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THE NEW MURRAY

The New Murray Theater is to be noticed not only as a very creditable private enterprise, but also as a sign of the increased progressiveness of Richmond. The new theater is worthy of the new town. The high class of the performances are in keeping with the town and the theater itself.

Mr. Murray is to be congratulated for his public spirit expressed in his private enterprise in furnishing Richmond with an up-to-date theater with up-to-date attractions. That has very much to do in the good looks and the good name of the town.

THE MAJORITY

"You can not have a decent popular government unless that majority can conquer itself; that is, unless that majority exercises the self restraint that men with great power ought to exercise. * * * I could call your attention to a good many instances where those who are in favor of popular government, and who, if I may use the expression, pull the tail feathers out of the eagle in defying liberty and apostrophizing everything that we think dear, and yet just as soon as they become a majority they think that gives them the right to control the minority absolutely, and if the minority show any disposition to question it they send them to jail."

The above words of President Taft in his sermon last Sunday as applied to self government are worth the serious consideration of Americans. We whose whole government is for the most part one whole scheme of majorities, ought, by right, to pay more attention to that article of faith, "the will of the majority rules."

Ordinarily, we hear the other side, "the minority must abide by the decision." Which, though obvious, is not always good government. If the view is taken that the minority has just as important a function in government, then the minority is deserving of more attention. Not only is this true in whole countries, but in the consideration of dependencies and territories which are ruled by the government. It is a question which arose in the consideration of the reconstruction of the Southern states just after the war, and a question which still obtains concerning the Solid South.

If the minority is to be considered at all—the majority must exercise self-restraint. From that proceeds not only the true beginning of liberty, but government. It is undeniable that a majority run loose is little better than a mob.

And the mob itself is the greatest

factor of danger that any republican or democratic government has to deal with.

The mob finished Athens and Rome. The majority, when not run into the mob, is at least heading that way.

NEWSPAPER FALLIBILITY

Now and again it is worth gratification that a tired proof reader looks over an edition with only a blunder or two charged up against the account. Many a thing is railroaded when "thirty is on the hook." And it is therefore that the copy reader and the proof reader give a sigh approaching a prayer of thanksgiving when there is not an outraged subscriber who calls up the paper in an anguished toae.

The public will believe that all such blunders can be escaped. They will believe that the newspaper does not do these things intentionally, until the mistake happens to hit them.

Therefore the words of the New York Evening Post are as balm on the jangled nerves:

"When we consider that Hudson did not discover New York bay, but that Verrazzano did; when we consider that Fulton did not invent the steamboat, but that Fitch did; when we consider that Bell did not invent the telephone, that Morse did not invent the telegraph, that Gutenberg did not invent the printing press, that Morton did not discover anaesthesia, that Darwin did not discover evolution, that Shakespeare did not write 'Hamlet,' that Galileo did not say 'And still it moves,' that Wellington did not say 'Up guards and at them,' that Washington did not win the battle of the revolution, that Robespierre did not create the reign of terror, that Nero was not a monster, that Cleopatra was not beautiful—when we reflect that history is emblazoned with the titles of usurpers and that true merit lies unchronicled in the grave, let us address a word or two of apology to that much berated enemy of the truth, the newspaper. If history, with a thousand years' leisure at her disposal, cannot find out just who set up a new throne or pulled down an old one, let us forgive the reporter if he misspells the Christian name of the prominent citizen who was thrown from his automobile at 2:30 a. m."

Mountments to "First" Women.

From the Boston Transcript—Tablets and monuments to the "first" increase and multiply. This week New York has placed many historic tablets in position, not all of them referring to Hudson or Fulton. On the site of Fort Tryon is a new battle tablet on which it is said that Margaret Corbin was the first American woman to take a soldier's part in the war for liberty having fought the Hessian troops at that point on the 16th of November, 1776. This is interesting, if true, and it may be true. Radford, Va., this week has dedicated a monument of considerable scut'ral pretension to Mary Draper Ingles, said to have been the first English bride married west of the Alleghenies. Without questioning the good faith of the promoters of these two memorials, it may be asked if all those who erect testimonials to the "first" are sure of their facts. The "first" is almost as dangerous a word as the "last," for the continual delving in old documents now in progress sometimes strips the claim of seniority from those who have heretofore borne it exempt from criticism.

American Planes.

From the Dayton News—While this country does not claim any leadership in music or art—the people over here having been too busy conquering a wilderness to devote as much time to such things as the people of the old world have had—it will not surprise a great many people who understand manufacturing to be informed that the American piano leads all others.

Unanimous!

From the Newark News—Mr. Ferdinand Pinney Earle makes it entirely unanimous by confessing that he is tired of America.

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