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BUY NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD and become the first fruits of them that sleep.—I Corinthians 15:20

Insanity As A Defense

Increasing numbers of insanity pleas and a more widespread introduction of expert testimony by neurologists in murder cases have created a new criminal problem in this country. Insanity pleas are not a new thing in the criminal courts and neither is medical testimony in support of them as a modern innovation. They did not become a problem until they appeared in cases where the insanity was not self-evident to the lay mind. The public's inability to comprehend an insanity purely psychological is partially to blame for current criticisms of the courts and for distinctions which are being drawn in the public mind between justice for the rich and justice for the courts.

There seems to be universal assent to the proposition that the existing situation is wrong, casting reproach upon both the medical and legal professions, and that some remedy ought to be found and applied. But when it comes to the method to be adopted, there is no such agreement. On the contrary, the views expressed are so widely divergent that there is bound to be serious difficulty in securing that unity of thought on the subject without which there can be no hope for definite remedial legislation.

It is undoubtedly a public scandal that expert opinion, involving, in many instances, questions of life and liberty is a purchasable commodity. This, at least, appears to be the case when the widely divergent opinions offered under oath upon the witness stand are taken into consideration. And the fine distinctions drawn by expert neurologists who habitually figure in proceedings of this character have altered the whole popular conception of what is meant by "insanity," or "mental disease," or "abnormality," terms that are freely bandied from one side to another in criminal court proceedings.

Thrift

Every bank and financial organization in the country is advocating thrift. Nation-wide campaigns are being launched to urge the need upon people of saving some part of their earnings each day in order to have a surplus for emergencies.

We have seen many unique plans advocated to encourage the saving habit, but about as good a one as can be imagined has been inaugurated by Floyd McKennon of La Grande who sells life insurance and preaches thrift at the same time.

He has a little clock, an ornament as well as a serviceable utility, that he installs in the home. The clock will not run unless once each day a coin is deposited in the slot. The coin winds the clock and it runs until the following day.

One can readily see the importance of the clock, for it automatically reminds the owner that he must deposit his savings each day. To further make the plan a complete success the key that unlocks the clock is retained by a local bank and in order for the owner of the clock to secure the savings inside he must take the clock to the bank. This means another thrift step for when once in a bank it is the natural thing to deposit the money to a savings account. This account immediately begins to draw interest and the thrift habit is formed.

Every home should install one of the thrift clocks. It is the thing for every family to encourage children to save. Proper attention to this clock will not only accumulate funds for life insurance but also will take care of educational funds and many other family undertakings, and it will be done with remarkable ease, for in the language of Julius Roesch, "if one saves a little each day he will soon have something worth while."

Among the other pathetic failures must be listed the effort of a high-brow professor to act enthusiastic at a football game.

"How will men look in the future?" asks a writer. It all depends on how the women dress.

There is one thing a family skeleton is good for. It is good for about two columns on the front page.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



months ago has had his hair cut six times already. Yes, it's a girl.

On Sunday a lot of people wear their best clothes and their worst faces.

HOW IT'S DONE
Hend Walter (to waiter): "The customer in the corner has ordered fresh-made coffee. Just keep him waiting ten minutes."

A widow has one big advantage over other women—she can give references.

Smith—Hey, there, don't spit on the floor.
Mike—Smatter, floor leaky?

The man who invented the word "hon hon" was probably a stutterer.

An old-timer is one who can remember when the first essential in learning to swim wasn't a shame.

"Have you had static on your new radio?"
Mrs. Newtweed: "Well, Harold has had Los Angeles and Cuba, and I'm sure he could get static if he wanted to."

Nobody would be fat if it were an easy to reduce flesh as it is the bank account.

We are going to have a poker over tonight, my wife's away and we are going to have a poker game.

Bill: "I can't come, I'm washing my B. V. D's."
Central (breaking in on line): "I'm ringing them."

A tube is a mother's anchor, she cannot swing far from her moorings.

WELL INFORMED
Professor—What is ordinarily used as a conductor of electricity?
Senior—Why, er-r-r.
Professor—Correct. Now tell me, what is the unit of electric energy?
Senior—That what, sir?
Professor—That will do, very good.

Germany's Depreciated Paper Money Was Boon to Wiesbaden
WIESBADEN (AP)—Depreciated paper money was not an unmitigated curse for Wiesbaden. Fire destroyed the interior of the municipal opera house at the time Germany's money was in bad shape and the residents of this famous watering-place were in despair. But committees organized, raised what money they could abroad and at home and began the restoration of the building which was indispensable to a city largely dependent upon tourists and visitors who come to take the cure.

While the restoration of the opera house was in progress the paper mark declined at such a rapid rate that the funds held in foreign currency met the cost in a miraculous manner and the builders were paid off without further campaigns for funds. So Wiesbaden has a better opera house than it had before and no debt was entailed.

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Obituary

A PIONEER PASSES
(Continued)
Sarah J. Hull, widow of William Hull, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry McGoldrick, of Imbler, Tuesday morning, November 18, 1924, at the age of 71 years.

Mrs. Hull was a Union county pioneer, having come to the county from Iowa with her parents, Edward and Jane Neville, in 1871, making the then long, adventurous journey across the plains and through the mountains in company with many others, making the entire trip by wagon train.

She married William Hull who was also one of Union county's early and well known settlers, and lived for many years on their farm near Imbler. In later years Mr. Hull retired from active farm work and took up his residence in La Grande, where they lived for about 15 years and until the death of Mr. Hull. Mrs. Hull from that time until her death lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McGoldrick, her daughter and husband, of Imbler.

Mrs. Hull was for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Henry McGoldrick of Imbler; one grandson, Eugene McGoldrick of Imbler; four sisters, Mrs. George Ruckman of Imbler, Mrs. J. N. Mitchell of Portland, Mrs. M. H. Mitchell of Salem, Mrs. Flora Gehlan of Turlock, California; two brothers, William Neville of Long Beach, Calif., Solomon Neville of Turlock, Calif.

Funeral services were held at Cemetery Chapel near Summerville where interment was made.

MRS. P. L. COURTNEY
ENTERPRISE—Mrs. P. L. Courtney, an early settler in Wadsworth county, passed away last Thursday, November 13, 1924, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza J. Long. She and her husband had taken land between Enterprise and Lostine in 1882 and after proving up on it moved into the new town of Enterprise where Mr. Courtney was one of the prime movers in the construction of the first Baptist church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Courtney were held in the Christian church at Enterprise on Sunday, conducted by Rev. G. L. Matlock, the pastor, and burial was in the Lostine cemetery, where she was laid beside her husband who died in April, 1921.

Railroad to Be Built
MOLALA, Ore.—The Eastern & Western Lumber company will begin work at once on a 25-mile logging railroad to tap a large body of timber owned by the company in this territory. A contract has been let to James P. Clarison. Three hundred men will be employed in a month, it was said. About ten miles of the road are expected to be built this year.

CLEVER ARTISTS INCLUDED AMONG LONDON POSTMEN

LONDON (AP)—The ordinary Londoner usually thinks of the postman as being contented exclusively on the monotonous work of sorting and delivering mail. Many were surprised recently to learn that the employees of the British postal system have a flourishing art club which held an exhibition in which more than 100 pictures, all drawn or painted by postal workers, were shown.

Many of the paintings have been declared by art critics to be of exceptional beauty, and one of the exhibitors, who still continues his work in the post office, has had pictures in the salon of the Royal Academy, unlike the Royal Academy.

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