



THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME
—From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

GOVERNOR METCALFE

Hitherto the governors of the canal zone have taken an active interest in the affairs of the republic of Panama and the influence they exerted was in a large measure detrimental to the people and to the administration. Their endeavors were usually bent towards imposing unpopular conditions; they never took the part of the common people; they would not champion the weak against the strong; they were ever with the oppressor against the oppressed; the medicine they wished to administer was ever—both bitter and poisonous. But we have a different kind of a governor of the canal zone now. His hand has been felt in the cause of humanity and justice on the canal zone and the people are confident, the oppressed are hopeful.—Colon (Canal Zone) Free Press.

THE MINORITY VETO IN THE SENATE MUST END

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neither party, if in a majority, can control the senate so long as the minority veto remains as a part of the rules of the senate. If this rule is not changed, then both parties in future campaigns should put the following proviso as an addenda to their national party platforms.

“Provided, however, That in making the above pledges to the American people it is distinctly to be understood by the people that we make these pledges on the understanding that the opposite party does not forbid us to carry out our promises by obstructing the fulfillment of our promise to you by filibustering in the senate, in which event we will agree to sustain the right of the opposite party to veto the redemption of our pledges to you, by leaving the rules of the senate in such a condition that the opposing party may veto our effort to redeem the promises made to you.”

If the party trusted by the people is so imbecile as to leave the senate itself subject to the veto of the de-

feated party it will deserve future defeat for such perfidious conduct.

The people of the United States have the right to rely upon the party placed by them in power to fulfill the party pledges made to the people, and if the leaders of both parties connive with each other in the senate to sustain the minority veto under the pretense of “freedom of debate” they will have betrayed the promises made to the people, both expressed and implied. If this rule be not changed so as to establish majority rule in the senate, and so as to enable either party to carry out its promises to the American people, then neither party responsible for such conduct deserves the confidence of the people of the United States, and the people may well say in regard to party promises made by such men, as said by Macbeth in the witches scene—
And be these juggling fiends no more believ'd

That palter with us in a double sense;
That keep the world of promise to our ear
And break it to our hope.

BEER AND GRAPE JUICE

Even if Congressman Bartholdt could persuade Secretary Bryan that beer contains less alcohol than grape juice, the diplomatic service in Washington would be no happier. It is not a formal beverage, and even in the Jeffersonian simplicity in which our government has its being, and with so persistent a plain person as Mr. Bryan doing the entertaining, such a lapse from grace and beauty would not be considered.

Diplomatic capacity is not a trivial thing, but rather Gargantuan, and it would be more seemly to deny altogether than to stint. Therefore, were beer the official drink of the administration and not grape juice, it would be necessary to carry a case of a couple dozen bottles to each guest's plate, and he soon would be surrounded by a litter of empties.

Mr. Bryan, we are certain, would never rest easy if his state dinners were to take on the aspect of a busy saloon after a New Year's eve revelry and if a couple of brewery wagons

had to be ordered in the morning to carry away the debris of the feast.

No, Mr. Bartholdt would be in a hopeless case even if he could go unchallenged, and Mr. Bryan is in position to bring him up as to his statement of fact. He has but to call upon the thousands of housewives who “put up” their own grape juice every year. If any alcohol gets in it, it is by the simple operation of boiling grapes, water, and sugar. There may be some, but if it be the 6 or 7 per cent of Mr. Bartholdt's legend (as compared to the 3 or 4 per cent of beer), it has an astonishing lack of effect on the drinker, who may take his mugs of juice and go sober about his affairs.—Chicago Tribune.

OUR POLICE AND PENAL SYSTEMS

(From an address before the Omaha (Neb.) Philosophical society, by Laurie J. Quinby, Omaha.)

Until society learns to deal fairly with the criminal the number of criminals will increase. Society has tried punishment for untold centuries, and yet today the most intellectual and painstaking of the students of criminology are not in the least agreed that punishment has in any sense proved efficacious in the cure of crime. For no matter how severe the punishment, it cannot expel from mind of the offender the desire to do that which he believes he must, and so long as any desire remains in the mind of man, that desire will eventually be satisfied. You may punish a man so severely that he may not commit a certain deed, but you cannot punish him so severely that he may not wish to do it, and though you may take his life you do not deprive him of that desire, and therefore you have only unchained the criminal, with the added determination on his part to commit the deed. England for centuries tried the severest punishments against crime. During the reign of Henry VIII, about thirty-nine years, some seventy-two thousand people were put to death through the power of the state, and for all this time there is not an item to prove that crime decreased. Two centuries ago England had more than two hundred crimes, which her criminal code made punishable with death, but not until the state became less criminal, did crime decrease. It is not uncommon for some folk, whose own conduct is not always above suspicion, to say that one who breaks the criminal law puts himself out of all consideration by his fellow mortals; but when society hounds him who has once offended, and hounds him for that reason only, it is itself a worse offender, for it puts a club into its enemy's hand. Verily, in the majority of cases, it is the criminal who is more sinned against than sinning. . . .

From observation and learning the opinions of others, I believe that the majority, if not indeed all, so-called criminally-disposed are more the victims of circumstances, environment and growth, over which they had no control. I am constantly more and more convinced that all of us really try to do the best we can. That we do not rise to the degree we should is more through our ignorance or from our under-development. From this premise, it would follow that society should treat the criminal more as a sick man—more as one in need of assistance—than as one upon whom it should pounce with distended talons, to rend and tear.

BALLOT REFORM

“Uncle Gabriel, are you in favor of votes for women?”
“Does you-all mean, sub, dat me an' Liza could bof vote?”
“Yes.”
“Ah suah does favah it, den. Dat would be four dollars.”—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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