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BLESS THE LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who
crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies—
Psalm 103:1, 4.

Justice and Publicity

A striking article, carried in the editorial column of the
Chicago Daily Tribune, is herewith reprinted:

Criminal justice in America is now a Roman holiday. The
courts are in the Colosseum. The state's attorney's office
often is an open torture room of human souls. Exposure
of the processes of justice, originally a public safeguard, has
been perverted into a public danger. They have been ex-
ploited as a field for popular amusement. They are a rich
source for sensation mongers and the yellow press. Their
publicity uncontrolled is debasing American thought. It is
contributing to the delinquency of criminal justice.

The Frank case has been a three months' moral pesti-
lence imposed upon our people before the trial. It is an
aggravated instance of what has happened with increasing
frequency for two decades since the Thaw trial and before.
There is reason for the statement by the chief justice of
the United States that the product of our judicial machine
is a national disgrace. It has been turned into a public show.

The injury to justice is in publicity before the trial.
Newspaper trials before the case is called have become an
abomination. The dangerous initiative that newspapers have
taken in judging and convicting out of court is journalistic
lynch law. It is mob murder or mob acquittal in all but
the overt act. It is mob appeal. Prosecuting attorneys now
hasten to the papers with their theories and confessions.
Defense attorneys do the same. Neither dare do otherwise.
Half wit juries or prejudiced juries are the inevitable result.

The Tribune has its share of blame in this. No news-
paper can escape it. They have met demand, and in meet-
ing it stimulated public appetite for more. "The old alliance
between the press and the people," says Frances Fenton in the Journal of Sociology, "has given
place to a point of view in which we recognize the inter-
action of demand on supply of any commodity is difficult."
But public appetite remains the dominating condition. Re-
hind press sensationalism is public demand; and behind that
is the human craving for excitement.

Papers that refuse to accept this brutal discipline of
public demand will die. Many have died. A debased cur-
rency always will displace a sound currency.

The slide downward is inevitable. Who can deny that
it is founded on authentic human nature? General reform
must be undertaken or none at all. The nation's press
must act together.

There is one remedy. Drastic restriction of publicity be-
fore the trial must be imposed by law. England by cus-
tom and by law imposes such restrictions. English papers
print only the briefest and coolest statement of the facts
before the trial. Three papers there were fined heavily
not long ago for news reports that to us were mild. Pub-
licity before the trial should be restricted. It may be, to
official statements by police or state's attorney. It may be,
to the defense, some other rate should be worked
out. It is a problem suitable for the American Bar asso-
ciation to take up. In conjunction with representatives of
the press a fair but stringent law could be devised.

The Tribune advocates and will accept drastic restriction
of this preliminary publicity. The penetration of police
systems and the courts by journalists must stop. With such
a law there would be no justification for it. Though such
a law will be revolutionary in American journalism, though
it is not financially advisable for newspapers, it still is nec-
essary. Restrictions must come.

It will in no way threaten the freedom of the press.
It is only a delay. It is enforced waiting so that the official
instruments of justice may have a chance to operate. "Pub-
lic hostility or sympathy against or for an accused person
may influence the jury in its determination of guilt," says
M. K. Wiseman in a recent study of the effect of the press
in crime control in Cleveland. "Human interest is the ex-
cuse; corruption of the community's standards may be
the result." The case against preliminary publicity of
crime news is irrefutable. The problem must be met by law.

This must be balanced by full publicity for the trial
itself. The hard won principle of public justice cannot be
denied. No matter what the sacrifice, the administration of
justice in principle must be public. The wider that pub-
licity, the better.

For the protection of democracy into the machinery of
justice is not in principle wrong. That and only that can
insure a judicial system adapted to the public and safe for
the public good. Great trials have proved it. The trial of
seven bishops at the instance of King James was followed
with intense attention by the public and the acquittal came
as the prophecy of the Stuart's fall. The witchcraft trials
in Boston were public controversies that led to the fall of
ecclesiasticism in America. About the courtroom windows in
the Peter Zenger trial the New York populace gathered
with a raised window sash for their radio. The injection
of a public interest in the trial by Andrew Hamilton over-
ruled the legalistic definition of libel. It freed Peter Zenger
and established the free press in America. Today one hun-
dred million citizens have the same right to hear their
court proceedings that one hundred thousand had then.

Secrecy in trials always leads to corruption. As pub-
licity once forced justice to the seven bishops and to Peter
Zenger, it will in the long run bring justice to modern
cases. It will regenerate the courts.

The principle of court publicity remains the same re-
gardless of the population or the instruments of information
service. For years the London Times and other papers in
Europe and America published news reports verbatim of
court trials. Even the details of the Oswald Wilde trial were
reported in the London Times, the most "conservative"
newspaper in the world. That was the widest area of
publication possible at the time. Today the radio extends
that field.

In spite of the adverse vote upon The Tribune's pro-
posed broadcasting of trial proceedings, it is bound to come.
As an instrument of public information the radio is no
different in principle from the newspaper or from public
hearings in the courtroom. It is one step more accurate.
It will correct the one conspicuous failure of American
journalism. If publicity of trials is right in democratic doc-
trine, the radio only carries it to its logical conclusion.
Its eventual use for such a purpose is inevitable.

Nor is this to be regretted. Legal institutions, says

Dean Roscoe Pound, must make a radical readjustment to
fit the changed conditions of modern urban life; we are
striving to meet problems peculiar to modern industrial
life with a criminal law and judicial institutions devised
to fit rural conditions of generations ago. To the new
facts of civilization old customs continually must be ad-
justed.

These two reforms must be effected to safeguard Amer-
ican criminal justice. Drastic limitation of publicity before
the trial must be accompanied by complete publicity of the
trial itself.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

The University of Washington is
credited in news dispatches with
having started a garbierous fad for
men. Looks like the boys will
have to start wearing hi-topped
boots or else fall back on those
childhood-days supporters.

An eastern company is manufac-
turing wild colored garters in an
effort to fight the fad. If worn,
the men will probably begin cross-
ing their legs carefully and hitch-
ing up their trousers a few inches
further.

One thing's certain, fads won't
totally abolish the belt and suspen-
ders. If such a thing did happen
the men probably wouldn't be
catching all their colds in the head.

We suppose, in the course of a
few years, some crazy sheik at col-
lege will start wearing V-neck
shirts patterned after the evening
gown.

At that, such foolish fads almost
makes one wonder if the colleges
are as sane and necessary as they
are cracked-up to be.

Laying all joking aside, though,
the writer bets 1000 to one that
men never start wearing brassieres.

Restaurants should not serve files
and men during the same hours.

Why is it that the woman with
seven children always decides to do
her traveling in August?

This is the time of year when
the fellow who never felt the need
of a vacation is beginning to weak-
en.

How Washington is treated in Eu-
rope. And we haven't
heard many complaints—especially
from the ice men.

With chandelions in the spring
and no water in the summer, the
man in La Grande who takes pride
in a lawn may be pardoned for fill
of depression.

Headline: "United States Uses 40
Tons of Postage Stamps Each
Week." Now, why in the dickens
don't the people pay their bills?

"I played golf yesterday for the

first time."
"How did you make out?"
"Fine! Made a home run right
at the start. I batted the ball in-
to the tall grass in left field and
ran around the entire course be-
fore I found it."

CHINESE OFFICIAL

RESELLS OPIUM AS
HABIT "CURE"

ANKING, China (AP).—The
magistrate of Chinyankien re-
cently confiscated large stores of
opium in his halliwick, and his
praises were sung far and wide
by the people of the province.
They had been compelled by force
to cultivate the poppy and sub-
jected to heavy fines and taxa-
tion, and they believed the mag-
istrate was seeking their welfare.
Subsequently the magistrate put
on the market some pills which
he advertised as a sure cure for
the opium habit. For this he re-
ceived renewed plaudits and his
pill business prospered.

Then it was discovered that all
the fines collected for trafficking
in opium went into the magis-
trate's pocket and that he used
the confiscated drug to make his
"anti-opium" pills. As punish-
ment, when the authorities learn-
ed of his double dealing, he was
warned to take his pills off the
market.

Count of Heads Shows Bob

Unpopular with Berlin Women

BERLIN (AP).—To determine
the popularity of the "bub" head,
which is the German equivalent
for bobbed, a Berlin editor select-
ed three distinctive sections of
the city and counted the bobs
that passed in 500 women.

In the most fashionable sec-
tion he found 12 percent had
bobbed hair, in a downtown dis-
trict 7 percent and in a working
class section only 5 percent.

Man Made "Young"

At 84 Tells How
He Regained Vigor

Another remarkable report of
being made "young" without a
gland operation comes from J. L.
Howell, 84, of Kew City, Ohio.

"It has simply been wonder-
ful," says Mr. Howell. "My eye-
sight is clearer and my muscles
feel supple. I walk with a firm,
springy step and now can do a
man's work. I am enjoying a
remarkable re-invigoration and
restoration of gland and nerve ac-
tivity, and I feel as young and
vigorous as I did at 30. I have
found a real fountain of youth."

Mr. Howell says he "re-juve-
nated" himself in only two days
by taking the recently discovered
Korex compound in tablet form.
Many others—young and old—
make similar reports of their ex-
perience with this compound in
cases of nerve weakness, loss of
nerve and premature aging. In fact,
letters praising Korex are being
received in such volume that it
has been made available to all.
It is distributed in this territory
by Glass Drug Co. Any one feel-
ing the need of increased gland
activity, vigor and nerve force can
now test this sensational new dis-
covery at small expense. Just ask
for Korex, full strength—Adv.

LIQUOR TESTED ON RATS

LANDS COUPLE IN JAIL

OMAHA, Neb., (AP).—Thirteen
week rats, peered in a cage in
a chemist's laboratory, were in-
strumental in government agents
obtaining conviction of an Oma-
ha man and his wife on a liquor
dealing charge, with subsequent
sentence of a year in jail and a
heavy fine for each in federal
court.

The question of sampling the li-
quor which the pair sold was
brought up in court, and to de-
termine whether it was fit for
human consumption, the agents
submitted it to a chemist. He fed
it to the rats and then watched
their reaction.

The rodents displayed many of
the characteristics of an intoxi-
cated human, the chemist report-
ed. Not one died, rather they
all thrived, he declared on the
witness stand. Although defense
counsel questioned the admis-
sion.

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dence, it was allowed to stand
as indicating the potency and pos-
sibilities of the liquor for bever-
age purposes.

DRY AGENTS CRITICIZED

ASTORIA, Ore.—Numerous per-
sons are making adverse com-
ments here on the actions of men
reported to be state prohibition
agents in halting numerous cars
on the Seaside highway following

the last time in Astoria.
County Clerk Clinton who was
in one of the cars stopped, de-
clared a man halted their car,
jumped on the running board and
yelled, "Turn to the edge of the
pavement and get out. Hurry up
or I'll see you. I'd just as soon
do it as not."

Clinton refused to leave the car
and finally was told to go ahead.
It was reported that about 40
cars were halted in the vicinity of
Gearhart and searched.

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system in the Presbyterian Church tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

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This demonstration shows you how to remember names, faces, dates, telephone numbers, events, etc.
See a demonstration of this new system which makes it impossible to forget.

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