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WAVE OF CRIME.

It is full time that thought be given to the wave of homicide and suicide that has been sweeping over Oregon the past few weeks, says the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Every day the press is called upon to chronicle an act of murder or self destruction, and in most cases no cause at all justifying or even satisfactorily explaining the act is discovered. This is aside from the homicides that are associated with the commission of some other crime. There are those who hold that planetary influences affect the human mind, or create conditions which affect it. These influences bring about periods of abnormality, sometimes above and sometimes below, in the latter instance resulting in a great increase in crime of all kinds. Whether such a theory has any foundation in truth or not does not alter the fact that whatever can be done to check these crimes ought to be undertaken. Belief that certain periods are more favorable to the commission of murder than others does not require a fatalistic acceptance of results, any more than the fact that certain seasons of the year are more favorable than others for some diseases justifies failure to combat them at those times. Laying aside all speculation about planetary, climatic and psychological causes, we may clearly see two great conditions that are existent at all times which are powerful factors in the multiplying of homicides. One of these is the frequency of killings for what seem trivial reasons and the infrequency of punishment for them. The other is the weapon carrying and weapon owning custom so general in almost all classes of society.

Responsibility for the failure to punish crime through the processes of the courts is so diffused and so many-sided, that it is impossible to settle upon any one thing and say that this is the chief offender, or upon any one reform that would work a radical change. Much of it might be covered by saying our courts are too highly technicalized—to coin a word suitable to the thought. In all our courts the form is being exalted above the substance. This finds its support in too close adherence to precedent, and as time passes these barriers to simpler forms and to access to the inherent merits of cases become so strong that they can only be swept away by positive legislation. Much of this technicality is based upon an exaggerated idea of the rights of defendants and a far too low an estimation of the rights of society. Low standards of professional ethics held by both the bench and bar are also responsible for this paralyzing dominance of technicality, and for general court inefficiency.

There are other causes, such as the poor quality of jurors and our system of selection of them, which automatically guarantees the poor quality of the jury, and the weight given by most juries to the so-called unwritten law, which justifies murder whenever the murderer can make it appear that the victim had wronged him. It is a sentiment which surrenders back into the hands of the individual the right of private vengeance which society took away from him for the protection of the weak and for the general welfare.

The mere mention of these great fundamental reasons for the practical failure of the courts to punish crime is enough to show the difficulty of overcoming them. It requires a great change in sentiment and mental attitude on the part of the people as a whole, for judges and lawyers and juries are from the body of the people and, broadly speaking, think and feel as the people.

Among those who left for coast points on yesterday and today's stage were the following: Mrs. Clara Noah, Mrs. Strae, C. L. Edgington, R. M. Parker, Mr. Hibbs, V. P. Langville, Mildred Calahan, Jesse Day and wife, H. H. Eubank, J. S. Sprout, Edward Lewis, Mr. Fuller and Dan Sullivan and wife.

A quiet, but nevertheless pretty wedding occurred in the parlors of the McClallen hotel shortly after a o'clock yesterday morning, when Miss Ada Carr and A. M. Woodruff were united in marriage. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Eaton, pastor of the local Baptist church in the presence of a few intimate friends. The bride was attended by Mrs. C. H. N. Gronvold, wife of Proprietor Gronvold, of the McClallen hotel. The happy couple left for Portland and other northern points yesterday where they will spend their honeymoon. The contracting parties are residents of Cleveland and are well known in this vicinity. They have a host of friends who wish them a long and prosperous wedded life.

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and act along the lines of the general thought. Change in this respect must be an evolution, the progress of which is promoted by discussion of evils and their causes and by education of the masses into greater regard for the general welfare and into a fuller realization of the necessity for the supremacy of the law.

There should be no such delay in the matter of reform of the weapon habit. If one will cast the mind back along the bloody trail of the past few months, he will scarcely note a case of homicide or suicide, complete or attempted, where the weapon was not in the possession of some person who had no real legitimate use for it. Often the person was a habitual carrier. Unfortunately, accidents can be included in this summary. Revolvers kept in the house on the erroneous theory that they serve as a protection from burglars are included in the list of those not legitimately needed. The mind can scarcely recall an instance where they performed this protective function, but easily remembers the scores of times when they furnished the essential of a murder, suicide or fatal accident. As for the weapon carried in the pocket, no pretense of justification for the habit can be made, but a multitude of reasons can be given why it should not be permitted. Here, at least, a reform is practicable, and it is a reform that would show results in a very short time in lessening the number of homicides and suicides and in reducing the burden of excess of crime piles upon the tax payers.

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LOCAL NEWS.

C. O. Anderson, of Dillard, spent yesterday in Roseburg visiting with friends.

Colonel Taylor spent yesterday at Winchester visiting at the home of his son, Grant Taylor.

W. L. Martin, of Garden Valley, was a visitor in Roseburg for a few hours yesterday.

Mr. William Tipton and daughter left for Peol this morning where they will spend a few days.

Fred Day, of Oakland, spent Sunday in Roseburg visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Abraham.

John White and family leave for Camas Valley this evening where they will enjoy their annual outing.

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Marshal Joseph Huffman and family, who went to Perdue Friday with the intention of spending a couple of weeks, returned here last evening.

Attorney Reuben Marsters left for the Leon Lake vicinity yesterday where he will spend about a month enjoying his annual outing. He will be joined by Mrs. Marsters and children tomorrow. Mr. Marsters is making the trip by private conveyance.

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. O. Green, who was killed at Oakland on Friday, was held at Oakland yesterday, interment following at the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Rev. E. Olin Eldridge, pastor of the local Methodist church officiated.

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action occurred in that county. The objection was sustained by the court and the case was dismissed. Attorney Eddy then filed the case in the circuit court at Hillsboro, and in the recent trial succeeded in securing a judgment in the sum of \$900.

H. E. Haynes, a former foreman of the local Southern Pacific machine shops, left for points in Cow Creek canyon last evening where he will spend a few days enjoying his annual outing. He was accompanied by his little son.

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