

A FUTURE OF SERFDOM

The Mothers of the Land Should Organize to Preserve Liberty for their Sons.

The following clipping was received from a mother in Washington, D. C. In the letter accompanying it, she says that she really thinks the mothers of America should organize in every state in the Union to protect their sons from becoming wage hirelings.

"This question cannot longer be obscured by appealing to the prejudice of the voters to support this or oppose that political party because of its history and traditions. The question of the present involves the welfare of the son and daughter.

"As evidence of the fact that the thoughtful people of America are becoming alarmed over the prospect before their children we quote from Harper's Bazaar, a publication of the highest and most select of its kind exclusively devoted to the interests of women.

"Take the Standard Oil Company, for instance. The profits of this concern for the current year are estimated at \$22,000,000. Would not Mr. Rockefeller smile if his son set out to establish a business that would snatch the power to fix prices out of Mr. Rockefeller's hands?

"The islands mentioned are a portion of the Philippine group and lie to the north of Papua. They are both small.

"When Gen. Miles landed in Porto Rico, the inhabitants greeted him with open arms and strewed flowers in the pathway of the advancing arch.

"Please give Mr. Dietrick and the other one a good roast of Limberger and sauerkraut in your paper and tell them that we are for Bryan, Stevenson, Poynter and the ticket, democrat and populist, and that talk, beer and buttons cannot buy us.

"We, the German voters of Norfolk precinct and this county will show the Limberger cheese man at the next election what we will do to him and if he don't keep away from our Christian meetings we will show him before that time. E. A. LINDBERMAN, Madison, Neb.

"In the absence of the new Italian king the ministry has issued in his name a manifesto to the nation as follows:

"King Victor Emmanuel III, in ascending to the throne, has to perform the painful duty of announcing to the country the awful calamity which has violently cut short the valuable life of King Humbert.

"The nation, wounded in its sincere affection for the august dead and in a sincere feeling of devotion and adherence to the dynasty, while execrating the cruel crime, will be plunged into profound grief for the venerated memory of a good, brave and magnanimous king, the pride of the people and the worthy perpetuator of the traditions of the house of Savoy, by following with unshakable loyalty around his august successor, Italian will prove by their deeds that their institutions do not die.

"The Clark & Leonard Investment Company has appealed from a dismissal of a mandamus suit in the district court of Scott's Bluff county to the supreme court. The company had a judgment for \$478 against the county of Scott's Bluff and the county treasurer having refused to pay the money a mandamus suit was instituted in the lower court.

"The Vienna correspondent of the London Chronicle, writing Aug. 2, says: 'A rumor has reached here from Belgrade that an attempt was made to assassinate King Alexander while he was driving through the town. It is said he was shot at, but was uninjured. The rumor is unconfirmed.'

"The July comparative statement of the government receipts and expenses shows that during the month the receipts amounted to \$89,955,160 and the expenditures, \$53,979,653, which leaves a deficit for the month of \$4,024,493. One year ago the deficit was \$8,506,832.

"A ten-year-old son of George Whitaker of Albion was kicked in the head by a horse and is now lying in a critical condition with a fracture of the skull. It appears the boy was driving the horses from the cornfield where they had strayed, and running up behind, struck one of them, which resulted in his injury.

"The Continental Iron company, operating mills at Niles, O., and Wheatland, Pa., has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. The action was precipitated by a suit for \$235,000 and interest amounting to \$18,000, instituted by Rogers, Brown & Co., the Tennessee Iron and Railway company and the Virginia Iron company. The cause is said to be the shrinkage in iron values.

"The reform worker who does not push the circulation of the Independent is not taking advantage of his strongest means of doing good.

"A cigar has been defined as a thing with a light at one end and a fool at the other, but somehow the fool never feels so much like a fool as he does when he gets himself end the light at the same end.—Detroit Journal.

"The Western Electrical company of Omaha has been awarded the contract for furnishing fixtures for the boys' cottage at the Beatrice institute for feeble-minded. The price is \$115.

"An official call has been issued for the annual reunion and encampment of the Spanish-American war veterans in Chattanooga October 8 to 12, inclusive.

"The Nebraska Elevator company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, the incorporators being John B. Wright, E. R. Spencer, Thomas Worrall, and O. H. Eggleston. The company is to operate a line of elevators along the Union Pacific road.

"Two masked highwaymen held up and robbed Motorman Arthur F. Jenkins at Thirty-third and O streets, Lincoln, Neb. The robbers secured \$6.10 in money as a result of their work.

"General Greeley, chief signal officer, left Washington for Alaska to superintend arrangements for cable and telegraphic communications with that territory. The last session of congress appropriated \$430,000 for telegraph lines in Alaska.

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Forepaugh and Sells Shows the Greatest in Existence.

Tuesday of this week the Forepaugh and Sells Shows made a most satisfactory exhibition. The day was an ideal circus day, the attendance was large and the excellence of the exhibition exceeded all expectation.

To detail the splendid performances would require a volume. The education in addition to the amusement derived from witnessing such a gigantic business undertaking and the marvelous feats performed by men and beasts is worth several times the price of admission. It must be seen to be appreciated.

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THE GARDEN PARTY.

By Elisa Armstrong.

"So sorry I couldn't come to your garden party," said the girl in white duck. "I'm sure it was a great success, though I haven't met a soul who was there.

"Of course. He hasn't been married long enough to want to go for pleasure. But what is your trouble? Has he invited one of his old girl friends to keep your company in his absence?"

"He has not. I think he is afraid they might tell me some things he'd just as lief I didn't know. No, it was not Jack who came here with me. It was the garden party. Oh, Sarah, such a queer thing happened!"

"Mercy! Did some of the guests take your solid silver spoons?"

"No, dear; the silver is quite safe. It is all wedding presents, you know. It was not that at all, and I suppose I had better begin at the beginning and tell you all about it."

"I fear so, dear. I live in the house with my father and six brothers, you know, and sometimes I fear that I am losing all my feminine ways. I hardly ever jump at a conclusion now any more than I would at the sight of a mouse."

"You poor child! Well, to begin, then, I know that people always keep their wedding anniversaries, and as I want to start properly I told Jack that we'd celebrate the completion of six months of matrimony by giving a garden party."

"Humph! He was delighted, I am sure. I remember how my father behaved when mamma suggested celebrating their silver wedding."

"But she celebrated it?"

"Oh, yes, and it was a treat to see them accepting congratulations with such amiability when they hadn't spoken for a week."

"I never refuse to speak to Jack! It gives him an unfair advantage. Well, he objected to my scheme for a long time and only really withdrew his objections when he came home to tell me that he must make this business trip. Then he said he'd be here on Thursday, the day originally set for it, as he must leave on Wednesday. However, he hoped I'd give it just the same."

"So you did?"

"I'm not to be outdone in generosity even by Jack, dear, and I said I'd change the date to Tuesday, so he could be there too. In spite of his protest, I insisted that he stop at the engraver's and have the cards altered."

"Did he do it?"

"Oh, yes, after I had cried a little. You see, I knew that he'd give in finally and had already ordered the cards to save time. As the days passed and he realized that we were to be separated for three weeks he evidently repented having hurt my feelings and even said that if I'd give him my list of the guests he'd have her address the cards and send them out. Wasn't it sweet of him?"

"Very. And how pleased his typewriter must have been!"

"I never thought of that. Well, I gladly agreed, for it not only saved me time, but money, too, as Jack paid for the cards when he called for them. He forgot even to bring one home for me to keep as a souvenir, but I was so happy at the extra amount for cushions and frappe that I didn't seek him. Oh, I was so happy when Tuesday came! Such a lovely day! And Jack was so good! Much as he hates a party he staid home all day to help."

"How lovely of him! But if it was such a success I don't see what your trouble was. Did Jack flirt with some old sweetheart?"

"No, dear; I had guarded against that by asking Mr. Sweetie. I knew he'd be too busy watching us to think of Miss Goneyb."

"But I thought you hated Mr. Sweetie?"

"I do, dear, and he knows it, but Jack doesn't. Well, I was even dressed in time, and Jack and I went out and sat in a hammock together, just as we did before we were married."

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BYRD IS AMBUSHED

Prominent Politician of Tennessee Assassinated.

Michael Byrd, a prominent farmer living near Magnetic City, N. C., was assassinated by ambush. He died a few hours after having been fired upon. No clown has yet been secured as to his murderers. He was a prominent politician and had many political enemies. It is said he was assassinated within twenty feet of the place where he killed a man four years ago.

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