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A Law Which Has Been Remarkably Successful in New Zealand.

New Zealand has anticipated the rest of the world by enacting a law which deals so rationally with all trade disputes that it has actually prevented strikes for the last five years. It is impossible to present more than an outline of the plan.

Both associations of employers and the trade unions may be incorporated. These which are charters or registered, choose the members of their own board and also the members of the court to which disputes are referred. Whether organized or not, the associations and trade unions are subject to the law.

The colony of New Zealand is divided into industrial districts, for each of which there is a conciliation board elected for three years. It consists of two persons chosen by registered employers, two by registered trade unions, and one disinterested person elected by the four, who is chairman.

When a dispute arises between employers and the men in their employ, either party may refer the matter in dispute to the district board, which has full authority to investigate the facts and to command a settlement.

In case either party will not accept the decision the matter is referred to the State court. This consists of one person representing the trade unions, one the employers, and a chairman, a Judge of the supreme court, appointed by the Governor. The court has a three years' term and is wisely independent of politics.

A decision by the court is final and must be accepted under a penalty for violation not exceeding \$250, or \$2,500. Moreover, a dispute has been referred to the conciliation board, and until it is finally settled, a strike or lockout is illegal.

That there have been about fifty cases referred to district boards or to the court in the past five years, that during that time there has neither been a strike nor lockout in New Zealand, and that in every case the decision has been accepted by both parties, seems to prove either that the law is excellent, or that it is excellently administered. Perhaps it demonstrates both propositions.

The passage of a similar law in this country is to appear to require argument. Aside from the interests of the employers and the employed, the greater interest of the general public demand it.—Youth's Companion.

BILL DOODY'S RENT

"Oh allagone, allagone! this is a white world, but what will we do if it were white as snow?" muttered Bill Doody, as he sat on a rock by the Lake of Killarney.

"What will we do? To-morrow's rent-day, and Tim the Driver says if I don't pay my rent, he'll cart every ha-porth we have; and then, sure enough, there's Judy and myself, and the poor little grubs (children) will be turned out to starve on the hill-side, for I never a half-penny of rent have I!—Oh, hone, that I should live to see this day!"

Thus did Bill Doody bewail his bad fate, pouring his sorrow into the reckless waves of the most beautiful lake, which seemed to mock his misery, as they rejoiced beneath the cloudless sky of a May morning.

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"A sad story, indeed," said the stranger; "but surely, if you represented the case to your landlord's agent, he won't have the heart to turn you out."

"Heart, your honor! where would an agent get a heart?" exclaimed Bill. "I see your honor does not know him; besides, he has an eye on the farm this long time, and he's a son of his own; so I expect no mercy at all, at all, only to be turned out."

"Take this my poor fellow, take this," said the stranger, pouring a pocket full of gold into Bill's hand, which in his grief he had flung on the ground. "Pay the fellow your rent, but I'll take care it shall do him no good. I remember the time when things were otherwise in this country, when I would have hung up such a fellow in the twinkling of an eye!"

These words were lost upon Bill, who was insensible to everything but the sight of gold, and before he could mix his gaze, and lift up his head to pour out his hundred thousand blessings, the stranger was gone. The bewildered peasant looked around in search of his benefactor, and at last he thought he saw him riding on a white horse a long way off on the lake.

"Donoghue, O'Donoghue!" shouted Bill, "the good, the blessed O'Donoghue!" and he ran capering like a madman to show Judy the gold, and to rejoice her heart with the prospect of wealth and happiness.

"I know I'm not speaking to the king," said Bill, "but I never take off my hat but to them I can respect and love. The Eye that sees all knows I have no right either to respect or love an agent!"

"The agent," returned the man in the office, biting his lips with rage at such an unusual and unexpected opposition. "I'll teach you how to be insolent again—I have the power, remember."

"To the cost of the country, I know you have," said Bill, who still remained with his head as firmly covered as if he was the Lord Kingsale himself.

"But, come," said the magistrate; have you got the money for me?—this is rent-day. If there's one penny of it wanting, or the running gale that's due, please to turn out before night, for you shall not remain another hour in possession."

"There is your rent," said Bill, with an unmoved expression of tone and countenance; "your dog's count, it, and give me a receipt in full for the running gale and all."

The agent gave a look of amazement at the gold; for it was gold—real guineas, and not bits of dirty ragged small notes, that are only to light one's pipe with. However, willing the agent may have been to ruin, as he thought, the unfortunate tenant, he took up the gold, and handed the receipt to Bill, who strutted off with it, as proud as a cat of her whiskers.

IRVING'S WAY WITH CALLERS.

Story of a Man Whom He Scared Nearly to Death.

"I was scared half out of my wits the first and only time I ever met Sir Henry Irving," said an actor now playing at one of our city theatres. It was in New York, during his first visit of '96, and I was anxious to ask him about a young relative of mine who was then a member of his London Lyceum Company.

A mutual friend scribbled a line of introduction on a card which I sent up to his hotel directly after he returned from an afternoon performance. I was shown to his apartments, and found him seated at a table with his chin on his hand.

"He murmured some sort of greeting, motioned me to a chair and fixed me with his eyes, which, as you know, are extraordinary sombre and piercing. His eyebrows, moreover, are the most remarkable I ever saw in my life. They are enormous, jet black, thatched, and in moments of concentration the outer ends go up and the inner ends are down, giving his face a Mephistophelean expression that is absolutely hypnotic. I was nervous to begin with, because I have always regarded Irving with almost superstitious reverence, and I began my little tale those terrible eyebrows bent down on me like an incubus.

"The more I tried to be brief and clear the worse I wobbled, and all the while Irving's strange scrutiny was growing fiercer and more intense. He said not a word but those deep, glowing eyes of his seemed to bore through me like two augers, and before I reached the point of my errand I lost my head entirely, and jumped up to beat an ignominious retreat. 'Stay!' he exclaimed, imperiously, and for over a minute he continued to glare at me in absolute silence. Then suddenly he smiled and scribbled something on a piece of paper. 'You will pardon me,' he said, 'unwarily I was trying to recall a name, but I have just remembered it. May I trouble you to repeat what you have been saying?' At that I realized that he hadn't been seeing me at all, and I gasped with relief. Then I went over my request. He listened attentively and gave me the information I desired. It turned out to be a charming interview. I don't think he ever dreamed what a bad quarter hour I put in."—Chattanooga Times.

AGES OF SENATORS.

Holders of the Office Have a Secret Recipe for Looking Young.

Four of the oldest men in the Senate sit side by side on the front row. They are Pettus of Alabama, who is seventy-eight years old; Cockrell of Missouri, who is sixty-five; Vest, also of Missouri, who is verging on seventy; and Morgan of Alabama, who will be seventy-six next June.

Age has dealt lightly with these four old men, but with the exception of Senator Vest, who is beginning to give evidence of the weight of these score years and ten upon his diminutive form, he is known as the Confucius of the Senate, because he looks so wise and so deliberate in his talk. Cockrell is one of the hardest workers in the Senate, and his constant watchfulness while bills are being considered is proverbial. Vest used to be one of the greatest orators and debaters in the body, though of late he has participated but little in the proceedings. Morgan is one of the wise men of the Senate. He knows everything about everything. When he was a boy and books were scarce he used to train his memory by learning to repeat each volume, a chapter at a time. His parents wanted him to become a minister, but he drifted into law and then into politics. He is one of the few men in the Senate who has the really broad gauge of a statesman.

Very few of the old men in the Senate show their age. No one would ever suspect that Platt of Connecticut, is seventy-two, or that Culion, of Illinois, was seventy last November. Senator Hawley of Connecticut is seventy-three; Gear, of Iowa, will be seventy-five next April, and Hon. of Massachusetts, is seventy-three. Senator Toller is still vigorous, with his seventieth birthday approaching, and Frye is a remarkable young man for the weight of nearly seventy years.

Jones, of Nevada, is sixty-nine, while his colleague, Stewart, is seventy-two. Senator Bate of Tennessee, like the late Senator Harris, will not disclose his age. He must be seventy or thereabouts, for he was a soldier in the Mexican war over a half century ago.—Washington Post.

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About four years ago a London bookstall noticed on a second-hand bookstall a very old book priced at two cents. He bought it, and after attempting to read it, found it so stale and soon forgot it. One of his lodgers happened to see the book recently, and, noticing that it was dated 1450, asked permission to shunt it to the British Museum authorities. A day or two later the blacksmith was requested to call, and the Secretary, to his surprise, asked him what he would do with the book. In answer to the confusion the man said, "What will you give?" "Will \$250 buy you?" was the answer of the Secretary. The blacksmith was so dumfounded that the Secretary thought he was ridiculing his offer, and therefore immediately increased to \$500, which was at once accepted. Sooner than he was lost the book, however, which was the first book that Gutenberg ever printed, and, therefore almost priceless, the Museum authorities would have paid almost any sum that had been asked.

Tale of Hard Luck.

"Yes," he said, "I've had from South America. Couldn't stand it. Too much hard luck. You see, I had about \$5,000 in the currency of one of the South American republics and was doing pretty well. Then there was a revolution. Government overturned and new government installed. Result: Value of the paper currency shrunk in one night about 90 per cent, and the next morning my \$5,000 was not worth quite \$500."—Chicago Post.

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