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In the Limelight

"All the world loves a lover" runs the old saw and, surely the world seems to be brimming over with affection for Congressman Nicholas Longworth and his White House bride-elect. As an exchange says: "The situation of this pair, who must make love with curious eyes ever upon them, would be trying to persons not well trained to the publicity that has been their portion. Their engagement seems to have lost none of its pleasures to them by reason thereof, and few lovers have carried themselves more successfully in a time when it is possible for a man to give a fairly good imitation of an ass, than Mr. Longworth. His little simile across the walnuts and the wine at Philadelphia, wherein he likened his fiancée to the sun in whose reflected rays he stood was an adroit stroke. It was an exhibition of honest modesty, of consummate gallantry, aplomb and good taste in trying circumstances that would be hard to match. Moreover, it was a free and frank confession that the public has many rights in this matter which he delights to respect."

The War is Over

The Baltimore "Sun" feels that the Civil War is over at last in men's thoughts and feelings as well as in history. "The honors shown to the memory of General Wheeler" says our contemporary, "cannot but touch the hearts of his admirers. A veteran of two wars, he represented the new era of reconciliation as well as the past of sectional difference and combat. In both eras he was strenuous and acted his part with distinction, winning the applause of all. When the President of the United States, the Lieutenant General of the Army of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and other officials of the Federal service, shared in the same funeral services with the Remnant of Wheeler's Confederate Cavalry, it was plain that the civil war was at last over in men's thoughts and feelings as well as in history. The incident warms the heart of the patriot who rejoices in a reunited country."

Sensible

Dr. S. E. Gibbs, of New York, puts some pertinent questions to the members of his profession who would put out of the world "painlessly" those who are afflicted with incurable diseases or are supposed to be "fatally injured in accidents."
"Any physician or surgeon of wide experience will, I think, agree with me that it is almost impossible to decide positively whether almost any injury will necessarily cause death. I could mention a large number of cases of injury which have come under my observation where it would have been thought folly to expect recovery, but from which, nevertheless, the persons injured did fully recover."
"Therefore I would ask, who is to decide that the patient cannot live? Certainly a surgeon who has seen many extraordinary cases of recovery would hesitate. The duty of the physician or surgeon is to endeavor to prolong life, not to shorten it, and I think that it will be a good idea to let the patient decide for himself, and to let the physician advise him accordingly."

right to do anything to shorten life even in the most apparently hopeless case."

Save Niagara

While international action might savor of trenching upon the prerogatives of the state government, it is not to be doubted that the citizens of New York would waive all these rights, if only the National government and the authorities of Great Britain could reach an agreement which would save Niagara Falls from the attacks of the vandals.
The New York "Sun" does not underestimate the situation when it says:

The bills recently introduced by Mr. Platt in the Senate and Mr. Burton in the House are steps in the right direction. Mr. Platt's bill proposes that the President be authorized to seek the British Government to form an international committee for investigation and consideration of the matter, with a view to the permanent protection of the water supply. Both Canadians and Americans are now drawing heavily on the supply for mechanical purposes. Further raids are threatened and unless they are prevented by international action the world famous Falls will ere long be little more than a cliff.
In support of his bill which should pass without opposition Senator Platt says:
"The time has come when it seems to be absolutely necessary that there should be concerted action between the United States and Canada on this subject. The beauties of Niagara should be preserved, and the encroachments on the flow of the water can be checked only by harmonious action between the two countries."

Red Tape

Dr. John Pryor does not like Fiscal Supervisor H. H. Bender and does not hesitate to say so. In an address last week before the New York State Medical Society, relative to the work of the State Consumptive Hospital at Raybrook Dr. Pryor said that "good results had been achieved in spite of a vicious centralization of authority under a boss of charities, who had been given too much power and usurped more. When a plethora of red tape and a variegated assortment of systems and cheap parsimony and humbug of evil service administered in this state fails to cripple or render impossible the fulfillment of a determined purpose, there must be some inherent, powerful reason to account for the triumph over obstacles which, at times, seem insurmountable. The fear of the timid that political interference and influence would endanger the aims of the institution has not been realized. Its work has been made difficult by the stupidity of bureaucrats and the incompetence and dominating influence of 'plebs,' but the saving power can be found in the wise provisions of the organic law and the persistent fighting for a worthy cause."
This is severe criticism and perhaps, fully justified, as the doctor looks at it. But this fact must be borne in mind: that scientists and professional men often are wretched business men and utterly insensible to the beauties of "system" as understood by latter day business men. We shall not at this time discuss the relative benefit to the community at large of the ideas of the scientist and the business man. We wish merely to point out that Supervisor Bender may not be all to blame. Perhaps the law would not permit of expenditures precisely as Dr. Pryor would have them.

Possibly, Dr. Pryor and those who dislike Mr. Bender would enjoy themselves better in an institution financed by private means. But the private contributors might be as exacting as Mr. Bender. Really, it is a hard world for the scientists who cannot make connections with John D. or Andrew or some others who are generous with their accumulated fortunes.
Let them wait a few years until the state owns everything and directs everything and everybody. Then nobody will object to the scientists.

Examples

Gentlemen of the cloth are continually exhorting brethren of the laity to mildness in speech and action.

Wholly in a playful spirit we beg leave to call attention to a recent address by a clergyman, not a Catholic priest we are happy to say, in which he applied this kind language to a brother clergyman:
"Vociferous and pessimistic cur."
"A desperate pamphleteer."
"Unlike the gentleness and humility of the dumb ass."
"This inflated puglist."
"Even when the Lord appears the second time it would be just like this small animal to rear up and bark at the sound of the trumpet, as if to say: 'I will not allow it.'"
"Self-centred, inane, mechanical, illiterate and mad evangelist."
"Has been smitten with the stupidity of a judicial blindness."
"A mongrel Calvinist."
"This calumnistor."
"Stands self-convicted either of intellectual imbecility or of serious moral depravity, or possibly of both."
"A notable exhibit of obstinate and cerebration."
"His chronic habits of malignant innuendo and misrepresentation remind one of the notorious Iago."
Senator Ben Tillman might increase his vocabulary upon closer acquaintance with the Philadelphia clergyman.

In our news columns will be found a brief mention of the "prayer chain" plague which has now reached Chicago. If any of the Journal's readers receive through the mail any circular prayer or document pertaining to religious matters they would do well to show it to their parish priest.

Senators Pettus and Morgan of Alabama, aged 84 and 81 years old respectively, have announced that they will seek re-election when their present terms expire in 1907 and 1909. Where, oh where is Oler?

In view of the character of the public opposition to the proposed investigation of the state banking department and system perhaps it were as well that the inquiry go on and that the probe be thrust in deep.

Assemblyman Tompkins is after "Maxwell and fads" through the legislature in Albany; Mayor McOlelland, former Comptroller Edward M. Grout and Borough President Bird S. Coler are after him in the metropolis. But then New York Educational Czar is something of a politician himself.

Mortgage tax repeal seems to agitate the minds of a good many estimable gentlemen, but we fear they will be obliged to possess their souls in patience until Governor Higgins' proposed taxation commission reports a few years hence.

The infidels in France appear to be without regard for decency, law and order, right or wrong. Granted that the churches belong to the state—which is not so except by straining both spirit and letter of the law—by what jugglery of law or equity does the government claim title to the contents, the furnishings of the edifices?

Queer sort of justice to convict the captain of the Slocum and send him to prison for ten years, while the directors of the steamboat company which permitted the rotten hulk to sail the sea, who purchased fake life preservers, are allowed to enjoy a life of luxurious ease outside prison walls.

This left-handed compliment is paid to Joseph Chamberlain by the Boston "Herald": "Up to date Joseph Chamberlain has been castigated as a pirate, a carter, a missionary, a Salvation Army officer, a juggler, William Pitt, a cosser, Napoleon, a ballet girl, a terrier, a candlestick, a Chinaman, Mr. Mantalini, Mr. Turveytop, Betsy Frig, a nigger minstrel, a Pierrot, a Bishop, a red Indian, a Roman Emperor, a Turkish Pascha, a snake, a swordfish, a King, a snow man, a trapeze artist, a dead baby, a champion walker, a mad hatter, Br'er Fox, a settee, a blind beggar, and a prize-fighter. And he still lives!"

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In referring to furs during the recent mild spell we predicted that winter would in its own good time set in with its usual severity and that there would be lots of use for furs for weeks to come. At the same time we assured you that you needn't hesitate about taking advantage of our clearing sale for fear that this year's styles would be outlawed by those of next. Now we can make this "assurance doubly sure" by informing you that next season's fur modes have already been determined and differ but slightly from those now in vogue. So you see our half price inducements to effect a clean sweep of this season's holdings mean much more to you than they would were there any doubt on that point. It means that you can now buy next winter's furs at less than half next year's prices, and, at the same time, have two months' use of them this season.

All Tailored Suits at 50c on the Dollar

There's good picking yet among the tailored suits now offered at half price. Of course, the assortment is not what it was, yet it affords ample choice of fabrics and models as well as colors and sizes. The coats are mostly long, tight fitting models, the skirts circular and gored. Materials comprise chevots, broadcloths and kerseys in brown, blue, wine, plum, green and black. And these are the terms on which we'll part with them:

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