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The Senator and the Ladies

The New Mexican fears that United States Senator Thomas B. Catron, in his address to the suffragist ladies yesterday, hardly showed a due appreciation of his opportunity.

Whatever the Senator's convictions about national equal suffrage, or suffrage even for New Mexico women, he hardly did justice to the general subject. Mr. Catron, we believe, has somewhat of a reputation for bluntness, for not beating about the bush, for speaking right out in meeting. In fact, we have understood the Senator rather prides himself on this trait. There are times, however, when bluntness is misdirected.

There is no gainsaying the fact that Senator Catron appears, from his talk yesterday, to have an inadequate conception of the character and achievements of the womanhood of his own state. We apprehend that he doesn't properly appreciate them. Certainly, whether a man be a politician or not, the opportunity presented to Senator Catron yesterday to show a proper appreciation of what the women of his native state of New Mexico have done was one that a blind man could hardly have missed observing. Especially does this seem so in view of the high compliment which these fine women of Santa Fe paid their representative in the United States senate by calling upon him in such a formal and respectful manner and in the complimentary speeches which were made to him by their spokeswomen.

If we had been in Senator Catron's commodious shoes, we should have taken occasion, however, deep our convictions against the feminine ballot, to return the compliment with a little praise for the work accomplished for better things in New Mexico by the women of the state.

We should have referred briefly to the remarkably effective work for better homes and schools and farms of the New Mexico Federation of Woman's Clubs, which held a convention in Portales so recently it would seem that it could have hardly escaped the dear Senator's mind.

We shoud have referred in complimentary terms to the broad, wise character of the legislation for which the organized women of New Mexico have been working before the legislature. There might be mentioned their effort to secure a legislative provision to care adequately for the poor and needy in New Mexico and place official charity on an organized and effective basis. There might be mentioned their work for the seven months' school term bill, which finally passed largely as a result of the tireless efforts of the women. There might be mentioned the effort to secure a provision whereby women must be represented on the governing boards of all state institutions, particularly in the case of the hospital for the insane and the penitentiary, where their presence is pre-eminently proper. There might be mentioned their work for the establishment of juvenile courts, to solve a problem which is becoming more and more perplexing to the police departments of New Mexico cities. The effort of the women to secure a community property law protecting women in their unquestioned rights might have been called attention to. Most notable of all the things which might have been praised, perhaps, is the work of the organized women of the state toward bettering the condition of the women on the farm, the backbone of the state which has honored Mr. Catron by sending him to the United States senate.

We regret that Senator Catron overlooked these things. Reference to them might have overbalanced some of his rather weak arguments against woman suffrage. He may realize some of these things; it would seem strange if he didn't; but it does seem that he missed a considerable bet when he failed to mention them.

In few states are the women better qualified to ask for the ballot than in New Mexico. While the fact may not have yet impressed itself upon the Senatorial consciousness, it is, nevertheless, a fact that the women of this state in their activities for social and economic uplift have shown a common sense that is worthy of emulation by some of the sterner sex. It is one of the Senator's arguments, we understand, that woman's place is in the home, bearing and rearing children and being a proper helpmate to her husband. It is along these lines that the women of this state are working; and it is to make better homes and schools, better wives and mothers, better housekeepers and babies that the women of New Mexico want the ballot. Every piece of legislation they have sought has had such ends in view. It is unnecessary to recall how much easier their task might have been at the last legislative session, for instance, had they been backed by voting women in the state.

Senator Catron in a general way drew an unfavorable contrast between the ability of the women and that of the man to exercise the privileges of citizenship and state building. We believe most reasonable men will be willing to admit that the activities of the voteless women at the last legislature compared fairly well with those of the same statesmen who some years ago had an active part in securing for Mr. Catron the seat he now holds.

In conclusion, the assertion might be hazarded that as a mere matter of mechanical efficiency, regardless of brains, women legislators could very likely have done a neater job of recording legislation in a manner that would stand legal scrutiny than did the gentleman in charge of the law-making last winter in this fair city.

Engineering Miracles

The seriousness of the condition in the Panama canal is not at all glossed over by the official publication, the Canal Record. It says "Directly after the occurrence of the movement of September 18-19, the ladder dredges Marmot and No. 5 were brought up from the Atlantic and Pacific entrances, respectively, to work through the shoal water and clear a channel to allow the large dredges access to the worst part of the slide, where material had been shoved up from the bottom, forming an island."

There has been some great engineering work done since the closing of the canal, but no promises are made concerning when it will be open for traffic again. The dredges have made unheard of records in the removal of mud and rocks. The 15-yard dipper dredge Gamboa set a new high record for dredges in hard material in that twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., September 23, turning out 16,145 cubic yards of soil. This is an average of 5,048 cubic yards in each eight-hour shift, and at the rate of 631 cubic yards an hour. The Paraiso, mate of the Gamboa, made herself a high record of 14,650 cubic yards in the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., September 27. Many other dredges of smaller capacity are at work, and nowhere near such an amount of earth was ever before moved in the same time in any part of the world. It substantiates General Goethals' assertion that if the hills on both sides of the canal may have to be removed, it is not an impossible task at all.

Grotesque.

(Omaha World Herald.)

With reference to a report printed in London that there was under way some secret interchange between the British and German governments concerning terms of peace, the London Times declares that the notion that Great Britain would consider peace at this time is "too grotesque for serious mention."

We wonder why.

What is there "grotesque" about peace, or about the desire to restore peace?

It is war, not peace, that is grotesque.

Two years ago the notion that the great nations of Europe would soon engage in the bloodiest and most destructive war in the world's history, over an issue that nobody was able clearly to define, would have been greeted as grotesque by the whole civilized world.

When, according to the Times' notion, will it be no longer "grotesque" seriously to consider peace?

Will it be when Europe, now a shambles, shall have become a wilderness?

Will it be when a Europe red and convulsive shall have been converted into a Europe quiet and still with the awful silence of desolation?

At a party Miss Brown had sung, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and for days after she was singing or humming it to herself.

"It seems to haunt me," she said to a friend, who had also been at the party.

"No wonder," said the friend. "Look at the way you murdered it."

READ THE WANT ADS

Jabs -:- In the Solar Plexus

WHEN YOU meet with a man
Whom the kiddies don't like,
Or a man to whom
THEY are displeasin';
You are perfectly right
When YOU take a dislike
To such varmints,
Because there's a reason.
—Phoenix Republican.

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THE NAME of General Pizaro, the new Mexican revolutionary, sounds like a patent medicine or a mechanical musical instrument.

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A DOVE of peace lived in an oak,
The less he knew the more he spoke,
The more he spoke the less he heard;
Be not like this Chawtalkwa bird.

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"THE KAISER weeps over the fate of France." And as we were told in our youth, he is likely to get *something to cry for.*

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AND THEY won't be of the crocodile variety.

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POPULAR DANCES for the coming season are the Subway Dip, the Panama Slide and the Carranza Contortion.

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UNCLE TOM is great on the tariff, but getting a little rusty on his scripture.

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ONE OF the lady speakers thought it was a delicate subject. Mr. Catron didn't seem to feel that way about it.

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SOME OF the women go so far as to say they could at least get Sixty-One Bills properly into the house journal.

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BRITISH statesman declares British navy has won the war. This being so, it might be a good idea to loan a few battleships to Serbia for a couple of days.

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OR DISPATCH them to Dvinsk.

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GREECE HAS about the same chance to remain inactive as the man who sat down to read a novel on top of a hive of bees.

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IF VILLA decides to come to the United States he might try the Chautauqua platform.

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BUSINESS OF being surprised to learn that the King of the Belgians had any sword left.

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OF COURSE, there are some bad features about living in Mexico. But then we are glad we are not an Armenian.

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IF THE BRITISH had fallen at the rate of 101 a second, instead of 100, at Loos, undoubtedly Berlin would have announced the fact.

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WE'D RATHER stand in front of even Ty Cobb than some of those Santa Fe National Guard shootsmen.

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CURIOUS THE Wells-Fargo has never even tried the Fitzverear.

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DENVER MAN says we mustn't educate the Filipino to wear pants unless we give him a job to earn 'em. Lots of men in this country would be willing to forego the pants if they had the job.

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THE MURDER of an English girl by the German authorities was doubtless authorized by the kaiser on express instructions from Heaven.

The Anvil Chorus

Sleeping Sickness

Phoenix Republican: The country is awakening to the need of national defense; that is, all of the country except Hon. W. J. Bryan, who is still dreaming of peace.

Hit With a Shovel.

Phoenix Republican: If Carranza shaved and you could see the place where his chin ought to be, you would be willing to bet that some one slammed a gate in his face when he was very young.

Plenty of Them.

Oklahoman: If Germany shot her bolt, as England averred some while ago, she has evidently laid in a supply of new bolts.

Likely She Do

Oklahoman: Mrs. Galt probably indorses the present Democratic administration.

So It Goes.

Omaha World-Herald: After the king saves his country from war, the Greek prince had to fall off his horse and break his leg. If it isn't one thing, it's another.

Prospects Bright For Oil On the Pecos

Roswell, N. M., Oct. 22.—Glowing reports are reaching the city daily as to the prospects of the new oil well at Lakewood, Eddy county. A number of eastern oil men are there and are spending their time near the well. It is said, on good authority, that never before in the history of this valley have the prospects for a gusher been so very bright as they are just now. Another thing that lends encouragement to the proposition is that the promoters have nothing to say confidentially, or otherwise, and the county for miles around is being staked.

What They've Done With Ballot

IT DID NOT take long in Illinois for the women to use their ballot to bring about some much-needed civic reforms. A Chicago paper publishes a list of achievements which are credited to the votes of women. Here are some of them:

Aurora—Policewomen in juvenile court.

Alton—Clean-up of the segregated district.

Alexis—A new high school building.

Bloomington—Civic primers in the schools.

Clinton—Commission form of government.

Carrollton—A clean-up day and city gardens.

De Kalb—New public park.

East St. Louis—Playgrounds and bathing pools.

Galesburg—Rest room for women in the county fair.

Greenville—New high school.

Jacksonville—Commission form of government.

Lincoln—Commission form of government.

Moline—Street vigilance committee.

Ottawa—New high school building, with domestic science course.

Pontiac—Playgrounds and new park.

Roseville—A library and women on the high school board.

Streator—Commission form of government and committee of women to report on street conditions.

Springfield—Commission form of government.

Sterling—Women on the library board and among school trustees.

Taylorville—A curfew.

Viola—New water system.

The accomplishments in Chicago are said to be the large number of women brought out to registration, the plurality over men voting on the last bond issue, organization of every ward in Chicago in two years, increase of affiliated bodies of state organization from 30 to 104, and the promise of payment for women officials on a par with that of men.

A Correct Gown For the Schoolgirl These Fall Days

A STURDY YOUNG SAILOR

Brown serge fashions this durable gown. The cuffs, collar and belt are overset with tan colored broadcloth outlined with white silk soutache braid, and a wide brown silk windsor tie finishes the blouse. The skirt is rather closely box plaited. There is no costume prettier or more serviceable for the small girl.

'Drys' Good Losers in Tucumcari Election

(By Special Correspondent.)

Tucumcari, N. M., Oct. 22.—Commenting on the recent local option election here, which was won by the "wets" by the narrow margin of six votes, the Tucumcari News says:

"There was some talk of contest but only for a few minutes, when it was quickly decided by those who were at the head of the dry campaign, when they determined the election honestly won by the wets and politely took off their hats to the winners. Friendly hand-shakes were witnessed and nothing will come up to hamper the upward climb of Tucumcari from a business standpoint."

ALL WRONG

The popular actor had become a soldier. In a hotly contested skirmish he distinguished himself by his courage and gallantry.

"Well, well," said he at the end of the action, "what do you think of that? Not a soul's applauding."

A Galley o' Fun!

THE SUPREME TEST.

"You aspire to become our Professor of Modern Languages?" asked the President of the Board of Trustees of the Milledgeville College.

"Yes, sir," was the respectful answer of the applicant.

"Konnen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" asked the Professor sharply.

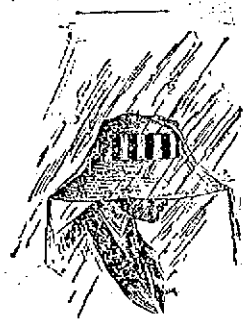
"Jawohl!" came the answer of the applicant, not to be taken off his guard thus easily.

"Parlez-vous francais?" demanded the interrogator, giving the applicant no time for recovery.

"Oui," said the applicant. The President beamed with pleasure upon his fellow members of the Board.

"It seems," he said, addressing no one in particular, "that the gentleman is eminently qualified for the post. But," turning again to applicant, "there is one more question that I must ask you. What is the simian equivalent of fear as expressed in the monkey language as transcribed by Professor Garner?"

Realizing that he had failed in the supreme test, the applicant turned sadly away.



THE PANAMA CANAL.

SOMETHING TO HOLD HIM TO.

"Always be the same as you are now," he whispered to her tenderly, "and it is all I ask, my dearest one."

"And if I am, you will always love me?" she said, quietly.

"Yes," he answered her, "always."

She looked beyond him—into space. Only SHE knew that ere long she would be quiet different, for she was growing stout!

Then she smiled into his face. "And the more you see of me, the greater will be your love, will it not?" she asked.

"Yes," he answered, "I swear it!" And thus she was comforted.

DANIEL AND THE LIONS.

And it came to pass that Daniel was cast into the den of lions by order of King Darius.

Early the next morning, King Darius went to the den, rolled away the stone, and called out: "Do the lions bite?"

"Not unreasonably," replied Daniel, who was well up in the general vernacular of the day.

"Good," ejaculated King Darius as he rolled back the stone. Whereupon he went forth and proclaimed to the multitude that the lion question had been solved.

BEFORE ROME BURNED.

Roman Citizen—What's the matter, Friend Tullius Marcusque?

Roman Insurance Agent—Matter? Why, the companies have just decided to cancel all their policies here on the ground of a "moral hazard," and the Board of Underwriters have appointed ME to acquaint Emperor Nero with the fact!

A QUERY.

The Preacher (raising his voice)—Salvation is free! Do you want it?

Editor (suddenly awakening) — If there are any prominent people mixed up in it you might give us seven hundred words.

PROOF.

Casey—Thin you don't think there are any Irish players!

Murphy—No, indade! Wilin Mullaney threw the brick there wasn't one man of thim would come out and fight.

HER FIRST FOOTBALL GAME.

She—It IS a rough game, isn't it?

He—Why, yes; but you didn't expect to see it settled by arbitration, did you?

"This dog of ours," said Mrs. Jones to the Sabbath dinner guest, "is a most peculiar animal; he runs away very often and stays for days—but he always comes home on Sunday."

"Why is that? Why does he choose Sunday to return?" asked the guest.

"I really don't know," smiled Mrs. Jones, tenderly stroking the dog's sleek brown head. "Some strange canine intuition, I suppose."

"Canine nuthin'," snuffed little Johnny Jones. "I 'spect he knows that Sunday's the only day we have a decent meal."

"Well, old chap, do you think Miss Van Billion intends to buy you?" asked the first duke.

"My deah boy, I really cawn't tell, don't you know. Some days I think she does; then at other times, old top, I fear she is merely shopping," replied the second duke.

WAR-TIME CHARITY.

Beggar (in German) — Lady, couldn't you give a poor man what ain't had nothin' to eat days just a little piece of bread?

Housewife—"With pleasure; let me see your bread card."

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