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 JIM YOUNGER.

The manner of death of Jim Younger, the outlaw, was not a surprise, even to his most ardent friend and lover. It was not a surprise to any one. It was a natural result of the conditions and times. It was the natural result of the man's past life.

The past half of a century has been ripening into freakism and abnormal conditions. It is not only the case morally, socially, financially and politically, but has entwined itself about humanity in all of its forms from the cradle to the grave. It is responsible for the scandal in the social circles from the highest to the lowest. It is responsible for the corruption of politics from the national capital to the smallest town ward. From it comes the trusts and combines and mergers, as well as the strikes and failures and the suffering therefrom. From it sprang the thief and the burglar, the footpad, the highwayman, the outlaw.

Nothing else could spring from a people of greed and gain, who pander to dissipation in all its forms. Such a bundle of abnormality cannot beget other than abnormal results. It would seem now that the country has reached the limit, yet if we are to accept the Bible and ancient history, it would appear that we are only beginning the era of degradation; that we are saints and our country is a heaven compared with the depths to which ancient peoples fell after reaching a high state of civilization. But we possess freaks and freakish conditions that appear to be an advancement in the realms of freakdom.

It is true that we have better conditions along with the bad than have ever existed before, and the country has a right to boast of its great civilization, but the theorist has some grounds for viewing the future with alarm.

Jim Younger was an outlaw, an ex-murderer, padded convict. The early days of Missouri border life had had its effect. His inclination ran that way. He joined the guerrillas in time of war, robbed and killed after the war, until he was finally imprisoned. Like a caged lion he had years to brood over his life. He was brought to a realization in his confinement. Then, the old, old story came over him. He loved! A felon's cell separated him from his love. But love laughs at locksmiths, etc., and he gained his freedom. He saw a new life, a new future! But law is more stern even than locks and prison cells. The law said he could not enter into a marriage contract. It's decrees proved fatal. Though a woman of these times, a product of respectable society, fell in love with him, her sense of propriety—so dissipated in casting its affections, though so formal in yielding to the law—led her to practically abandon him. The future, the past all rose before him. It took but an instant. He had killed others, he could kill himself—The fatal bullet crashed through his brain!

It was not a surprise. The conditions that formed his life created the woman that willingly entered into it, and these were responsible for the unnatural death that ended it.

And now comes the news from Cuba that Americans are starving there, and public subscriptions are being taken to send them back to the United States. The class of Americans that will starve in Cuba or any other place where human beings survive would not be much loss to the country. The true blue American will find the way to live if honest toll and

human effort will gain it, and in a new country like Cuba where lazy Spaniards manage to keep fat, any American ought to prosper. Ten to one these fellows reported to be starving are broken down politicians who are not worth their transportation.

From two to three train wrecks may now be counted on every day. Railroad men are becoming care-less or the material of which the equipments are made is becoming more defective. Measures should be taken to lessen these accidents, as the number of lives lost annually in train wrecks is becoming appalling.

The California "Venus" has been killed by a paramour over a love affair. It is the usual termination of a woman whose head is turned by an idea of her own beauty. Give a woman notoriety and nine times out of ten her life is ruined. The good old-time woman, who thought more of home than clubs and swe' society, left not a line for the yellow journals.

The sultan of Morocco may be credited with one good deed. He disposed of a fanatic in the proper manner. A fanatic in his country killed an English missionary and he sultan ordered him shot immediately. In this country his plea would have been insanity.

Bryan is calling the democrats of Idaho to duty today. The democrats of Idaho already seen, to be in the saddle, and with the great Commoner's eloquence to encourage them they ought to have a walkover.

PROTECTING FORESTS.

The Call has long advocated a proper foresting of the government timber reserves. Such foresting requires that after the fallen leaves have served their purpose as a forest floor by holding the moisture in the rainy season, they should be cleared off by burning. This conservative use of fire is necessary to prevent the destructive effects of fire in forest conflagration. If allowed to accumulate year after year, the fallen leaves and limbs and bark form a thick duff, which in the dry season is not only exceedingly inflammable itself, but make a fire that reaches the lower limbs of small trees, which in turn reach the lower limbs of large trees and serve as a torch to set on fire the whole forest, which burns from the ground to the tops of the tallest timber.

We have frequently described the method by which the Indians preserved the great forests of this continent, which were their home and hunting ground. They used fire in the spring on the dry spots as they appeared, and when they did the foresting a general forest fire was unknown. It has been objected that this conservative use of fire destroys the annual plants, flowering and others. But this is incorrect, since all testimony bearing on the primitive conditions of our forests joins in proving the great abundance and beauty of the wild ferns and flowering plants and grasses and other forage found in the virgin forests.

The official and expert reports on the destruction of timber by forest fires in the State of Washington show a loss in that state alone amounting to more than thirty million dollars. This loss is estimated only on the merchantable value of the timber destroyed, and does not include the losses that follow to agriculture, horticulture and navigation as the result of stripping off the forest. When the losses in Oregon and California are added to that of Washington it will be demonstrated that in these three states enough potential wealth has been destroyed by forest fires to buy, at a reasonable valuation, every acre of standing timber in the United States and subject it all to such control and to such conservative foresting as would preserve it forever as a forest domain sufficient to supply the country with timber and lumber perpetually.

The frequent fires in the Yosemite

Park reservation have admonished the military superintendent, and he makes the proper recommendation of a remedy in line with the policy persistently advocated by The Call. In his report to the secretary of the interior he recommends that stricter regulations for the control of tourists and campers be made and enforced, and that fallen trees, pine needles, cones, limbs and leaves be systematically burned every year. This, we believe, is the first official recommendation of that absolutely necessary policy.

What use to carp at the cost! The merchantable timber destroyed on this coast in one summer represents a sum that will take care of every tree on the continent for half a century. If all forests were in government control and carefully administered the economic output of timber and lumber would not be decreased. It would increase with the growing needs of the country. The only use millmen have for the forest is the timber. They don't want and don't use the land when it is stripped. Their business would go on just the same if they paid stumpage to the government and harvested merchantable and ripe timber under the supervision of experienced foresters. The government has jurisdiction of harbors and navigable waters, to preserve their potential wealth. Without the forests and their direct and indirect relation to the wealth of the country navigable waters and harbors would be useless.—San Francisco Call.

THE "SWEAT-BOX."

The supreme court of Indiana handed down a wholesome and much needed decision on the 10th. It decided that the police "sweat-box" is utterly illegal, and sustained a judgment for damages against a sheriff who had subjected a prisoner to some of its processes.

No bodily injuries had been inflicted. The sheriff had merely arrested a suspect without a warrant and probed him with questions to make a case. But the highest court of the state decides "that an officer cannot legally hold the person arrested in custody for a longer period of time than is reasonably necessary, under all the circumstances of the case to obtain a proper warrant or order for his further detention from some tribunal or officer authorized under the law to issue such warrant or order."

If law suits like that of Indiana were instituted against the lawless "sweat" box policeman of Chicago, an excellent effect might be produced. The Indiana court has declared no local policy nor new law. It has simply applied to a modern instance legal principles as old and universal as the political principles of English liberty.—The Public.

A Little Angel.

Mother—"Willie, I hope you never do anything so wicked as to tie tin cans to dogs' tails."
 Willie—"No'm. I never do nothing but hold the dog."—Detroit Free Press.

Only one-tenth of the emigrants who leave Europe by German ports are Germans.

A Secret Disease

Of all human diseases, that known as contagious blood poison, or the Bad Disease, has caused more misery and suffering and ruined more lives than all others combined. It not only wrecks the hopes and aspirations of the one who contracts it, but often the innocent are made to share the humiliation and disgrace of this most loathsome and hateful form of blood poison. Children inherit it from parents, and thousands of the purest men and women have been contaminated and ruined simply through handling the clothing of one infected with this awful malady, or drinking from the same vessel and using the same toilet articles. And when the real nature of the trouble is known, many prefer to suffer in silence or leave the disease to do its worst rather than make known their condition.

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