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KENNEDY SCORES PHONE COMPANY

Attack Delivered at Opening of Coast-wide Conference Today

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Speaking of ground conditions, it never occurred to the defendant to dig off at the bottom for a better suit.

These large, healthy young men in the rear seats are the ones who had told the bride at various times hereabouts that they would do it if she refused them.

If the legislature had so hard a time agreeing on a state income tax measure as the special tax commission, we can hardly anticipate a law at this season.

Of course, if conditions continue to grow worse, law makers may be chased out into the open, permitting law-abiding citizens to fortify themselves within the walls of the prison.

Spent laws cannot fail to secure the faith of Tax Richard. Although he didn't render any particular service to the cause of humanity, he provided the present generation with the greatest and most appreciable gift possible. And that, in this day of universal interest in sports, is at least a minor claim to fame.

Eastern Oregon people can regard the school which appropriation so definitely passed, regardless of what may happen to other job activities. An admirable maintenance fund is listed in the governor's budget for the coming year—amounting to an accomplishment, in itself, when one considers that four million dollars has been added off the budget of two years ago. With the school under way and its benefits more widely appreciated—and with state finances in somewhat better shape two years from now—we will hope for sufficient capital today to get a second building on the normal school campus. Eastern Oregon needs a four-year college, but none east of the Cascades. The present normal forms a happy nucleus.

MAKING PUNISHMENT CERTAIN

The continued inability of American society to cope successfully with the underworld has led to an increasing agitation for more stern and severe measures in dealing with criminals; and in this agitation is a demand for laws that will send "habitual criminals," so-called, to prison for life.

New York and Michigan have such laws, making a life term mandatory upon the fourth conviction of a felony. Other states are considering similar measures; probably half a dozen or more legislatures will debate the subject this winter.

But before such strict measures are adopted, it would be a good thing for all of us to consider the fact that it is often not so much the severity of punishment as the certainty and speed of punishment that acts as a deterrent.

A writer in 'The World's Work' points out that judges, criminal lawyers, sociologists and prosecutors throughout the United States agree that the one thing that encourages the underworld more than anything else is the thought that a man who breaks the law may do so with a very good chance that he may never have to pay the legal penalty. And the chief reason for this, in turn, lies not in the police departments, but in the courts.

First of all, there are delays. In nearly all criminal cases, a reasonably clever lawyer can get a delay between arrest and trial of at least six months—sometimes twice or thrice that much.

Then there is a whole host of legal technicalities, by which a man can often be set free without the question of his actual guilt or innocence ever being passed upon. A classic case is the recent acquittal of Col. Robert W. Stewart on a charge of perjury. Col. Stewart was freed, not because the jury held that he had not lied, but simply because the senate committee that questioned him had not had a quorum present.

Such things rob severe penalties of their terror. If we are to "beat down" on the criminal, it might be wise to tighten up our legal machinery first. Otherwise the stiff sentences won't do much good.

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