people are, he said, very polite and hospitable.

Mr. Jones was formerly a member of the firm of Jones & Morrison, of St. John; the other member being Dr. W. S. Morrison.

Towards the close of the lecture the speaker sang the Japanese national anthem.



MAMIE JEANETTE THOMPSON

The Victim of an Alleged "Private Hospital in New York. See Story on Page Six.

INSURANCE IN CANADA

What May Happen If the State Takes Up Life Insurance.

(Montreal Cor. Boston Transcript.)

Referring again to the life insurance problems a very sensible suggestion was made in the Canadian senate by Sir Richard Cartwright on the occasion of the discussion on the bill mentioned in last week's letter to the Transcript. That bill proposed to prevent life insurance companies investing in trust company stock. Sir Richard admitted that the problem is very complicated and intimated plainly that the government intends to take the matter up and to institute some beneficial changes. He could not say what will be done, but said that it is under consideration whether it will not be best for the government to provide those who desire it with life insurance by the state.

This suggestion coming at the present time well may have a big effect. There is a great deal that could be said in favor of a well thought out scheme of state life insurance. Many people think that the business of providing life insurance is one out of which no set of men should reap profits or dividends. For those who want life insurance pure and simple there should be a way of getting it at its actual cost, and a government bureau could supply it that way. Of course a purely mutual concern theoretically could supply insurance at cost, but the rates charged by the biggest of the mutuals when compared with the rates charged by other companies which admittedly make a big profit for themselves do not indicate that it is supplying insurance to its members at bare cost.

If the idea of State insurance is pressed at Ottawa, and no doubt it will be unless the life companies can bring enough influence to bear on the ministers to cause them to drop it, it is to be expected that there will be a revolution in methods. Insurance rates would have to fall, administration would have to be reformed, and the companies would have to do everything in their power to regain the full confidence of the public. The question would arise, of course, if State insurance were introduced to parliament, as to the probable financial effect produced by the accumulation of a large fund belonging to policyholders in the hands of a government department. For one thing the government would not have to borrow so much abroad. Its funds being invested in government debt the insurance department could not get more than three per cent. income from them. This would be less than the income received by the life companies, but the difference would perhaps be made up when it came to the matter of the expenses. The government department would not be likely, for example, to rebate to a new insurer the whole or a greater part of his first year's premium.

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A high school graduate began his training for business on the 30th day of March last, and on Friday, July 7th, he was offered a position by the situation department at a salary of $300. He intends to keep on training at nights and in six months his salary will be increased to $500 per annum.

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