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RE-ENTER THE "UNWRITTEN LAW."

The bald facts surrounding the unsavory Annis-Halus tragedy and the preliminary legal skirmishing by the defendants, puts the country on notice that it may expect another interminable hysterical appeal to the "unwritten law," says an exchange. No one questions the right, the duty rather, of every full-blooded and self-respecting man to defend the sanctity of his home. After all is said and done, we are primitive at heart. The offense with which the dead man in this case is charged is of the nature calculated to temporarily unbalance the reason and pervert the will of ninety-nine out of a hundred men.

The law recognizes this psychological factor in all instances where in deadly procreation plays a part in the perpetration of crime. It mitigates, if it does not condone, the offense when it is committed in the passing and crucial mania of resentment. It provides, in the phraseology of the lawyer, a "cooling time" in which the injured party may regain possession of his faculties and the ability to rightly weigh the portentousness of his actions. It does not provide that the man sinned against may indefinitely harbor his wrong, brooding over it and lashing himself into a condition bordering on homicidal mania—only to wait and wait, and plan and plan until he has arranged all circumstances so that his victim is delivered, helpless, into his hands to deal the fatal blow.

From the evidence at hand, the present tragedy pursued precisely the latter course, identical in its evolution to that of the Thaw case. The injured party had been aware of his alleged provocation for months. He had nursed his wrath, making it deadlier every day, and deliberately awaited an opportunity to catch his enemy unarmed and unwarmed.

And then, after the calm and methodical enactment of the tragedy—the "unwritten law!"

**ARE WE CIVILIZED?**

Under the "unwritten law" in the United States all a man has to do to get indulgence to commit murder is to go crazy, says an exchange. It

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is a very easy thing to establish insanity. When Tom Buford was indicted and tried for the murder of Chief Justice Elliott at Frankfort, Ky., because the supreme bench of the commonwealth had rendered a decision adverse to Buford in a chancery lawsuit, one of the main arguments of Dan Voorhees and "old Phil" Thompson for the defense was that the evidence showed that the accused had pretended that he knew as much about a racehorse as his brother, General Abe Buford, the owner of Enquirer and McWhirter. It was hoped and debated that Harry Thaw's incarceration in an asylum would have a tendency to deter men from going crazy, when afflicted with the murder mania, but the event did not justify the conceit; and perhaps it would be very well for the legislature to turn the thing into a written law providing that a man who goes crazy in order to commit murder shall be adjudged an incurable, and put in a straight-jacket the rest of his natural life.

It is mostly traceable to the delinquency of the courts that we have so many mobs. If the judges did not permit so frequent miscarriages of justice in criminal trials there would be less violence in the land. Civilization should depend on the law for redress of injuries, as they do in England. And yet it is a truism that every people has the best government it will stand.

In view of the enormous number of murders per million of our population, is it not pertinent to inquire, "Are we civilized?"

**SENSATIONALLY INSTRUCTIVE.**

A little more than a year ago Artist Earle shocked the country by putting away a faithful wife because he said he had met an "affinity."

Tuesday this same Earle was committed to jail for wife-beating, the victim being the "affinity," not the original Mrs. Earle. He pleaded guilty. Only one excuse is offered for him by his friends—that he is crazy. We commend this sequel to the sentimentally inclined, particularly those who doubt the soundness of the moral philosophy accepted for centuries. The man who turns from an admittedly faithful wife to an "affinity" may be crazy, or he may be base. In either case he is dangerous.

Our moral canons are the result of hundreds of years of experience. They are not the dictates of a moment's impulse. The conventions of society have their root in the moral canons. Whoever trifles with either hazards much—risks a life's happiness to gratify a whim.

That man or that woman who is faithless to one is apt to be faithless to another. That one who is inconsolably discontented with one choice has misery inherent in the makeup. This is not merely the reason of mentality; it is the logic of events and of human nature.

Rebellion against reason and against the conventions is filling the world with unhappiness every day. It is also filling newspaper columns with scandals.

**Episcopal Church**

Service will be resumed at St. Mark's church, Sunday morning, September 6, at 11:00 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all who care to attend.  
FREDERICK C. WILLIAMS  
Pastor.

**THE MAIL FOR NEWS**

**YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENTION**

As the time for the opening of school approaches, no doubt a number of young people of Medford and vicinity are debating in their own minds whether or not they shall return to school. They have been busy during the summer vacation and many are occupying good positions with fair prospects for advancement. All in all, the inducements for giving up school to continue at work are apparently good. To such young people we would like to offer a few suggestions for their consideration before reaching a final conclusion, especially if inclined to give up school.

In the first place, remember that you are to decide a very important and serious question, and your decision will affect, not your present welfare only, but all your future usefulness and happiness. Your advancement in earning power and your opportunities for winning for yourself a place in society for usefulness and influence are to be determined by your decision.

The value of an education in determining earning power is quite indicative of its value in determining almost every other phase of usefulness and happiness in life. The president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, James M. Dodge, has worked out along scientific lines, results showing the great value of an education to an average boy of 16 making a start in life.

To such a boy four possibilities lie before him: First, to remain an unskilled laborer; second, to become a shop-trained workman; third, to acquire a training for an occupation in a trade school; fourth, to acquire a liberal education before taking up his trade or professional training. The progress of four boys along these four lines produce the following results: The first reaches his highest economic value at the age of 22, when his wage-earning capacity is \$10.20 a week; the second has passed the first at the end of six years, and reaches his maximum economic value at the age of 24, with a wage-earning capacity of \$15.20 a week; the third, before he is 21, has passed the first and second and at 24 his wage-earning capacity is \$22 a week; the fourth, at the age of 19, is not up with the first, and not until he is 25 does he catch up with the second or rise above the horizon of the third. But at that time all his competitors have reached the limit of their earning power—their horizons and stations in life are fixed. From the 25th year on the fourth boy, in seven years, reaches an earning power of \$43 per week, with his economic horizon and usefulness still broadening.

These results of a careful scientific investigation reached by a competent and practical person, speak for themselves and should be helpful to young people in deciding the question of continuing in school or not. The possibilities of which of the four stations in life shall it be?  
U. S. SMITH,  
Sup't of Medford schools.

**OLDEST ON RECORD.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Although Rabbi Wolinsky of Brooklyn took unto himself a third wife three months ago, it has only become known to his friends and neighbors, and it even came as news to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Rabbi Wolinsky is a white-bearded patriarch who has passed 106 summers and hopes to pass several more in connubial bliss.

The rabbi's latest wife was a Mrs. Shinnery R. Shinski, widow of a former friend of the old gentleman. About a year ago Mr. Shinski died. And, as the second Mrs. Wolinsky had been dead only a short time the widower and widow sympathized with each other. Finally Mrs. Shinski went to the rabbi's home to keep house for him. She was only a trifle over 70, a mere girl in the rabbi's eyes, and he grew to love her. So he wooed and won her.

As soon as she accepted him the rabbi hurried to the marriage license bureau and got a license. Some gossip asserted that the rabbi confessed to only 69 when obtaining his license, but there was no proof forthcoming and he has never been ashamed of his age. He is proud of it, indeed, and is also proud of the fact that he has something like 1750 living descendants in Russia and in this country.

**TORTURED BY CONSCIENCE.**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—Joseph G. Mantell, who says his home is in New York, surrendered to the police here today, declaring he was wanted for robbing the home of Miss Bertha Brand in Brooklyn October 28, and also the home of William Gluck, fourth assistant examiner in the patent office at Washington. "I have been tortured by my conscience and can get no rest day or night, so I want to face trial and end it all," Mantell told the detectives.

He was held to await the disposal of the Washington and New York authorities.

- LIST OF JURORS.**
- D. T. Lawton, Medford, merchant.
  - Geo. A. Morse, Phoenix, farmer.
  - John E. Roberts, Phoenix, farmer.
  - W. B. Beebe, Ashland, merchant.
  - S. G. Van Dyke, Phoenix, farmer.
  - E. C. Sherman, Ashland, blacksmith.
  - Benton Bowers, Ashland, farmer.
  - H. H. Goddard, Talent, farmer.
  - R. L. Darling, Gold Hill, liveryman.
  - George W. Meagerly, Woodville, farmer.
  - J. W. Myer, Central Point, farmer.
  - C. C. Gilchrist, Sam's Valley, farmer.
  - John D. Otwell, Medford, real estate agent.
  - J. H. Gordon, Beagle, farmer.
  - A. Knott, Gold Hill, farmer.
  - W. W. Scott, Central Point, farmer.
  - J. G. Hodges, Medford, farmer.
  - F. W. Wright, Phoenix, laborer.
  - Arthur Nichols, Lake Creek, farmer.
  - S. J. Myers, Woodville, farmer.
  - Thomas Kiley, Medford, farmer.
  - Thomas Riley, Medford, farmer.
  - Fred Luy, Medford, barber.
  - Clinton Cook, Applegate, farmer.
  - Fate Rowe, Sam's Valley, farmer.
  - L. L. Love, Central Point, farmer.
  - G. L. Scherhorn, Medford, mechanic.
  - H. F. Peart, Central Point, blacksmith.
  - Neal Walsh, East Phoenix, farmer.
  - H. Platt, Medford, merchant.
  - Phil Simkins, Central Point, farmer.
  - John M. Mast, Phoenix, farmer.

**DATES GOT MIXED.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colvig and Mrs. Edythe Cranfield returned Sunday evening from their two weeks' outing in Klamath county and at Crater lake. They tell that at Crater lake on Wednesday or Thursday there was a heavy snow storm—regular blizzard. We have said this was either Wednesday or Thursday, and it is said advisedly because that the party lost a day somewhere on the trip and they do not know the exact date. They returned Sunday, but thought all the time it was Saturday.

Cash is cutting the prices. See our ad on the fourth page. Miller & Ewbank.

**SUMMONS.**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, Mary A. Jordan, Plaintiff,

vs.  
Edwin Jordan, Defendant.  
TO EDWIN JORDAN, Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you if served within this County, or if served within any other County of this State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you; and if you fail to answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will take a default against you, and will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: For a dissolution of the Marriage Contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant. Second: For the joint care and custody of Vivian Jordan and Esther Jordan, two of the minor children of said plaintiff and defendant. Third: For a judgment of the costs and disbursements herein.

This summons is published in the Medford Mail in pursuance of an order made by the Hon. H. K. Hanna, Judge of the above named Court, said order was made, and dated September 24, 1908, and requires said publication to be made once a week for six successive weeks. The first publication is made on Friday, September 4th, 1908; and the last on Friday, October 16th, 1908. You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint on or before said last named date.  
COLVIG & DURHAM,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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