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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The apparent increase in crime throughout the world is a matter that should be viewed with concern by law abiding citizens.

Oregon is a mecca for desperate characters since the abolition of capital punishment, and serious consideration should be given at this time to reestablishing this law that has been off the books for several years.

The people of this state and nation are in many instances in advance of the times, and they fail to recognize the fact that a weapon in the hands of a criminal is just as dangerous as it ever was and that nations of barbarians can and will do just what Germany did, if it considers such a move advantageous to the individual nation making the step.

It is a beautiful theory that nations should disarm, and a correct one, but in its solution are being found many difficulties.

We are this year celebrating the abolition of the war god to that of peace, and yet we are sending supplies to Europe so that wars may continue there, at the same time creating conditions at home that are in many instances more distressing than during the war period.

To take off the statute books the law permitting what some please to call legalized murder seemed a nice thing to do, yet it has encouraged crime without question, and the measure should be resubmitted to the voters at our next election, and reinstated as a law.

If an individual does not wish to face legalized murder, let him see to it that he does not commit murder or larceny himself. The effect would surely be wholesome.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY IMMENSE MOB

Man Accused of Attack on White Girl Is Taken After Nine-Hour Battle.

Omaha.—William Brown, negro, was dragged from the county jail at 11 o'clock Sunday night and hanged to an electric light pole, following a struggle of nine hours to secure possession of his body by an immense mob.

Sheriff Michael L. Clark and his deputies held the fort in the top story of the courthouse, where is located the jail, with a hundred prisoners, until the building became a seething mass of flames and he was forced to submit.

At 11 o'clock, after Brown had been hung to an electric light pole, the firemen were able to get a stream on the flames.

The arrival of regular army troops from Fort Omaha and Fort Crook had the effect of cooling off the mob spirit to a certain extent, but small bands were marching through the downtown streets until an early hour Monday morning.

The assault with which William Brown was charged was committed on Agnes Lobeck early in the week. With an escort, crippled beyond the point of resistance, Miss Lobeck met her assailant a few blocks from home in the southeast part of the city. He held the couple up at the point of a revolver. After robbing the young man he assaulted the young woman in his presence, holding a revolver at the head of her escort in the meantime.

Brown was arrested by police officers and both Miss Lobeck and her escort identified him as the man who committed the deed.

Besides the negro's death, the known casualties numbered 24, one of whom was killed and the remainder received wounds, most of which were the result of revolver shots. It was believed that there were no casualties in the county jail. Although the fire had made the jail quarters smothering hot, the occupants were able to remain there until the firemen subdued the flames following the lynching.

Breeding Makes No Difference.

It has been claimed by lovers of domestic cats that highly bred members of the species do not engage in hunting insectivorous and song birds. A few days ago a city gardener captured a handsome cat in the act of killing a young robin which had just left its nest near his house. He did not kill the bird hunter, under the authority recently granted by the Conservation Commission, but took the animal and its victim to the home of the cat's owner. There he learned that the cat was a highly prized ribbon-taker; and the owner was indignant at its capture.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The old-fashioned stereoscope played an important part in the world war. It supplied an angle to photographs, snapped from airplanes, that could not be obtained from the ordinary camera lens. Before its use the pictures all seemed flat, but the stereoscope added height, and thus steep slopes, that appeared in pictures like flat ground, were shown in their true characteristics, and the lives of men who would have to cover the ground in attack were saved.

The airplane camera looks directly down on the spot to be photographed, making a picture as a one-eyed man would see it. A stereoscopic camera, in which the lenses are two and three-quarters inches apart, would not produce the stereoscopic effect. Photographers decided to take pictures 100 yards apart to give a view, just as a giant, with eyes 100 yards apart, would see it. These pictures were

put on cardboard, and viewed through the stereoscope. At first a cottage looked like a tower, a bucket like a well, a trench like a canyon, etc. The officers soon learned to translate these eccentricities, and the problem was solved. True pictures, giving just the exact information desired, were then obtained by the airplane photographers.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County. In the Matter of Neal A. Thomas, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the Estate of Neal A. Thomas, deceased, to all creditors of said Deceased, and to all persons having claim against said Estate, to present the same with proper vouchers as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of M. R. Elliott, in the city of Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this Notice. Dated this 7th day of September, 1910. NEAL A. THOMAS, Administrator of the Estate of Neal A. Thomas, Deceased.

Encouraging Bolshevism

Everything that falsely encourages unrest also encourages bolshevism.

Misunderstanding of American industrial organization, and of its benefits to mankind, leads to unrest, dissatisfaction, and radicalism.

For example, the Federal Trade Commission tells the public that the large packers had an agreed price for lard substitute (made of cotton-seed oil.)

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