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The Human Touch: a Lesson
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ASTROLOGY RANKED AMONG THE SCIENCES

Remarkable Decision Handed Down in American Court—Astrologers Not Necessarily Charlatans—One Predicts Sudden Death of Kaiser.

By VANCE THOMPSON
A REMARKABLE judicial decision was handed down the other day. It was remarkable for its sanity, its scientific clarity, its courage and its modernity.

It was handed down by Judge Freschi, in the City Magistrate's Court, city of New York, 1st Division, 7th District. Here is what happened. A woman detective, going obscurely about her business of crime hunting, arrested and brought into court a woman astrologer, charged with the definite crime of fortune telling.

An Unusual View
The usual Magistrate has probably listened to all this with a weary smile, and when the lawyers had finished squabbling, had yawned and meted out as many months of prison or so many dollars of fine.

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Looking Forward at the Beginning of a Year Longer Than Methuselah Ever Knew. By WILLIAM RADER

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On the contrary, there is a power in the past which contributes to next year's wealth as last year's seeds carry in them the gold of next summer's harvest.

Time sobers the mind. The rustle of its flying wings settles us into seriousness. A 20th century year is packed with duties, possibilities, perils and responsibilities.

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for the moment of birth, and every time—if the man was to die a violent death—he found the bloody sign of that death glaring at him from the map.

Explain it as you will; I don't explain it; I assert a fact. And he would go back through history and point out that sign—that red Mars blazing in the house of death—in the stellar chart of Henri IV, of Charles I, of Mary Stuart, of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, of Lincoln, Carnot, Garfield, McKinley.

How Much Is Known?
Astrologers were the first to see the great truth that the universe is governed by immutable laws—that certain circumstances necessarily produce certain phenomena—and that if you know all that has happened in the past you can foretell the future.

Of course the charity of fortune-telling is another thing. As Judge Freschi wisely said: "Every fortune-teller is a violator of the law; but every astrologer is not a fortune-teller."

Perhaps this may assist you in making up your mind; you have only to wait a few months—possibly a year—for its fulfillment; for—

So says an astrologer of London: In the stellar destiny of the Kaiser Wilhelm II there hangs the red and evil sign of sudden death. And he can't escape. You may wait and see. I do not know the astrologer who made that horoscope; I should like to see Julevno's mathematical demonstration of the imperial catastrophe; but there is—merely for what you think it worth.

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THE CITY OF THE HUNDRED TOLL GATES

The Toll Roads Began in Necessity—How Will They End?—Capitalized Three Million Dollars—No Funds for State Purchase.

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WITH what an offensive deliberation the melancholy tollkeeper rubs his eyes at night when he comes out to open the gate." With such an expression a toll-haunted editor of the London Times, under date of October 25, 1886, seeks to relieve the weariness of humans of practical argument for toll abolition.

The common law of England provided that every parish must repair the roads within its boundary. By 1652 this provision of the law had been so neglected that the first "turnpike act" was created by act of Parliament. The new law was received with the traditional English spirit.

Stand and Deliver
The loophole made by this act was rapidly widened until, by the middle of the 19th century, "the First City of the World" became, in common parlance, "The City of the Hundred Gates."

In the United States early turnpike roads were built at Government expense for Government purposes. They were succeeded by the plank roads, which were built by corporations authorized by legislative enactment to charge the users a toll for the maintenance of the highway and for the individual profit of the owners of the franchises.

Not even Jackassable; And those who travel it, Should turn out and gravel it.

The first turnpike toll road in the United States was made in Pennsylvania. A section of Old York road was ordered as early as 1697, but not formally opened until 1711.

Necessity formed the basic cause for the early development of toll roads. The people of a local community had to endure a direct tax in order to obtain better facilities.

Why the Hold-up?
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The March of Progress
Legislative enactment provided in 1905 for the purchase and release from tolls of a large part of the Cumberland road.

Whereas, It is manifest that public sentiment demands that in the march of progress all roads and highways within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be made free to all the people.

Resolved, If the House concur, That a committee of five members of the General Assembly . . . investigate and report . . . the advisability of abolishing toll roads in the several counties and recommending legislation with this end in view.

How shall we find, although we seek—our path? The guidance of our fathers' simpler day? Not less our need; but on our path we lay Falls of the shining sun that they called Faith. Our feet are set in darkness, and our breath Beside a smoldering embers when we would pray—

Alone we grope and stumble on our way To the great heart of freedom that is Death. To the great heart of freedom that is Death.

of which Hon. Thomas R. McDowell was secretary, provided that: "Whereas, The demanding and exacting of toll from the traveling public is not in harmony with the spirit of present day progress. . . . Resolved, That we unanimously recommend that the Commonwealth acquire all such toll roads and abolish the payment of toll thereon. And in order that this may be accomplished we offer and recommend the passage of the following bill."

State Purchase
The bill as presented by the committee was modified in several particulars with the object of making it easier of application. It became known, under its final form, as the "Sproul Bill," and was approved by Governor Tener on May 31, 1911.

Hence it is now provided that all toll roads that fall within any part of these 299 routes, which cover the entire State, may be purchased by the State. In no case is the law mandatory. There is an exception to this power of purchase if the toll road concerned is owned by a steam or electric railway company.

What has the Sproul bill accomplished towards eliminating toll roads in the three and a half years it has been in force? The results have been almost nil. Two or three mountain toll roads have been taken over in the western part of the State.

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