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NOT YET THE END.

The acquittal of George Mitchell for the killing of Creffield was the appropriate ending of the tragedy that had its setting in Holly Rollerism. Too bad that the verdict could not have been the end. But the public must still listen to the details of the disgusting episode for now will come the trial of Esther Mitchell and Maude Hart Creffield for the murder of the former's brother.

George Mitchell did a great service to the public in ridding it of a monster that the law failed to properly deal with. He suffered death directly at the hands of his sister, but indirectly through the influence of the man he slew. No doubt the mind of this Mitchell family is delicately balanced between sanity and unreason. In the case of Esther the fanatical teachings of Creffield turned the scale, reason toppled over, and her insane delusion had a sad ending in patriicide.

Such persons are a menace to society. Confinement in the asylum for the insane is their proper place, not as a punishment, but for the protection of society.

Right now the deciples of the dead Creffield should be sought out and be put placed in confinement. There is no telling when "God" may "command them" to commit murder.

THE THAW CASE.

All eyes are centered on the case of Harry Thaw for the killing of Stanford White. As is well known, both Thaw and White were of the gilded set of New York who fancied themselves of superior clay when compared with the multitude of their fellows. Few will deny that Thaw may have, and probably did have ample justification for taking the life of White. There was "a woman in the case."

From the time of Adam and Eve, men have committed every crime on the calendar in the name of women and will continue to do so until that time when Gabriel shall sound a blast summoning all mankind to gather in the land of promise—when old earth shall have revolved for the last time and men and women will have ceased to be. Until such period society will be shocked from time to time by tragedies in which human life is held cheap. Such is the inevitable.

From the unbridled passions of men and women crime is born. In every large city there is found a host of young men and women, rich by inheritance and idle from choice. These are the dangerous elements in society. These scoundrels, while possessed of riches, inherited not only a love of labor, nor the gift of noble ideals. Their chief aim in life is how to pass the time. They have wealth sufficient to gratify their every desire. Ere long they are surfeited by the legitimate and turn to that which is by right denied them. On account of their wealth and supposed high social standing these pitiable creatures fancy themselves as Caesar's wife—above suspicion.

This is the period for tragedy—and it generally follows. Like moths about a candle, now and then one ventures too close and life is snuffed out. So with Thaw and White, Thaw in the protection of his wife, may have been justified in taking the life of White, but his own life has been far from a model one. And Mrs. Thaw? She was a Florida girl, an artist's model, a beautiful woman.

Before her retarded marriage with Thaw she was in the same class as hundreds of other beautiful women of New York and other large cities. She was the idol of numerous men who estimated a woman according to her face and figure. She may have remained a virtuous woman through all her various experiences, but at times she must have been dangerously near the flames.

Few will attempt to deny that White met a fate he richly deserved. He was a debauchee of the worst type a dissolute wretch, and a menace to society. His removal from earth is scarcely regrettable—only the manner of his taking off do we deplore. —Corvallis Gazette.

THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER.

Although the great American newspapers have achieved, through the development of their news service, a practical political independence, the old political thralldom has been succeeded by a commercial thralldom more insidious and more dangerous to the welfare of society. This striking statement is made by Samuel Bowles, himself proprietor of the Springfield Republican, one of the leading independent papers of America, in an illuminating article in The North American Review. It has come to pass, he tells us, that a party organ of the old-fashioned type can not be successfully maintained. But instead we have "the cheap newspaper of many pages, selling often at wholesale for less than the cost of the paper on which it is printed," and dominated by the advertiser, "who pays all of the other heavy expenses and the profit." Under these conditions the motto of an old Salem newspaper, "Here shall the Press be the People's cause maintain, Unswayed by influence and unbribed by Gain," might seem a counsel of unattainable perfection. Nevertheless, asserts Mr. Bowles, the press to-day not only stands for the rights and interests of the people, but on the whole, "represents them more efficiently than ever before." It does this by its daily presentation of each day's history of the whole world. Thus, as Mr. Bowles goes on to say:

"Even the corrupt and dependent press is compelled to publish the news. It can not hope to exist if it fails to do so. The possession of the news, the knowledge of the world's daily life, thought, movement, constitutes the most effective weapon for the protection of society. Justice and truth flourish in the light of publicity. Iniquity and wrong dread it and are ultimately cured by the influence which flow from its illuminating rays."

The modern editorial page, moreover, has become "a most important part of the news-giving mechanism of the press," its function being "to illuminate, to suggest, to inform, to expose, rather than to persuade or denounce." Although maintaining that the press as a whole serves the people efficiently, Mr. Bowles is unable to make certain "yellow" journals "compose" harmoniously in his optimistic general survey. We read: "When the individual citizen neglects his civic duties, the community and state suffer: but when the newspaper, with its exceptional facilities for influence, is derelict or pretentious its powers, the effect is far reaching and momentous. It is obviously the pretense of every newspaper, seeking public support, that it stands for the public enlightenment and welfare."

Even though it have no editorial opinions to express, and be simply an organ of information, it professes to publish things that are true and to be so far an honest servant of those who buy it. It is, then, a national misfortune that so large a section of the American press, under the operation of commercial influences, has been led into the adoption of methods and practices which are essentially dishonest. I refer especially to the exaggerations and misrepresentations which characterize the so-called "yellow press." The predominant tone of this class of journal is a painful and distressing scream which manifests itself in dreadful typographical effects, and to which the advertisers are encouraged to add their discordant notes."

The writer believes the independent newspaper to be "the most vital instrument that democratic society can produce for its own advancement and protection." Thus:

"The newspaper-maker certainly can not afford to disregard the interests of his advertisers; but, when the rights of the readers are subordinated or submerged to meet the shortsighted demands of the advertisers, the newspaper becomes so far simply a lie. Such a policy persisted in defeats itself, and the newspaper produced simply or principally to carry advertising, ultimately becomes of very little value to its commercial patrons. So in respect to the unrestrained, intemperate use of scare headlines and those faking of sensational news; these practices may win temporarily in the game; but, in the long run, they are poor business investments, and of course they are shamelessly dishonest."

"The journalist has one client, one patient, one flock—that is to say, the whole community; and nothing should stand in the way of his single-minded and devoted service of that one common interest. He should beware of all entangling alliances—political, social, commercial—which may limit or embarrass such service. He should let the honors and emoluments of public office go to other people. His own office, if properly administered, is more important and powerful than any that his fellow-citizens are likely to confer upon him. The independent newspaper may be, and should be the most vital and effective instrument that democratic society can produce for its own advancement and protection; and its true business welfare, in the long view, lies in a complete, intelligent, sympathetic devotion to public interests."

"It is my hope, my ambition, that the independent newspapers of the United States shall become, as the years roll on, more and more truly apostles of an industrious peace, not only for the sake of the highest and best development of this nation, both spiritually and materially, but for the advancement of liberty, justice, and enlightened democratic government throughout the world."—Literary Digest.

A BIG POLITICAL GAME.

It has come to light that the present National Administration used the immense donations of the big trusts to secure election. The trusts were not so bad then. Now, with another election approaching, the administration is terribly wrought up over the fight-handed lawless methods of these combinations of capital and is proceeding to vigorously prosecute them.

The Standard Oil Co., and John D. Rockefeller are coming in for a turn at the grilling. All of which, as planned and intended, greatly pleases the multitude.

But this prosecution is not serious. The public need not take it too seriously. The presidential candidate who is to be the administration candidate will see the representatives of these big capitalistic institutions. He will explain how this agitation is necessary to appease the people in order to insure party success in the coming elections. After election it will be easy to drift back to old habits and former methods. It will be easily fixed up. The trusts that are apparently so hard pressed understand the game. The process of ingratiating the party in the hearts of the people is now going on. It is the big political game that the people think they have a hand in. It is the game that causes pre-election panic and financial distress.

In order that political capital might accrue therefrom the nauseating meat packing stretch has been stirred up. Why has the government waited all this time to provide for the inspection of the packing plants? Now our foreign meat market will be curtailed and while the loss to the packers is a matter of little concern the decrease in prices of livestock that is sure to follow is a matter of vital importance to the whole country. In such political plays as this may be seen the explanation of dull times preceding an election. The packing plant abuses should have been corrected.

They should have been attended to long ago. The Standard Oil Company should have been prosecuted, but long ago. General financial distress is going to be the outcome of this dilatory righteousness and the people will be asked to find the cause of such distress in the apprehension of a change in government administration. The best thing that could happen to this country would be an actual change in administration accompanied by less playing to the galleries and more good business management.

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Odd Fellows Install.

Oregon Lodge, No. 3, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, installed officers Thursday night for the ensuing term. The ceremonies of installation were conducted by District Deputy Adam Knight, and the officers are: W. A. Dimick, noble grand; Bert Nash, vice grand; Thos. F. Ryan, treasurer; E. J. Noble, secretary; H. W. Trembath, financial secretary; J. J. Cooke, warden; D. C. Ely, conductor; S. S. Walker, R. S. N. G.; J. L. Waldron, L. S. N. G.

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NEGLECTED HIS FAMILY.

Martin G. Jones Charge! By Wife With Excessive Intoxication.

Ada M. Jones has instituted suit in the Circuit Court against Martin G. Jones for a decree of divorce. They were married in Whitman County Wash., December 18, 1893, and have four children, Roy, aged 11 years; Virgil, aged 10 years; Cecil, aged 8 years, and Orpha Agnes, aged 17 months. Mrs. Jones alleges that her husband used intoxicating liquors to excess, that he neglected his family and children, that he became abusive and struck his wife, and that he failed to provide for the support of his family during the past two years. She asks for \$10 per month alimony for the support of the children. Attorney George C. Brownell represents Mrs. Jones.

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Clackamas Farmer Loses Outfit.

George Otty, a well known farmer of Clackamas Station, lost a valuable team and wagon in Portland several days ago. He went to the metropolis with a load of produce for market and left his team tied in the street while he went into a near-by restaurant to get his breakfast. During his absence some one deliberately got into the wagon and drove away with the whole outfit. Mr. Otty has notified the police and has offered a reward of \$25 for information that will lead to the recovery of his loss, but so far has heard nothing. There was a set of new harness with the horses and wagon.

Old Chronic Sores.

As a dressing for old chronic sores there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Salve. While it is not advisable to heal old sores entirely, they should be kept in good condition, for which this salve is especially valuable. For sale by Huntley Bros Co., Oregon City and Molalla.

Hike of the Battery.

Travel-stained, dusty and hot, the first battery of field artillery, Oregon National Guard, from Portland, passed through the city Thursday afternoon, and marching east went into camp at Mount Pleasant, leaving Friday morning for a 12 days "hike" up the valley. Five officers and 65 men are in the battery, and Dr. W. E. Carl, of this city, captain and surgeon of the battery, was seated on the front seat of the battery ambulance. Before noon Friday the battery reached Liberal, the home of Fred H. Burns, first lieutenant of the battery, and will then march to Silverton. The battery will go to the west side, and will practice three days at Hillsboro, returning to Portland July 25.

LOW RATE FROM EAST.

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Colonists tickets will be sold from the East to points on the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific Co., via Portland, commencing February 15, and continuing daily to and including April 7 and from September 10 until October 31. The rates from some of the principal points are:

Chicago \$25, Bloomington, Ill. \$31.80, St. Louis \$30, Omaha \$25, Kansas City \$25, Council Bluffs \$25, St. Joseph \$25, Sioux City \$25, Denver \$25. Corresponding rates will be made from other points and will apply to all points on Oregon lines. For further information inquire at any Southern Pacific ticket office. People wishing to pay fare for any Eastern person to Oregon may deposit the required amount with the local Southern Pacific agent and the company will do the rest.

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