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AFTER BEN LINDSEY AGAIN.

In Denver an attempt is being made to recall Judge Ben Lindsey, the eminent reformer, on the ground that the record of his court shows him to be too lenient with men accused of attacking girls. The friends of the jurist say that this is but one of the many attempts which have been made by his political enemies to ruin his political career.

A charge of this kind, especially when it is brought by women, carries a weight with the public unacquainted with the details usually disclosed in cases of this kind. Many of the "men" accused of attacking girls are foolish boys. Often it is shown that the girl herself was to blame in the first place and only brought the charge when a quarrel arose. Quite as often her general record is such that it is difficult to place credence in any story she tells.

This is not to say that there are not cases where the man deserves the most severe sentence possible. At the same time, any lawyer or judge who has had experience with matters of this kind knows that men only are partly to blame for the crime of which they stand accused are found guilty by juries who sympathize with the complaining witness simply because she is a woman and fail to weigh her testimony as those who have heard many such cases weigh it. In such instances neither prosecutor nor judge feel like being unduly severe with the usually youthful defendant.

On a subject like this public sentiment is easily aroused through a misapprehension of the facts. A judge accused of leniency to assaulters of women has little chance to explain his attitude and often is not believed when he does. The average man and woman pictures the plaintiff in all such actions as an innocent girl seeking justice and fail to remember that girls not innocent use the law as a means of revenging themselves on a particular man.

That such is the case in Denver is, of course, not known. Yet the history of such charges against judges make parade at Oakland, is slowly recovering and is gaining strength hourly.

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe.

This bank has been in business twenty-six years.

It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West.

The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here: also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management.

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made to defend his record without due cause. The former campaigns waged against him by the political interests of Denver would indicate that any charge that would "get" him would find favor in certain circles.

As a sign that the world is growing better, there is a great reduction in the number of Kentucky men who die through taking a drink of water by mistake.

Chattanooga man, according to the papers, got religion by telephone. It is distressing to think what might have happened to that man if the line had been busy.

A St. Louis burglar ate a meal out of the ice box and then went to sleep in the house. The faith of some burglars is almost past understanding.

A Chicago university professor says we are all crazy more or less. This is believed to be particularly true of Chicago university professors.

Duchess of Tallyrand says she can destroy Boni de Castellane's character any time she wants to, which is one idea of nothing to destroy.

REPORT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY.

Derailment of Extra 542 West, near Duncan September 7th.

Extra 542 West Conductor Howard, Engineer Thompson, derailed engine and three cars about 1000 feet west of the west switch at Duncan at 3:25 p. m. September 7th.

No personal injuries.
 Track protected by block signals.
 Damage to equipment \$15.00.
 Damage to track \$25.00.
 Train No. 19 delayed 5:00 hours.
 Fruit special east 6:00 hours.
 Extra 542 West 9:00 hours.

Board of inquiry finds that extra gang No. 5 under Foreman Peter George had spikes pulled out of four rails and were placing tie-plates under outer rail of a 6 degree curve and had sent flagmen out in both directions with full instructions how flagging should be done. Flagmen to the east, who was a Greek, evidently became confused on account of movement of helper engines and trains between the switches at Duncan and failed to flag Extra 542 West after this train had left the station.

Greek flagman responsible for derailment.

W. BOLLONS,
 Superintendent.
 GEO. ROSS,
 Asst. Superintendent.
 F. G. SCHILKE,
 Asst. Superintendent.
 H. L. HYON,
 Division Engineer.
 J. VAN BUREN,
 Mechanic.
 H. W. STONER,
 Laborer.

Lane Continues to Improve.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 11.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who suffered an attack of heart disease on Admission day, while reviewing the of such charges against judges make parade at Oakland, is slowly recovering and is gaining strength hourly.

FASHION FRILLS.

Linen sponge suits have dangling ball buttons of pearl.
 The basque of chiffon appears on many afternoon gowns.
 Heavy crocheted buttons are seen on the new linen skirts.

Simple printed voiles have girlish of vivid embroidered velvet.
 The tailored suit of fawn, tan or olive tinted cloth is smart.

"Landscape chiffons" are used for the most striking evening gowns.

Coarse linen suits are made up in strange colors, even grass green.

Afternoon gowns grow more elaborate as the season advances.
 Some long, close fitting sleeves have white linen cuffs turning back.

CURLING FEATHERS.

How to Restore These Decorations to Their Pristine Loveliness.

Ostrich feathers, although not so tightly curled as the old fashioned plumes, look even more bedraggled and forlorn when out of curl than the old ones did. Yet fogs and mists or rains are as frequent as ever, and ostrich feathers are now worn at all times of the day and night regardless of the weather. Plumetia feathers were put forward to fill the role of a feather which moisture would not change, but they do not take the place of the ostrich feather.

There is only one thing to do if you wear ostrich feathers, and that is to learn how to curl them. It is impossible to send a feather to the professional cleaner to be curled every time there is a summer shower.

When the moist hat with feather trimming is removed put it, if possible, near a fire. Heat often restores a good deal of the lost curl. When this is not possible let the feather dry thoroughly and then recur it with a nail file, the blunt edge of a knife or some other steel or silver blade which is not sharp.

Work with one or two of the fronds of the feather at a time. Catch them between the thumb and the blade near the stem of the feather and slowly and firmly draw the thumb and the blade along the fronds to the edge. If necessary go over some of the feathers twice.

It is surprising how rapidly this curling can be done, and if it is carefully done after a little practice the feather will look quite as well as if it had been curled by a professional.

REFORM IN DRESS.

Who can doubt that mothers are off the job when they allow their young daughters to paint their faces and to wear the sort of clothes we have seen everywhere in the last two or three seasons? To say mothers can't control their daughters is even worse. It's an acknowledgment of disgraceful failure that no grown woman should be obliged to make. We are living today in a pandemonium of powder, a riot of rouge, a moral anarchy of dress. When will women learn that the only "aids to beauty" are absolute cleanliness, proper food, proper exercise, abundant sleep, fresh air and an unselfish character? It is unfortunate that the women of today are not more careful about themselves and the impressions they are making on society by their loudness in dress, their love for cosmetics and indulgence in questionable dances. These are not the qualities that go to make good Christian homes and attract God fearing men. To indulge in the worldliness may attract the giddy and thoughtless, but it will never excite the admiration of decent men who seek wives and the quality that strengthens trust, constancy and fidelity in the true husband.—Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Hare, New York City.

FIVE SENSES OF MAN.

A sense of honor.
 Which tells him what
 To love and hate.

A sense of justice.
 Which tells him what
 To give and take.

A sense of dollars.
 Which tells him what
 To spend and make.

A sense of beauty.
 Which tells him when
 To court and mate.

A sense of humor.
 Which tells him when
 To laugh and shake.
 —Farm and Fireside.

TRICKS OF LIGHT.

Why People Sometimes Feel Dull or Uncomfortable at Table.

How few people realize that they are actually suffering from snow blindness in miniature every time they read or work over a white surface on which a brilliant light shines directly. Half tone paper, for instance, which is the common medium for the majority of books we read, will throw a blinding glare into the eye of the reader if the light strikes it at the wrong angle, and it forms an excellent test for the selection of proper lighting for a room and for the placing of the lighting fixtures. For lighting diffusion should be such as to allow comfortable reading from half tone paper in any position.

A dome hanging above a dining table on which is white cloth causes the light to reflect into the eyes of those around the table at an angle that produces muscular strain. This has a peculiar effect upon the senses, and drowsiness and mental inertia are apt to result. People are apt to complain of a feeling of dullness at table or that they have indigestion when it is, in reality, the effect of the light.

A too brilliant light shining directly into the eye plays many curious psychological tricks. Deaf people, for instance, cannot hear so well if they are facing a brilliantly lighted room, and, as for being able to see better by a bright light than by a dim one, exactly the reverse is the case, for detail of objects become practically lost to the eye when too much light enters it.—Suburban Life Magazine.

Advice to Consumptives.

The only safe course for a person suffering from consumption is to select a good physician and be guided in all things by that physician's advice.

If a new cure is discovered during your illness your doctor will know it. If the cure is genuine he will know that and be the first to insist on applying the new remedy to your case. If the so called cure is a fake his caution will save you from wasting valuable time and strength pursuing will-o'-the-wisps.

Meantime, while waiting on new discoveries, he will keep you on the commonplace but effective prescription of rest, plentiful diet and all the fresh air there is. This regime has cured tens of thousands of cases of tuberculosis and will cure hundreds of thousands more.—Chicago Journal.

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West
THE QUALITY STORE

Pendleton Police Arrest Five.

The police made a nice haul last evening when John Ryan, Thomas Payne, John Townsley, William James and D. V. Ford, five out of a gang of seven pickpockets were taken in charge. They were taken to the county jail today for safe-keeping.

The crew of seven struck the city on the evening train yesterday and, finding a large crowd at the Olympia saloon, began their operations, but had only relieved one man of \$10 when the police got busy and stopped the game.

Five were arrested and the other two managed to slip away in the crowd, but as the police have a pretty fair description of them, they may soon be in the toils unless they take the hint and "move on." The cashier of the bunch is supposed to be Thomas Payne, who was dressed as a typical hobo, but when searched was found to have \$66 in his pocket and a razor hung around his neck. Payne and Townsley are the two men alleged to have taken the \$10, and the others are being held as suspects and assistants. —Pendleton Live Wire.

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