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Whether Common or Not
 By WILL M. MAUPIN.

A Great Campaign

The recent elections in Great Britain were the source of lots of fun.

"Where will we get the money to pay these increased old age pensions?" queried the Duke of Marlborough in a speech.

"From such as thee, lad!" shouted a workingman in the audience.

An imperialist had a big map of Great Britain and her possessions with all the possessions printed in red.

"Ah, Britons," exclaimed the imperialistic speaker, "what do those red spots mean?"

"Blood!" shouted an out-of-work mechanic from the rear of the hall.

"What will result from the adoption of such an iniquitous re-valuation tax as this one here proposed?" queried one of the opponents of the Lloyd-George budget.

"More farms and fewer game preserves!" exclaimed a dispossessed farmer.

Tariff reform as preached in Great Britain does not mean a lower tariff, but it means an abandonment of free trade.

"Workingmen of Britain," said an advocate of that kind of tariff reform, "you deserve protection."

"Yes, like we had when we had the corn laws and the bread tax," shouted an old workingman who could remember back a couple of generations.

The average "Britisher" may dearly love a lord, but he doesn't hesitate to tell the aforesaid lord to keep his place. The barons of England made King John come to time. Some of these days the workingmen of the United States will make the tariff barons come to time.

Another Credit Mark

On divers and sundry occasions the Architect of this department has referred to the fact that he is a union printer, and that he dearly loves to keep in touch with the craftsmen. He has also declared on several occasions that he is proud of the organization of which he is a member, and now he desires to call attention to the fact that another reason for pride has been added to the long list.

On February 17, last, the Amos J. Cummings Memorial Library addition to the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs was formally dedicated. The building cost \$30,000—every penny donated by members of the International Typographical Union. This building will house a library of 15,000 volumes—the best selected library of its size, and the most valuable, in the United States. This library contains autographed deluxe editions of the greatest living authors, and of many dead ones. Twain, Field, Bancroft, Ridpath, Longfellow, Doyle, Gladstone and scores of others whose names are household words, have contributed to the library at the Home.

In the building, in addition to the library, are the dining rooms and the new kitchen of the home. The late Amos J. Cummings, for years a member of congress and always a staunch union printer, donated his private library to the Home, and the building is erected in his memory. Today the International Typographical Union's property at Colorado Springs is worth a round million dollars, and the Printers' Home is the greatest monument to fraternity and brotherhood and love that has ever been erected by workingmen. The old-time printers who are rounding out their lives so restfully and so com-

fortable at the Home, can sit upon the front porches and watch the never ending clouds and colors upon the summit of Pike's Peak, and feel that scattered all over the North American continent are brothers who will always bear them in loving remembrance. And may the grand old organization last as long as that peak itself, and may it continue to be as true an exemplar of that charity we know as love as it has been in the fifty-eight years of its past history.

You better believe the Architect is proud of his membership in an organization like the I. T. U.

Another Complaint

"Was your season's tour profitable?"

"It was the worst we ever had," groaned Hamlet DePhat, the famous tragedian.

"Why, I thought these prosperous times would reflect upon your profession."

"Quite the contrary," said the actor. "Prices of produce are so prohibitive that we seldom got more than two eggs and a half-dozen potatoes in an evening."

Squelched

We were trying to convince our visitor that we had many up-to-date improvements in our city.

"Why, we have pay-as-you-enter street cars in this city," we exclaimed.

"That's all very well," said our visitor, "but we have come-when-you-want-'em cars in our town."

This made us feel small until we happened to think that the chances were that the visitor was stringing us.

Limerick

There was an old fellow named Pfeiff
 Who grew tired and weary of Pfeiff;
 One morning he said
 My life is a thread
 I'd cut if I but had a knife.

Brain Leaks

There are men who can boss everybody but themselves.

The wife of the corner grocer could tell a lot of things if she would.

People who want to be miserable do not have to hunt far for a reason. A great many people say of a sermon, "That's good," and then go right home and forget it.

Paying your dues in your fraternal lodge merely to keep up your life insurance does not spell fraternity by any means.

When a man is out of work and broke a lot of people wonder why he don't rush out into the country and take a homestead.

Every time we see a bargain counter rush it is easier for us to understand why the shirtwaist makers get such miserable wages.

Some husbands and fathers would be better off if, after taking the initiative they would refer the matter to the wives and mothers.

President Taft says the Aldrich-Cannon tariff law is the best ever, and to date we haven't heard it disputed by a single trust magnate.

What millions need is more soup and less sociology, more meat and less meddling, more sunshine scatterers and fewer slumming societies.

The other day we saw a man smoking "long green" tobacco in a cob pipe with an alder stem, and it made us so homesick for Ol' Missouri that we didn't know what to do.

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