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ENFORCING STATE LAWS IN CITIES.

The divorce of the New York Police department from enforcement of the gambling, excise and vice laws will be recommended to the state legislature at its next session.

This general principle is that the authority which makes the law is the authority which should enforce it. Stated conversely, it is that authorities of a local community which has had nothing to do with framing the law and which in many cases is opposed to it are the worst possible mediums for enforcing it.

The more the situation is considered the more logical a state police force, perhaps modeled on the lines of the Pennsylvania constabulary, seems. This Keystone state constabulary, notwithstanding a popular impression that it is simply to suppress strikes, does a general police work throughout the commonwealth, guarding the country districts and small towns such as the Canadian northwest mounted police force guards the vast stretches of territory in the vicinity of Hudson Bay and Yukon.

PERILS OF CIVILIZATION.

In spite of all that is done to stop it, our effete western civilization is marching relentlessly on. It is reported that the Eskimos are suffering from some of our most modern diseases and it probably will not be long before they will be wearing outlandish corsets, playing bridge and drinking Manhattan cocktails.

high-heeled shoe, the American rouse, three-card monte and plug tobacco. The Filipinos have become quite civilized by this time, having brushed elbows with civilization about 14 or 15 years. The Filipino has even advanced to the stage where he can play poker and flirt with the ladies who wear the tight skirts.

Dr. Cook came and explained, yet we have the first person yet to openly state that the doctor did visit the north pole. The controversy is based upon the veracity of himself and that of Mr. Peary and there it stops, for who is going to visit the pole for the sole purpose of learning whether Dr. Cook has ever been there?

Evidently the court in Wallowa county is making a housecleaning of old cases from the number that are being wiped from the docket. Perhaps Judge Knowles is using a vacuum cleaner on that county.

The new fire engine makes a good sightseeing car.

PERSONALS.

Miss Victoria Wellman, who has been visiting friends here for several days, will leave this evening for her home in Baker.

Lulu Evans of Telocaset stopped at the Foley last night.

J. F. Hutchinson, county commissioner-elect, is over from Union today.

J. Groth of Enterprise and L. A. McGuire were in the city from Enterprise last night.

E. L. Adams and wife were over from Cove this morning, making the Sommer their headquarters.

C. R. Tringley and wife of Pleasant Valley were in the city today, staying at the Sommer while here.

Floyd Wiley was in the city from Wallowa last night, a guest at the Foley.

George L. Cleaver has returned from Portland where he was in charge of the Imbler exhibit at the land show.

County Commissioner Cecil Galloway is here from Elgin to attend the Imbler hearing for a division of their school district, that was continued from yesterday until this morning.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Samuel V. Stewart, whom the Democrats of Montana have elected governor, was born in Ohio forty years ago, was educated in the University of Kansas and went to Montana and began the practice of law fourteen years ago.

Congressman Morris Sheppard, selected to succeed Joseph W. Bailey as United States senator from Texas, worked as a night watchman in the state capitol at Austin to earn the money for his expenses at college.

Josephus Danforth, Democratic national committeeman for North Carolina and well known as the publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, is picked by some politicians as a likely

choice for the post of postmaster-general in the Wilson cabinet.

Louis B. Hanna, governor-elect of North Dakota, entered congress in 1909, having previously served in both houses of the state legislature. Mr. Hanna was born in Pittsburg, but he was one of the pioneer settlers of the Dakotas. He began as a lumber merchant but later became a banker and purchased large land holdings.

Before the election of November 5 women could vote in six states, having a total of 37 electoral votes, as follows: California, 12; Colorado, 6; Washington, 7; Idaho, 4; Utah, 4; and Wyoming, 3. Their recent victories give women a choice in the allotment of 33 more electoral votes—Michigan, 15; Kansas, 10; Oregon, 5; and Arizona, 3.

Governor Geo. E. Donaghey of Arkansas aspires to a seat in the United States senate.

In the recent election the Socialist vote in Kansas exceeded 50,000, about 12,000 more than ever before.

Barratt O'Hara, lieutenant-governor-elect of Illinois, is one of the youngest men ever elected to that office in the United States.

In the defeat of William B. Wilson of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania district organized labor will lose one of its ablest representatives in congress.

Circuit Judge John W. Mason, for several years Republican national committeeman for West Virginia, seeks to succeed Clarence W. Watson in the United States senate.

Staunton, Va., the place of Governor Wilson's birth is planning to make the president-elect's home coming jubilee next month one of the biggest days in the state's history.

NEW YORK'S FIRST CHURCH.

And the Earliest Religious Services on Manhattan Island.

The first religious service on Manhattan Island was held in 1623. This resulted in the organization of a church, the services of which were held in the upper story of a mill which ground the grain of the colonists.

The first church building on Manhattan Island was situated on Pearl street, between Whitehall and Broad streets, facing the East river. This structure was a poor, plain building of wood and constructed in 1633 by the West India company. Its congregation was presided over by Dominie Bogardus, the second clergyman of New Amsterdam, and was regarded as a more fitting place than the site of the mill for public worship.

William Keith, director general of the West India company, caused to be erected a church outside of Fort Amsterdam, which contained three long, narrow windows on each side, fitted with small panes of glass set in lead, on which were burned the coats of arms of the chief parishioners. This building was erected in the meadow of Mrs. Dominie Drisius and fronted on a lane, now called Exchange place. In those days, however, it was known as "Garden alley." A large bowl of solid silver for baptismal services was made by the silver workers in Holland to the bell was the bell which had been removed from the old church in the fort—Westchester County Magistrate.

According to the records of the interstate commerce commission, practically every railroad employe in the United States has had his pay increased within the last five years, and the great volume of the increases has come within the last three years.

Matrimonial Alliances Reversed.

London, Nov. 19.—An international matrimonial alliance that reversed the general rule of titled bridegroom and American heiress bride was celebrated in Holy Trinity church, Sloane street, this week when Countess Camilla Hoyos became the bride of Charles W. Short, Jr., of Boston. The wedding attracted a large gathering of fashionable society. The countess was given away by her eldest brother, Count Hoyos. Mr. Short was attended by his brother as best man. The bride looked very pretty in a gown of white chiffon with an old Brussels lace train and veil. She was attended by six bridesmaids gowned in white chiffon, trimmed with white swansdown. The ceremony at the church was followed by a large reception at the home of the bride's mother in Cumberland place.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Count George Hoyos of Fiume, Austria, and she has passed much of the time in London with her widowed mother, who is an Englishwoman, a daughter of the late Sir William Whitehead. The widowed Princess Herbert Bismarck is a sister of the bride.

Mr. Short, the bridegroom, is the son of a well known lawyer of Cincinnati. He graduated from Harvard in 1908 and afterward studied architecture. He and his bride will make their home in Boston.

The Difference Between Cheating in Public and Cheating in Private.

F. P. Dunn, writing the "Interpreter's House" in the December American Magazine, says in part: "What we have to do is to make people feel that political dishonesty is as disgraceful as private dishonesty; in some respects it is more disgraceful."

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selves as leaders of human progress the conviction that they must play the game fairly, and that bribe-giving and bribe-taking are as shameful as forging notes, or cheating at cards, or pulling a horse in a race. Of course, there is no comparison between the crimes. A man who would slip an ace up his sleeve or bribe a jockey to put a horse in a pocket is a gentlemanly sportsman compared with the man who will sow corruption through a whole body of a community in order to gain an unfair advantage in the name of politics. Yet decent people who will shun a black-leg of the race course or the card table will not hesitate to take their dinner publicly in the company of a man who is avowedly corrupt in his relations with the government. A card-sharp is kicked out of the game. One lapse condemns him forever. We have known of a brave and (we think) honest man who was pursued to his grave by the mere rumor that he cheated at cards. Yet a man may cheat at the far greater game of politics, he may sell his hand to an opponent, or throw away the stronger hand for a bribe, and be none the worse off in the public opinion. He can't live down a peek at his neighbor's hand, but he can not only live down but he can thrive on bribing a judge."

Says Men Will Get Medicine if the Women are Around.

Ed. Howe, the famous Kansas funny man and story teller, has an article in the December American magazine in which he says: "When a woman has charge of a sick man, she feels as important as the marshal of the day at a country Fourth of July celebration, and however amiable she may be at other times, she is very 'bossy' when she has medicine to give a man, or lotions to put on him; if he wants a drink of water, she expresses the opinion that he is drinking too much, and remembers that her Aunt Harriet's husband once drank a great deal when he was sick, and had convulsions. If the sick man becomes impatient, and says the medicine is doing no good, she reminds him that 'time' is necessary; she has even been known to dip into the classics, and say that Rome was not built in a day. The art of wisdom with which she examines the doctor books convinces the sick man that, however intelligent his medical adviser may have been, after his recovery he will be informed that he would have been sick longer had she not used her home-made lotions. Whatever she does at night, the doctor will agree in the morning that it was very good. "The sleepest woman in the world will stay up all night cheerfully if she can get a chance in doctor somebody, and if a man has medicine to take at an unusual hour he will get it if there is a woman around."

Notice. Registration books for the city election have been opened, and all voters who have not registered previously and desire to vote at the city election, can register by calling at the office of the Security Land & Trust company, in the La Grande National Bank building, second door west of the bank entrance. The books will be kept open from 8 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m., except the dinner hour, until further notice. Nov. 19th to Dec. 7th. Shooting Match. There will be a shooting match at Island City next Monday, Beef, turkeys, geese and ducks—plenty of them. IRA KENNEDY, ED STRINGHAM. 11-21-31.

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