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THY WILL, NOT MINE:—Teach me to do thy will; for thy art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.—Psalm 143: 10.

Collective Crime

From the frequency with which "mobs," "gangs," "tongs" and similar terms are figured in news items, it begins to look as if we were in for an era of collective bargaining with pistols, clubs, clubs, knives and blackjacks. Such collective banditry calls for collective resistance by all who hold for personal and public peace and safety.

Some months back, when the so-called crime wave was in its most malignant phase, lawlessness ran to individualism. Now it runs to group manifestation. While this may evidence a decline in acuteness of the individual's tendency toward crime, it is disturbing, for it points to increase in participation in violence. There are persons who shudder at crime individually perpetrated but condone the perpetration of outrages under the misleading notion that offenses in mob formation are somehow justified.

If those who feel the urge to participate in group crimes would stop to figure their offenses in accord with the law of God and man, they would realize that guilt for outrages is never thus lessened, each is as guilty as would be one who committed the crime alone.

An Insoluble Problem

A woman's fashion report has it that wraps and dresses are being designed to express feelings and emotions; which puts it up to masculine observers to learn the language of feminine attire, if they would adjust themselves to the fair one's changes of moods. With tips thus offered as to how she feels, the course of true love may yet run smooth, for its proverbial roughness is traceable to misunderstanding of woman's feelings and emotions by her man.

But learning the language of woman's dress is more easily said than done. It may be clear that she feels mad if badly dressed, or that she is mad if madly clad, or that she is glad if in glad rags. But who will know whom she loves if she appears in lovely raiment and of whom she is jealous if she goes in green? How will she dress to express the million more subtle feelings and emotions? How will she work the system to take care of changes of feelings and emotions that may occur while she is away from home? Under this fashion the woman who would be perfectly dressed will have to carry a large variety of outer garments along with her or else stick to the feeling and emotion with which she starts out.

It is a hard problem—too hard for mankind to solve.

Martian Intelligence

The Martians, if they exist, have not intelligence superior to that of earth's inhabitants, for, argues a speculative British scientist, if they had they would have communicated with this sphere.

Maybe they are smarter. That may account for the recent epidemic of martial outbreaks and tendencies. It is fair assumption that the inhabitants of Mars would communicate martial ideas and notions if they communicated anything. They may have communicated the international animus and virus and antagonism that broke loose on the murder of a member of Austria's royalty at Serajevo in 1914. They may have kept up their communication since and may, even now, be chargeable with communicating the spirit of hostility now so prevalent on earth.

The Britisher's argument against superiority of Martian intelligence should be accompanied by proof that the Eartherners are intelligent.

Vibrations for Food

That, some time in the future, humans will live by absorbing electrical vibrations instead of by eating food is a forecast by an imaginative scientist, who has perhaps let a desire to reduce the cost of living run away with his fancy. Should this fantastic prophecy come true, breakfasting and dining and lunching and supping might be thrilling affairs, but they would be without a thrill for those with palates to be tickled and stomachs to be appeased. With switchboard operators as chefs, meals might be shocking. In the meantime let cooking flourish, without fear of becoming a useless art.

The ratio of divorces to marriages is rapidly increasing, says the census bureau. What will would-be divorcees do when there are no more marriages?

The things a man gets at the expense of self-respect are not worth the cost.

Judging by the space woman athletes claim on the sporting pages, the day of woman's emancipation has completely arrived.

Enthusiasm is something that begins to ooze away after the third installment has been paid.

Every man should so live that he has no use for a lawyer to get him out of trouble.

Editorials From Over the Nation

"DON'T FIGHT MACHINERY

Brooklyn Eagle: It is the advice of experience that President Samuel Gompers gives to his fellow labor unionists in the American Federationist. "It is absolutely futile for workmen to protest against or go on strike against the introduction of a new machine, a new device or a new tool."

Very many years ago, when Samuel Gompers was working at his trade in cigar making, manufacturers undertook to introduce molds. There was a mass meeting of the workers in Turner hall, Orchard street. A strike against the new device was ordered by acclamation, Gompers being among the most eager members of the majority. The cigarmakers lost. The molds stayed. From that time a new light dawned on Gompers mind. "Don't fight machinery" is now his motto, his text.

The leader has no trouble in showing that textile workers are a lot better off than when they struck against the spinning jennies and smashed machines; that garment makers are doing better than they were doing when they revolted against sewing machines; that union printers are much more prosperous than when they feared that the Mergenthaler machine was going to put them out of business; that miners aided by electric power devices make more money, gauged by purchasing power, than they did with the pick and shovel alone, with far shorter hours. He explains by way of contrast:

Some years ago I had occasion to travel in the Southern states, and there I saw in the middle of the rivers, colored men who were dredging with buckets and long poles. The were getting 20 to 30 cents a day. Wherever men are cheap no machinery is used in industry or in any other way. It is only when men are dear and wages are high that machinery is brought in.

That last reflection is broadly significant. It conveys a world truth. The ultimate, the "iron man," automatic machinery vastly increasing the fluidity of the labor supply, vastly increasing the volume of product, will not produce a variation from the rule. Shorter hours, the five-day week, may be expected as the movement now in evidence progresses toward the ultimate. And this will be a just and necessary compensation for the added monotony of work, for the toiler, however well paid, will have to get his recreation and develop his enthusiasms outside the shop, if at all. Mankind will not live without recreation and enthusiasm.

No use bothering to elevate literature when it can climb from 10 cents to $2 all by itself.

THE OLD HOME TOWN . . . By Stanley

Multnomah Pays Taxes.

SALEM, Or.—The state treasurer today received a check from Multnomah county in the amount of $250,000 covering part of the second half taxes collected there. There previously was received from Multnomah county a check in the amount of $100,000. Multnomah county's second half payment of taxes aggregates $1,157,502.68.

Jackson county has sent to the state treasurer a check for $50,000. The total second half of taxes to be received from all counties in the state is $3,405,148.53.

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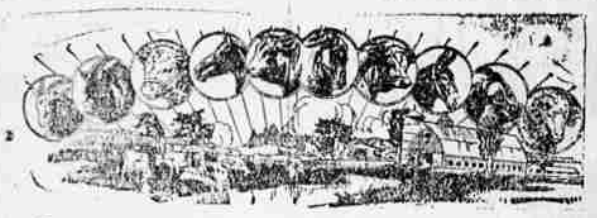

Some Livestock on Every Farm

Specialized grain and hay farming without livestock to consume the surplus is like raising livestock without growing any of the feeds which will reduce the cost of producing the animals. Either way puts the scale of profits out of balance and leaves the farmer to face the possibilities of loss on maybe his one and only class of production.

Similarly, milk products are more profitable than producing cattle for slaughter, for it is said the output of dairy products in one year is greater in dollars and cents that the total slaughtered worth of all the cattle in the country.

We are particularly interested here at the La Grande National Bank in the development of permanent and continuous agricultural prosperity, and are always glad to lend assistance in providing the right kind and right quality of livestock for the farmers of this locality.

The Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, November 3 to 10, offers an unparalleled opportunity to study the ways and results of profitable stockraising. It is the greatest gathering together of purebred dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, horses and, also, chickens and rabbits in the entire country. Why not attend this year?

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