

DAY BY DAY CHAT OF LONDON TOWN

Breezy Budget of Gossip from Miss Kaiser's Charming Pen.

JOHN T. WATKINS ON THE STAGE He Is Successfully Cast for the Star Male Part in an Old English Comedy—Novelties in a Musical Way—Advance Echoes of the Great Jubilee.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. London, April 7.—The other evening I went to the performance of the dramatic class of the Royal Academy of Music, and let me say right here that I had a veritable treat.

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JUBILEE TALK. The nearer we get to June, the more diamond jubilee talk do we hear. It is simply jubilee here, jubilee there, and jubilee, jubilee everywhere.

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FOR A JUST LAW GOVERNING LIBEL

Text of the Bill Which Has Unanimously Passed the Senate.

ENTIRELY FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED

While the Measure Prevents Purely Speculative or Malicious Litigation It Also Doubles the Penalty for Wanton Libel, and Gives the Aggrieved Party the Choice of Jurisdiction.

From the Philadelphia Times. The Pennsylvania senate on Thursday passed finally in that body, by a vote of 29 to 0, a libel reform bill that was so thoroughly considered and perfected by the judiciary committee by which it was unanimously reported, that not a single senator had a criticism to make as to any of its provisions, and not a single vote was recorded against it.

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Section 2. Criminal actions for libel shall be maintained for any malicious false publication, or for any malicious publication not proper for public information, against the writer, the editor who directs the publication, and any editor or publisher who knowingly permitted such publication, or who refused to divulge the name of the writer.

Section 3. In any civil action for libel, when the publication is proper for public information, the plea of justification shall be accepted as adequate.

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THE BILL ANALYZED. If any reasonable objection can be made to the foregoing bill we would be glad to have it presented.

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of reputation in the past lives of private citizens have no place in the columns of a newspaper with the sanction of law, and the more damaging such publication may be, the greater must be the libel and the wrong to the public, regardless of its truth.

JUSTIFICATION. The same section also provides that the plea of justification, if made in good faith, shall not aggravate damages, and that in all civil actions plaintiffs shall be awarded "just restitution for injury actually sustained."

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