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Prominent Member of the Anti-Death Penalty League



HERE are a thousand Christlike reasons why a woman's sex should exempt her from capital punishment, and these are entirely divorced from political, as to whether or not, "women's rights" are to be righted by the ballot.

The same reasons apply to men which should exempt their sex from outrage on the commandment of God, not to kill.

No one has a right to promulgate opinions which are not in unison with the teachings of Jesus Christ, and his

action was noted when the first alarm at penal barbarism of that age was uttered in his cry of terror by Cain, who understood that man would brutally slay him. God did not reprimand him for his fear, but said unto him, therefor, whosoever slayeth, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold. Foreknowing all things, He foreknew that vengeance is to follow those who take life from His created beings. Too often one hears that such a criminal deserves to be hung, but that is man-made retaliation and conjecture, like unto clever juries which decide and judge the inner workings of the mind, known only to the divine judge of all men, as it pronounces upon a murderer of the first degree that he is irreclaimable and must be hanged by the neck.

It is brutality to kill hope and harden or craze the condemned by torturing them in prison cells, keeping their minds in the fires of hell under the agony of waiting a whole year trusting to man's mercy; and the second one to have the cell's grating unbarred, not for an opportunity to reform, but to be carried out by some ghastly headsman. Wherefore comes this indifference as to aiding the kingdom to come on earth with merciful justice? Why is there no consideration for hangmen?

Remember the historical volumes in earlier, more barbarous times, how some of their children developed murderous instincts, and in one instance it befell the lot of one of them to behead his own son. A sheriff of Essex county resigned his position just before an execution because he was too enlightened to copy the old Jewish penal and Mosaic code of shedding another man's blood, preferring to follow his master in forsaking that past which demanded an eye for an eye, even turning the other cheek, and agreeing with adversaries, enemies, by preference to come out by a better road than the one which would lead to blood-shedding.

No facts nor figures are truthfully to be found in support of legal executions, as deterrents. Suppose they were deterrent, it is forbidden to kill at all, especially the insane with disordered brains, and in order to commit any and all murders brains must be and are disrorganized. We are simply drifting, frittering away time by enjoyments, not truly or steadfastly working to destroy the causes why all insane institutions are overcrowded with wretchedly agonized persons.

Even poor, forlorn drunkards are barred and left uncomforted in cells where, in their fright, they hang themselves. One fails and fears to receive too much consolation from the holy church of God, remembering the least of these, above all others, need the power of the religious. The churches are awakening, and will not continue to heed the slander that they are meddling with politics, because of practical suggestions for keeping the golden rule with love for the fatherhood of man. Preaching economy in retaining the death penalty is a false idea, because in deducting the cost of putting criminal Sponez Junatics to death, it is far more eco-Alerence 1 nomical to let them live and work.

Universities and Religious Belief By DR. CHARLES CUTHBERT HALL. President Union Theological Seminary, New York

The universities and colleges of this buntry are the nurser ) of a higher and more rational form of religious faith, rather than hotbeds of unbelief and agnosticism as many people believe.

But there are in all educational institutions many who are doubters in religious matters. There is a form of doubt which is a willful form of intellectual disdain of all things savoring of religion.

The doubt of which I speak is that which arises from the confusion of the mind suddenly transferred from the atmosphere of home thought, where many of the facts of religions are accepted without investigation, to the strenuous atmosphere of university thought where everything is investigated and nothing is taken for granted. The bewilderment of the mind in the change to a new intellectual environment is, in truth, an intellectual necessity which cannot be escaped. Many a youth or maiden of noble purposes when assailed with this doubt has been filled with a sense of self-reproach and has felt guilty of sin. But this is not a subject for sinful reproach. A reconstruction of intellectual habit is needed in order to grapple with the immensity of the propositions presented to the seeker after truth. To those struggling with this burden I would give a few words of counsel as an elder brother: In your thinking seek for an open mind. I believe it is well to know what great thinkers have said against the Christian religion. It is the faith which is founded on knowledge which is strongest. Have patience and time will help to solve your difficulsties. Be of a peaceful mind, ready as a child for instruction, and above sall rest your cares with God and He will aid you to a fathoming of the doubts which vex you.



SENSELESS AND THE LEADERS ARE BOLD AND RECKLESS.

HE WOULD PUT A STOP TO BOYCOTTING

Colorado's Governor Asks the Legislature to Pass Laws Against Picketing, Unfair Lists, Etc.-Favors Compulsory Arbitration.

Denver, Jan. 6 .- Gov. Peabody's message read to the house and senate yesterday dealt mostly with recom-mendations concerning state institu-tions. On the subject of the militia he touched briefly, referring the legisla-ture to the report of Adjt. Gen. Bell, which was so large, the governor de-clared, that he could not epitomize it On the question of elections the message said:

"The fraudulent conduct of elections under our present system de-mands your immediate action. In a eneral way it seems sufficient to say that a modern primary and registra-tion law should be enacted and the ad visability of introducing voting machines should be considered."

The governor reccommends consideration of a constitutional amendment providing for compulsory arbitration, and urges the abolishment of the present arbitration board, as it is without power to enforce its decisions. Of the labor troubles the governor, after urging the adoption of "a just and equitable eight-hour law," says: "Early in my administration a cer-

tain organization known as the West-ern Federation of Miners, claiming public consideration under the name of labor, whose officers are bold, care-less, reckless men, attempted to foment trouble in several of the indus trial sections of Colorado, to the end that that particular organization should have recognition in the opera-tion of the mines, mills and smelters, which efforts culminated in the calling of the most senseless, causel unjustifiable and inexcusable str strike ver known in this or any other coun

Believing that my duty to the people of the state lay in protecting life and property in advance of annihila-tion, I proceeded to stop the unlawfal methods of this reckless band of men. "I recommend the passage of an act by your honorable body prohibiting borgotting, plekating unfeit lists, or

by our honorable body prohibiting boycotting, picketing, unfair lists, or other interference with the lawful business of others and providing suit-able penalties thgrefor." Exciting Session of Legislature.

Denver, Jan. 7.—Behind locked bors and amid scenes of great exitement the Colorado legislature yes erday passed a resolution creating a ommittee of 15 members to canvass he vote cast for governor at the last election and submit a final report to the legislature not later than 2 p.m. next Monday. The committee is com-posed of five senators and ten repre-sentatives, the political division being 12 republicans and three will commence the hearing of evidence to-day

## Niedringhaus for Senator.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. G.-Thomas K. Niedringhaus, of St. Louis, chairman of the republican state central committee, was last night nominated for United States senator to succeed Senator Cockrell. The candidates were Mr. Niedringhaus, R. C. Kerens,





Love and Romance By MISS ALICE FISHER. A Well-Known Comedienne.

flowers in the night. In such terms did the gentle Parthenia explain the birth of the grand passion to the stude and untutored Ingomar. This would suggest that, in her mind, love undoubtedly was inevitable, and, therefore, unavoidable.

It seems to me that love is not a matter of election, so far as what is frequently termed the saner instincts, governed by modern conventions, are considered. Of course, my view is that of the strictly feminine. One of the most primary-or perhaps, better, primitiveinstincts in woman is to love and be loved. She can't help it. Why, it is one of the most important components in the scheme of femininity. All women require affection, perfection of which, of course, is true love. If you are really and truly feminine, love for and of the genuine masculine becomes an essential to complete happiness, all jugglers in the ethical circus to the contrary.

## THOMAS K. NIEDRINGHAUS.

former national republican committee-man; Congressman Dartholdt, United States District Attorney D. P. Dyen and Nathan Frank, all of St. Louis; Dyer United States District Attorney Wil-liam Warner, of Kansas City, and L. F Parker, of Rolla, Mo. The nomination insures the election of Mr. Niedring haus.

## Charges Are Withdrawn.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—The present-ers of Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of the Central Pennsylvania diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church, who have not repudiated the paper filed against him, last night formally with-drew the "charges in writing" made against the bishop by friends of Rev Dr. J. N. Irwine, the denoved priost er says, comes like have not repudiated Love, so my moth-Dr. I. N. Irvine, the deposed priest They reserve the right to present "new charges in writing."

## A Terrific Explosion.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 6.-Nearly every window in the borough of Christiana was broken yesterday by the explosion of 2,000 pounds of dynamite. Forty boxes of the explosive had been packed around steam pipes, to be thawed out for use on railroad work just south of the town. When the ex-plosion occurred no one was near and no one was injured. The walls of the Christiana Machine Co.'s building were blown in by the force of the ex-plosion Every residence and store in plosion. Every residence and store in the town was damaged, windows being preparing to entertain a woman's litshattered and walls cracked.

Gen. Stoessel and Gen. Nogi has been made public. All Russian soldiers marines and civil officials of the gar rison and harbor are made prisoners; all forts, batteries, vessels, munitions, etc., are transferred to the Japanese in the condition in which they existed at noon of January 3, violation of this clause to operate as an annulment of the negotiations, giving the Japanese army warrant to take free action; the Russian military and naval authorities are to furnish to the Japanese army an exhibit of all fortifications, under-ground and submarine mines, a list of military officers, of ships and the num-bers of their crews, and of civilians of both sexes, with their race and occu-pations; and all public property, as buildings, munitions of war, etc., to be left in the present position pending ar-rangement for their transferrence. Officers of the army and navy are permitted to retain their swords and such of their personal property as is direct-ly necessary for the maintenance of life, and with one servant each may, upon signing their parole not to take arms during the continuance of the war, return to Russia. Non-commissioned officers and privates will be held as prisoners. Gillespie is Convicted of Murder.

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Terms of Surrender of Port Arthur.

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n of the Port Arthur garrison sign-

Rising Sun, Ind., Jan. 6 .- James Gil lespie, who, with his sister, Mrs. Belle Seward, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bar bour, was indicted for the murder of twin sister, Elizabeth Gillespie, his was found guilty last night and sen-tenced to life imprisonment. The other defendants will be tried sep. arately, as in the case of James Gilles. pie. The trial lasted over five weeks Miss Elizabeth Gillespie was shot and orary club.



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