

SOME REAL BLUE LAWS. Connecticut Had Many Enactments Which Wrote of that Nature.

In a recent lecture before the New Haven Historical society, Judge Newton pointed out that the tory parson, Peters, had full warrant for many of his statements in regard to the blue laws and also that traces of colonial blue law restrictions are not unknown in our statute book today.

Enumerating the Peters blue laws, which are supported by the colonial records Judge Newton notes those providing that the Governor, Magistrates, and General Assembly shall be the supreme power; that the Governor had a casting vote when the General Assembly was divided; that only church members should be allowed to vote; that only those sound in faith should be officeholders (Quakers and Dissenters being excluded); that food and lodging must not be given any "Quaker, Advertiser, or other heretic," and that any person turning Quaker be banished.

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In view of the discredit of the blue laws generally, as little more than exaggerations or malicious misstatements, it is interesting as a record with some care by Judge Newton, that some of them are substantially the law in Connecticut to-day, more than a century since Peters published his remarkable volume in London.

Judge Newton points out that the third blue law (as to disturbing to Erglehead as still time), that "the Governor is amenable to the voice of the people," is true to-day, the people speaking through the General Assembly.

"Judges may determine controversies without a jury" was one of the early colonial laws, and trials in the court are not uncommon now. The picking up of an ear of corn in a neighbor's garden was theft then, and it is today.

The law of the New Haven colony not only punished the person committing a theft, but made restitution a part of the penalty.

"A drunkard shall have a master appointed" is practically the same as the law of today for the appointment of conservators, and the alleged blue law "that Selemen, on finding children ignorant, may take them away from their parents and put them into better hands" was the old law, and today there are statutes of about the same effect.

"A wife shall be deemed good evidence against her husband" is the law of today under certain circumstances.

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So great is the heat that the peasants are working without coats, and we, too, are glad enough to lay aside our winter wraps. Looming white through the steam the first object that attracts our attention is the ox that patiently turns the great stone-crushing wheel. Round and round he goes, triturating the dead oak leaves that make his path soft, while the olive, continually poured into the circular concavity in which the wheel moves, are quickly reduced, stone and all, to a dark-looking pulp.

We had noticed, near the archway, a tall pole, with a rope round it, pierced by a cross-piece, and turning on a swivel. This rope having been wound round the beam that works the press, and again round another upright on the further side of the press, four peasants set to work at the cranshar.

Meanwhile at the further end of the room, by the dim yellow light of the twinkling lamp we had already noticed, another man is busy shovelling a rich, dark-brown substance into bins against the wall.

At last the pulp in the network basket is pressed dry, the presses uncrowded, the fresh mass shak'n cut, ready to be shovelled into the bins, and the various utensils that have been used plunged into the boiling water of the cauldron that steams in one corner of the room.

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The Great Creature Underwent the Hard Ordeal and was Grateful. One day I got a telegram from P. T. Barnum, says a veterinary surgeon. It read: Hebe has hurt her foot.

Well, I confess I hesitated. I distrusted my own ability and dreaded the result. But Dick was determined to go, and go he did.

He laughed outright, and began telling me how the elephant was hurt. She had stepped on a nail or bit of iron, and it had penetrated the tender part of her foot.

Long before we reached the enclosure in which she was we could hear her piteous trumpeting; and when we entered we found her on three legs, swinging the hurt foot slowly backward and forward.

While I was doing so, as gently as I could, I felt to my horror a light touch on my hair. It was as light as a woman's; but as I turned and saw the great trunk behind me it had an awful suggestiveness.

The man's faith inspired me. There he stood, absolutely unprotected, directly in front of the great creature, and quietly jabbered away to her as if this were an everyday occurrence.

This stroke did the work. A great mass of fetid matter followed the passage of the knife; the abscess was lanced. We sprayed the foot packed with oakum, and bound it up.

It must have been a year and a half after this happened that I was called to Western Massachusetts to see some fancy horses. Barnum's circus happened to be there.

The sweeping of the streets of Paris costs that city, our correspondent says, \$268,000 a year.

The Ideal And the Real. They were seated at the restaurant table, he looking over the menu, when she said suddenly: "Do you know, dear, I have always longed for the society of a congenial soul, one who loved the good the true."



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