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ENTIRELY TOO TECHNICAL.

No wonder we are a law-breaking people. It matters little what the evidence shows at a trial, if a word is left out of an indictment, if the court in charging a jury through ignorance or otherwise, makes a misstatement, or the district attorney in presenting his arguments to the jury in the heat of oratory wanders off somewhat from the ideas of the sages in prehistoric times, the higher courts hand down mandates for a new trial, or quash the indictment and order the defendant set free. A cold-blooded murderer in the Willamette valley was given another trial a few days ago because the district attorney made a misstatement in addressing the jury. The land fraud cases that have ruined honor, fortune and life, as a result of a recent decision, has been reduced almost to a farge. From this time on, after the present cases have been ground through the courts, there will be no more land fraud cases. Note the condition of San Francisco fraud cases: they are all at sea and it is possible that Schmitz and Bluff will, through technicalities of the courts, be freed. Our courts are so technical that justice is so often tardy in being meted out, that we as a people have been educated up to that degree of tolerance that we have in a great measure lost our respect for the law. Just about the time our courage begins to rise and we begin to calmly review the situation, we note daily where some poor, ignorant, misguided individual is given a sentence of from five to seven years in the penitentiary for larceny of a watch or a \$40 horse, while some bank president deliberately steals by the hundreds of thousands of dollars and often millions, through whose embezzlement hundreds lose all, is given six months or possibly a three-years sentence. If he is so unfortunate in not being able in keeping the case playing hide and seek back and forth among the courts until kind nature in its mantle of charity removed him from this wicked world. It is true the public conscience is becoming awakened, but it would multiply more rapidly were the courts to take a more common sense view of the actual facts and not wander off on every possible excuse, to defeat the ends of justice.

SUGGESTED CANDIDATE.

The republicans of Union county are taking an unusual interest in the nominee for sheriff this year, and were apparently at sea until someone suggested E. W. Davis, who will soon retire from the land office, contained all of the necessary qualifications to place that office upon the business plane which the position demands. The sheriff's office has changed with the times. Once it required the most bloodthirsty individual whose expected duty it was to corral the cattle rustlers and lone highwaymen and keep the peace between the knights of the green cloth when the stakes were high, but that is ancient history—in fact, always was overdrawn. Now the principal duty and responsibility is the collection of the taxes. In other words, the office today requires that the sheriff be personally capable of knowing that his records are properly kept. It has only been the past three years that Umatilla county and Baker county sheriffs were short many thousands of dollars, which they in each instance claimed was the work of their deputies, they themselves not

being competent to know what was going on in their own office, at least they did not. If Mr. Davis consents to become a candidate his nomination and election is assured, and the office will be filled by a man who is especially fitted for the position. While Mr. Davis has not consented, his friends from all over the county are urging him to enter the race.

POULTRY.

The poultry exhibit of the Oregon State Poultry association, which is to be seen in Portland this week, is said to have brought together one of the finest collections of high-bred fowls ever seen in this state. Oregon's poultry industry is rapidly increasing in interest and importance. The Observer for several years has urged to advantages that would accrue to the poultry interests of this county by the holding of an annual poultry show. Situated as we are, surrounded by mines and large lumbering interests, which furnish a steady market at the highest prevailing prices, large poultry farms similar to those in California would return large dividends on the investment. Poultry shows stimulate the industry just the same as the farmers' institutes held so often in this county stimulated the dairy industry.

Corvallis is now an applicant for a free city mail delivery. Having reached that point where her postoffice receipts entitle her to this service. At our present rate of activity and at the present rate of growth of our thriving little city of North Powder, she will become a successful applicant for a delivery system before a similar service is inaugurated in this city, which supports a postoffice that does 33 1-3 per cent more business than law requires.

Oregon City is to have another large paper mill. It will undoubtedly be a paying proposition. This week we received notification that news print paper had advanced another quarter of a cent on the pound—75 on the car. There are trusts and trusts, but the paper trusts of this country need not take their hats off to any.

Portland is to commence the construction of a 15-story building, and it is quite possible that another story or two might be added before it is completed if some enterprising Seattle newspaper man would suggest that Seattle had in view a 16-story structure.

The next reform that the people will demand will be that United States senators and congressmen exert their energies in legislation and not as to who shall be "it" in the distribution of the federal pie.

TURF NOTES.

Turn over a pew leaf for 1908 and don't knock a good horse because you own a skate.

The Oregon state fair will renew the two \$5000 stakes for this year's fair.

Get your horses ready for the Portland horse sale in April.

Washington McKinney brought \$825 at the Chase Holiday sale.

There will be neither pool selling nor a bar at the Oregon state fair this year.

Get your horses ready for a big racing circuit this year. It will be the best ever.

Weanlings have all passed the grammar grade and are now yearlings.—Rural Spirit.

A Novel Coat.

There is now on exhibition in the display window of Andrews & Berry, a coat which is certainly a novelty. The outside covering of this smoking jacket is made with cigar ribbons, of which 500 were required. The lining is satin, quilted and hand stitched. The coat was cut and quilted by the firm's tailors and it is estimated that there are 150,000 stitches in the garment. The coat is valued at \$200 and the ribbon work was done by Mrs. Gates, who is now at Hot Lake.

Interesting Question.

What is the "unpardonable sin?" is a question frequently asked of preachers. This evening Mr. McSparran will discuss this question. There will be a baptism before the sermon. A lot of new mottoes are being arranged on the walls of the main room. Last night four more came to unite with the congregation, two of them to confess Christ and be baptized, and two who had been members in the past. A fine interest is shown. The meetings will probably continue for some time.

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Adjourned Again.

There was not a quorum present at the council meeting last night and another adjournment was taken until next Monday night.

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should be inseparable—that is, every boy should be taught to save, even before he begins to earn. The younger the start the more they will save, and the better they will enjoy the habit of saving. We encourage thrift in the young, knowing that it leads to independence and prosperity in middle age. Bank your savings with us, and watch them grow year by year. In this way your money will be earning money.

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