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argents in effect repudiate—and will carry out, if he has the opportunity, as he has the will and the purpose.
FOR VINDICATION OF THE LAW.
The grand jury has much to do and the District Attorney is a busy man, a very busy man. But it would appear to be worth their while to take cognizance of a recent painful misinterpretation of the law in the Portland Police Court, through which a mock and a joke were made of the marriage relation and a couple accused by a husband of adultery was turned loose without even an investigation of the charges.
Several useful things might be accomplished by grand jury inquiry into this case. In the first instance, the facts might be fully developed and the truth vindicated. A serious charge against a man and woman might be proved or disproved. The rights of husband and wife might be established if his accusations are found to be true; or he could properly be burdened with shame and humiliation if they are false. The District Attorney's office ought to be kept from any possible suspicion that it was or is too complaisant over the ruling of the Municipal Judge. There should be a trial in a court of record to determine whether the law means what it says when it gives to one injured spouse—and to him or her only—exactly the same remedy for adultery, and that it does not mean what a petty judge says it means when he rules in effect that neither husband nor wife may prosecute for adultery, and of course nobody else can.

refuse to annul the marriage contract for any reason except the so-called "scriptural" one. But however widely men differ in their particular opinion as to what is the law, they are unanimous that there ought to be one and the same divorce law throughout the Union. The only vital question is how to secure it. Those who demand divorce legislation from Congress forget that the Federal Constitution is not a blank paper, and that it is left wholly to the several states so that in order to secure uniform legislation we must either amend the Constitution or induce the states to adopt the same laws. Which alternative is the more difficult will be hard to decide. Very likely it will be a long time before anything is accomplished by one method or the other. In the meantime the muddle will continue about as it is.

Gleanings of the Day
Writing of the Senate's attitude on the arbitration to the New York Evening Post, A. E. Pillsbury, of Boston, says:
"Much prerogative hath made these Senators mad. A more ancient, illustrious, and powerful Senate than ours died of prerogative the other day."
The dove season has opened, says the Lexington, Ky. World. But there are practically no doves. We recall when there were flocks of doves in every hemlock, and anyone, though not an expert shot, could bag 30 or 40 in an afternoon. We doubt today if there is a flock of 100 doves in the state. In a few years the dove will be as rare as the carrier pigeon, flocks of which once abounded the sky. The streams that once abounded with fish are now barren, and in some corners officers of the law, sworn to enforce the law, are known to be guilty of violating the law prohibiting the seining and dynamiting of streams.

DANGER SEEN IN CHURCH UNITY
Writer Foresees Sacrifice of Religious Liberty as Result of Federation.
PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I was very much impressed with the editorial in The Oregonian of August 29, on "Church Unity." I consider this a matter of great importance to the human race, and if you would kindly allow me to say a few words regarding it, I will feel very grateful.

Advertising Talks
By William C. Freeman.
The Rev. George Wood Anderson, chaplain of the St. Louis Advertising Club, made a stirring address on "Advertising and Human Nature" at the Boston convention.

THREE POSERS FRANKLY ANSWERED.
The Oregonian has received from "A Subscriber" the following letter:
Why, in your opinion, did President Taft sign the Payne-Aldrich bill (made apparently by tariff experts of one wing of a party only) without a tariff commission? Why did he not have a tariff commission? Why did he not have a tariff commission? Why did he not have a tariff commission?

AWAITING RESULTS.
The police changes are reported to have created "great consternation" in the department. Naturally, the chief of police is a little more helpful and consoling to the public if they shall be found to have caused "great consternation" among the lawless and disorderly elements which have heretofore regarded with great outward calm the ostentatious efforts of the authorities to discipline and restrain them.

A NEW KIND OF PARSONAGE.
The "cottage for the teacher" which an enterprising school district in Walla Walla County, Washington, has erected will excite some surprise in minds which are slow to move forward, but it may be an excellent thing for all that. If the schoolhouse is to be the social center of the community, there must be somebody at hand to look after it. The building must be cared for to some extent, lest the windows be broken and desks marred.

Brad's Bit o' Verse
The knocker drifted into town on a greyhound, he benched his legs and hammer down and at the job he went. "Oh, yes, this climate's pretty fair, and I enjoy the breeze; but there's a danger in the sun, it's liable to bring disease. I'm going into business here, but things look mighty grim; it seems to me most plain and clear this town is on the verge of a fall. I've a awful high, you're growing too blamed fast; there'll be a panic by and by—these good times cannot last." And so the knocker settled down, and filled our souls with gloom and despair.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe
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Unless a man amounts to a good deal, he shouldn't say he has done his best.
Do a clever thing, and so many imitators will spring up that your cleverness will soon be forgotten, unless you are very clever indeed.

Progeny of Cannibals Make Laws—An unusual story in sociology, recounting the development to high spheres of usefulness of men whose grandfathers were savage man-eaters.

Public Interest in Marriage.
Public interest in anything which concerns the marriage relation is always lively. Now and then some event happens which excites it almost to a passion. The engagement of the young Miss Force is of this character. Everybody is half compelled to talk about the bride's beauty and her tender years, while we hear much concerning the bridegroom's wealth, his age and his previous adventures in matrimony.

WHERE GROWS THE ALMONY.
"Mamma, where does this almony grow that papa is going to send you?" was the pertinent question asked a few days ago by a tiny girl who had just lost her father through the divorce court.

Commissioner of Education Claxton thinks there is solution of the child-labor problem in giving each a piece of land to cultivate. The plan might succeed until the "old man" took the crop to town and kept the money.

Two young women from New Orleans have gone to New York and have expressed their candid opinion of the latter city to the Sun.

Crucity to Chickens.
CANYONVILLE, Or., Aug. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to call attention to a sin—a crime that is committed every autumn—and that could so easily be prevented. Growers and shippers of poultry, employ men and boys to prepare the fowls for market; paying for the work at so much per pound about the time the fowls are done: The beak of the fowl is perched open and a knife blade jabbed somewhere inside the poor creature's head, which makes it scream and usually while the fowl is alive.

Widow Wives Embarrass Nobles—European nobles who have taken morganatic wives, or who have married beneath their plane, find such matrimonial ventures trying in many ways. Half page, illustrated.

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