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ROSEBURG, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, 1924.

MAKING A MOCKERY OF JUSTICE.

Life imprisonment for Richard Loeb and Nathan F. Leopold for the cold-blooded murder of little Robert Franks, is certainly a good exhibit of judicial abortion.

The verdict of Judge J. R. Caverly has placed a blotch on America's most sacred emblem—justice. The decision rendered today by the distinguished judge has set an example in the annals of court records that lowers the respect and admiration held for courts of justice by law-abiding and true American citizenship.

No excuse whatever can be offered to the world for such a flagrant miscarriage of justice. Neither of the murderers were deserving of the extreme liberal decision accorded them. In fact, it seems that a death penalty would have been far inadequate to pay for such an atrocious crime committed by the Loeb-Leopold combination of degenerates.

There was no question of their guilt. Not an iota of evidence was advanced to the effect that the life of young Franks was snapped out for other causes than that of a well-planned, premeditated program of fiendish murder. A frank admission of this fact was paramount throughout the entire trial.

The defense has won a wonderful victory for its clients, but the stigma attached to such a victory will not meet the approval of millions of law-abiding people who have watched the scales of justice weigh the evidence in the Chicago murder case. Everything was against the defendants. Murder—most horrible had been committed and carried out by a couple of youthful "supermen" to a degree that astonished the entire world.

And for their deed what is the penalty—life imprisonment. And life imprisonment means nothing to these sons of wealth. They are happy and contented to know that a sympathetic court had so lightly viewed their devilish deed.

Thus, you have that most sacred word—justice—stripped of all its virtues and made a mockery in the eyes of the world.

And no one man is endowed with supreme authority to condone two human beasts for entering into a self-confessed murder pact wherein the life of an innocent boy is wrecked as a means of pleasure and to supply a "thrill" for two millionaire scions of society.

THE SCHOOL YEAR.

The people of other countries scarcely realize how deeply concerned the American people are in regard to the education of their children. Our grandfathers, who took education lightly and sketchily, never dreamed how much thought, effort, and money would be devoted by the parents of these days to having their youngsters properly educated.

These parents of Roseburg look forward then to the coming school year as a period of the utmost importance. While the progress of the pupils depends primarily upon whether the children are willing to work or not, yet judicious parents can do a great deal to cooperate in making the year a successful one. They can help by a right attitude and interest along the following lines:

Back up the discipline of the school. Make the children feel that they must obey, and that the requirements and rules of the school are reasonable. If there is ground for complaint, say nothing to the children, but talk the matter over quietly with the teacher or school authorities.

Get interested in educational problems, as discussed in newspapers and magazines, so that you will know how to vote or talk when these questions come up in your home town.

We can hardly refrain from complimenting Attorney Clarence Darrow, who so successfully buffeted the presiding judge in the Loeb-Leopold murder case, to get the flattering decision rendered in behalf of the two cold-blooded criminals he so ably represented in the Chicago court.

The Home Products Show is on. And it is a real display of what can be produced in Douglas county.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—Havin' been up to the metrop

Watchin' the Big town guys Git their fingers Manufactured in the bobber shops We're more'n Pleased to be Back in the Home town Where a feller Can git a shave Without havin' Some Jane stickin' Around wantin' To shine their finger nails.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS South Bend is a new form of callithenics.

Angel-Faced Dickie Leeb and Kind-hearted Leopold will not dawdle from the end of a hemp, but will probably be starring in six-reel thrillers in a couple years.

This is the year that a feller can get away with murder, we opine.

We wonder if the Sears and Roebuck catalogue will contain photos of the two boys and a reduction sale on rope?

Well, anyway, hangin' was too good for 'em.

And this should be a lesson to poverty-stricken youths who might contemplate bumpin' off some kid, ya gotta have lack these days, folks.

The circus is comin' and hot diggity dawg but we love pink lemonade.

We saw a guy down on the waterfront this a. m. so tuff that he was usin' man-hole covers in a game of tickle-winks.

The school marm is beginnin' to appear on the horizon and the bachelors are gettin' a new lease on life with prospects of a bright winter.

The land products show opened today and all of the prize cucumbers of the valley are on display.

The Firpo-Willis battle will be on tomorrow night and Mistah Willie'll probably be used for mince meat if the Wild Bull of the Pampas does his stuff as usual.

"Al G." Bellows is thinkin' of installin' a radio aerial on one of the giraffes when the circus arrives.

While up to the metrop we saw quite a few of the shirks wearin' the new English trousers, and we suppose the Prince of Wales caused this latest fad. Well, we'll admit we're skinnin', but derned if we're goin' to disfigure our shanks by wearin' those balloon pants.

We wish to announce that following next Monday and Tuesday will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We wonder why some of the hand instrument manufacturers don't advertise photos of Cal Coolidge playin' a saxophone. He'd get the solid jazz band vote of the country.

"Grinnin' is some fellers way of actin' congenial."

Band concert Sunday at Brandon by the Sea.

COMMISSIONER SAYS SUN YAT-SEN WILL NOT GIVE UP FIGHT

CANTON, China, Sept. 10.—The determination of Dr. Sun Yat-sen to stay with the fight until he has won, was reiterated in an interview granted recently by Dr. C. C. Wu, commissioner of British affairs and one of the Sun Yat-sen's top lieutenants.

"The recent rumors of Dr. Sun's death, which have been so numerous, are not true. If he were to die, it would be a disaster."

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Last Expert Witness Dr. Harold S. Hulbert of Chicago, who with Dr. Karl M. Bowman, of Boston, conducted the first of the two boys' examinations, and most thorough examinations of the two boys, was the following defense expert witness. Following closely the outline of the Hulbert-Bowman report, which had been submitted to the other alienists, Dr. Hulbert went deeply into the physical examination of the defendants.

Dr. Hulbert said he found young Loeb was strikingly immature—that he still has three of his "baby" teeth, that he has to shave only twice a week, and that his pituitary glands were functioning subnormally.

Loeb, he said, was precociously developed. His glands of internal secretion are over-functioning, his body is too heavily covered with hair, and his feet are flat.

From these facts and many others which he related, Dr. Hulbert said he came to the conclusion that both Leopold and Loeb were mentally abnormal.

Calls College Students In addition to these four doctors, Darrow called a group of college students—friends and companions of Leopold and Loeb. They testified concerning the habits of the two murderers—testimony intended to show that Leopold devoted his life to the philosophy of the super-man, declaring that the super-man was above the law, and that Loeb was exceedingly nervous as a college student, often fainted, and read "cheap detective stories."

Foreman Leopold and Allen Loeb, older brother of the two slayers, and Jacob Loeb, Dickie's uncle, each testified briefly, each showing that Nathan and Richard had plenty of money to spend and that they did not therefore commit the crime for the ransom money. This, the defense considered, showed that the two boys killed Robert Franks just as they said themselves—"for a thrill."

Crowe placed his own alienists on the stand to level the defense medical structure. Among them were Dr. Hugh Patrick and Dr. Archibald Church, who testified there was nothing about the youths to uphold the defense theory of abnormality. Nathan and Richard, while of high intellectual attainments, are ordinary youths with extra-ordinary criminalistic leanings, the state held.

Wool sacks and twine at Wharton Bros.

CARD OF THANKS We desire to thank the people of Roseburg, especially the Empress Squares, for the bedding and clothing which we received Monday. Also the other organizations which so kindly assisted us after the fire at Greaves.

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MARKETS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 10.—The local butter market is steady and unchanged, seconds are plentiful, but high score stock is in demand. Eggs are steady, and unchanged. There is a firm demand for fresh extras. Firsts are in plentiful supply.

Country meat receipts continue light with market firm for top stuff. Choice light hogs 14 1/2; choice light veal 15c.

Offerings and demand of live poultry are about equal. No change in prices was reported. Ducks are droning, with prices down to 14 and 15 cents.

The hay market is steady and unchanged. Country shipments are increasing, but moving out promptly.

There is little life to the hog market at this time. The bulk of big yards have been picked, but few buyers are interested in the new crop. With eastern markets unsettled, buyers are skeptical about taking hold even at the 15 to 17 cent level established a few days ago.

Among today's team track arrivals are five stock car loads of grapes. They are slow sellers. A fancy car of Tokays arrived from California along with a car of Malaga grapes. The Tokays are selling at \$2.50 with the Malagas at \$2 a box. Another car of Idaho rural potatoes arrived today and are selling at \$2 per hundred. Oregon potatoes are around \$1.75.

The union market is steady at current levels. Walla Walla Globes supply the bulk of the trade at \$2.50.

The peach market remains firm at \$1.25 to \$1.75 a box with demand for canning improved.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 10.—Oregon farms are suffering lack of moisture in spite of showers, which were too light of material benefit, says the weather bureau here.

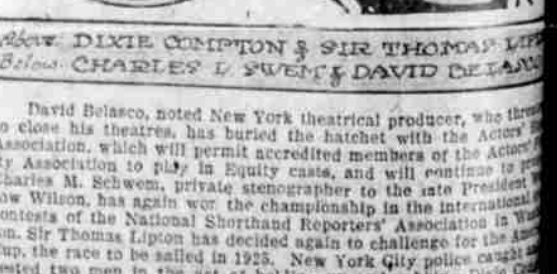
A very little seedling and oats has been done in central counties, and some Lake county where the planting is now drying out for moisture. Plowing for fall being delayed also by rain. Hot days have caused to mature rapidly, and making out for ensilage.

Apples continue to come in from Hood River and the low in sugar content and the standard in size; prunes being picked and shipped from Malheur county.

The third cutting of an ear of near completion in eastern districts and the second cutting progress in central localities of the previous week, and temporary improvement in pastures which are now getting need of moisture, necessitates continued feeding of some places. Considerable favorable conditions, livestock holding up fairly well.

Late potatoes as a rule to good, but need rain to an average crop; some are dug and shipped, with high yields. Hop picking is under way in early fields and is well on in other districts.

MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS OF THE DAY



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