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are absolute necessities for bodies worn and nerves run down from the strain of city work.

MARRIED MEN TO THE RESCUE. Miss Nan Patterson, howgirl, with all that the name implies in fondness for dress and display, in immorality and in reckless disregard for the consequences of waywardness, is on trial for her life for the third time for the murder of Caesar Young.

There is another reason given for the great desire of this defendant—a woman lost to all sense of virtue and even of common decency—to secure a jury of married men before whom her delinquencies were to be exposed, and as a last resort, a plea for mercy was to be entered, namely, that married men regard with more leniency than do unmarried men the emotional nature of women which leads them, or may lead them, to commit social sins.

Whether the one contention or the other is or is not well grounded is a matter of opinion rather than of proven fact. That which seems certain in the Nan Patterson case at present is that she will be acquitted by a jury composed, according to her desire, of married men. The evidence in this case has twice before been presented in all of its revolting details to the court, and through the press has been given to the public. It is a tale, long-drawn-out, of gross immorality, wild extravagance, reckless infatuation, marital faithlessness, the efforts of a wife to reclaim her errant husband, of an abandoned woman to thwart this purpose, and of a sensational killing, whether murder or suicide is yet undetermined, as the last resolution of a desperate woman or a more desperate man to make an end of an unseemly debauch in which they had engaged for months under the name of "love."

While murder, except in the extremity of self-defense, cannot in any way be justified, the conditions precedent to this crime—if the killing may be so called—go far toward palliating it. The boy, it is said, is a degenerate, whose mental state closely borders upon insanity. Begotten by such a father, brought up in domestic clamor, starved, beaten, overworked, untaught, it is a marvel, not that he took a human life upon great provocation, but that he lived in a country neighborhood from his infancy up to 17 years of age without having disturbed his peace and safety. If acquitted of this crime, it will be the duty of the state for its own protection to place him in the Reform School; if condemned to a long term of penal servitude, he will find prison life—at its worst—superior to the home life he has known; if executed, the state will have discharged itself of a grave responsibility in the easiest if not the best way. The case is at once revolting and pitiful.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AWAKENING. The determination of the Harriman system to improve the physical condition of the Oregon division of the Southern Pacific by the expenditure of a vast sum of money may be taken to indicate that the recent improvements of the trunk lines of the system has proved highly remunerative. Few, if any, railroads have ever been constructed in a new country in such manner as to leave no room for improvement in the way of reducing grades, lessening curves and otherwise increasing the economies of operation. Not infrequently the temptation to get quick returns at a sacrifice of increased expenditure in the future defers the needed improvement too long. The Southern Pacific's Oregon division has for many years had an unenviable reputation on account of its steep grades, round-down-at-the-head condition.

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to these lands is still vested in the Government, and in the eyes of the Government, the rights of the sheepman are as sacred as those of his wealthier opponent, the cattlemen. Unfortunately, no determination has ever been made to curb this lawlessness, which breaks out as regularly as the buds of Springtime, and this fact has a most detrimental effect on that section of the state where the outrages take place.

Many interesting and close questions have arisen concerning the effect the local-option law has upon city charters which grant the municipality exclusive control of the liquor traffic. The Supreme Court decided in the box ordinance case that the local-option law takes precedence over a charter passed before the law was adopted. The question not being in issue, the court passed no opinion concerning the effect the law may have upon a charter passed since the law was adopted.

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is needed, and when they get the road in the desired physical condition, if Wall street will permit them to operate it to the best advantage, everything will be profitable and satisfactory alike to patrons and the yard which is serving them. With the completion of the great improvements now projected, there may be a more hopeful outlook for construction of some of the numerous feeders which are long overdue in this state.

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