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HENEY'S RECOVERY.

The entire United States is thankful for the assurance that Francis J. Heney, the state prosecutor of San Francisco, has been convalescent for a number of days, and will shortly be a well man.

A heinous affair will be fittingly concluded when Heney is enabled to lead the prosecution against the man who attempted his murder, and the men who instigated the crime.

The assault of Heney will have consequences which will be most unwholesome for the men who planned to do away with the aggressive attorney, and for others of the same ilk whose prospective freedom is now in the balance.

San Francisco has not been unaware of the activities of its municipal criminals during the last few years, and the town has made sporadic efforts to wipe out its shame.

Heney has been the leader who was needed by the unorganized elements of decency in the western metropolis. Without a few courageous men with an inborn hatred of dishonesty and all its forms to take the initiative in the cleaning up of the town, San Francisco would have remained passively in the hands of corruptionists until the millennium.

But a leader, no matter how big and strong and enthusiastic he happens to be, is liable to accomplish little without his following. Heney has had the moral support of the greater part of the community since he began his investigations.

Heney himself has expressed a feeling of gratitude toward his would-be assassin. Very shortly after he was removed to his bed he said to a friend that the story of his misfortune would arouse the people of San Francisco to a pitch of anger against the lawless elements of the town which, in time, would sweep graft out of existence.

A MURDERER'S CONSCIENCE.

On the night of March 29 Mrs. Palmer, a guest at the St. Rose Hotel in San Francisco, was awakened by a masked man who struck her with the butt of his revolver, leaving her for dead.

Stanciliffe's case brings up the problem ancient as the days of Cain. Can a man escape his conscience? No matter how carefully the murder

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING. A little work, a little play To keep us going—and so, good-day! A little warmth, a little light Of love's bestowing—and so, good night!

Perchance you may be wed. In Bandon town, all deserts, I'm waiting here for thee; Won't you please let me darn your sox In Bandon-by-the-Sea? "Tag, you're it!" A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Another good one from Coquille follows: Answer to L. A. L-q-t's Appeal. I am a maid not twenty 8, Circumscribed by the same cold hand of f8, This Leap Year, nineteen hundred 8; And learning of your single 8t8, Am willing to bite at the tempting (?) b8 Of the man who fills his lines with 8's.

The other day, a figurative poem by L. A. L-q-t was published in "With the Toast and Tea" that seems to have made quite a hit. Already three responses in similar verse have reached The Times, one from Bandon and the two from Coquille.

AN APPEAL. Beside the gr8 I meditt8 Upon my f8, my single 8t8, This Leap Year, nineteen hundred 8; No girl has tried to fascinat8, And yet I am a tempting b8 And half inclined to take a m8.

Ab, do not joke and aggress! Take pity on my single 8t8, This Leap Year, nineteen hundred 8! Strange dreams have haunted me of 18— Are you, sweet maid, to share my f8? If so, please make a leap year d8. L. A. L-q-t.

ANSWER FROM BANDON. BANDON, Ore., Dec. 5.—Editor Coos Bay Times: As L. A. L-q-t seems to be troubled about many things, the enclosed might be of some consolation to him, and the "Toast and Tea" column of your paper is a fine medium for communication.

AN ANSWER. Oh L. A. L-q-t! Poor lonely man! Put on your Sunday pants, And hit the hike for Bandon town, —This may be your last chance— I'm waiting sadly here, dear sir, Alone I wait for thee, I'll "share your f8"—and cook your hash, In Bandon-by-the-Sea.

This year is almost gone, L. A. —I too, am "tempting b8"— But I'm afraid 'twill not be known Until it is too 18. I am so young and bashful, And proper too—ah me!— That's why I'm still a widow, In Bandon-by-the-Sea.

So now, dear Mr. L-q-t, Your f8 no longer dreads; For 'ere the year has gone to sleep, be planned, though no human eye see it, can the murderer evade a remorse which prompts him to cry out, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Greek mythology personified the Eumenides, "Avenge Furies," forever pursuing the shedder of blood until he gave up his guilty secret. Every age has its writer who repeats the story. Euripides relates the tragedy of Orestes, Shakespeare has portrayed the agony of Macbeth, Poe has told of the "Imp of the Perverse" and "The Black Cat," Bulwer of "Eugene Aram," John H. Prentiss in "The Case of Dr. Horace" puts the question squarely: Is it possible for a murderer to remain silent?

True, there may be exceptions. Lombroso speaks of "moral imbeciles" who lack entirely a sense of right and wrong. The Sicilian bandit and the Kentucky feudist of today, who to all intents are "throw-backs," may escape the vision of their crimes. But a conclusion cannot be drawn from abnormal types. The ordinary murderer cannot elude his sense of isolation, and with maddening iteration the blood of the victim "crieth from the ground."

See "UNCLE JOSH" and enjoy a good laugh Friday. Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, at 12, NOON.

I'll run the risk, I calcul8— A risk that makes me meditt8, This Leap Year, nineteen hundred 8. So dream no more of your sad f8, For I am willing to be your fair m8— December 25. My Leap Year d8. I. F. Coquille.

ANSWER FROM COQUILLE. COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 3.—Editor Coos Bay Times: Enclosed find answer to L. A. L-q-t's "Appeal" of Nov. 30, 1908. Hoping it may be found desirable to publish, I am, Yours truly, "A READER."

Reply to "An Appeal" of L. A. L-q-t. "Alas! alone he made his d8, At yonder northern court-house g8 At the witching hour of half past 8. In the year of nineteen hundred 8, But Coquille maid with mien sed8, Who o'er the phone did make the d8, Was not inclined to take a m8."

"While he, alone, did keep his d8, She, at home, did contemp8 Upon his f8, his single 8t8, And though he was a tempting b8, He alone did keep the d8."

"He, faint hearted, so long did wa8 For the Coquille maid, his future f8, 'Till the hour was after half-past 8. But, alas! what a bad mistake (8) To keep a d8, with maid sed8, He went home with a sad, but wiser p8."

Moral. "Now L. A. L-q-t Don't repine, But bolster up the nerves of spine And make dates yourself for 1909" A "COQUILLE MAID."

In Marshfield. "Now, Sir, can you tell me, where Moses was when the light went out?" "Why, Mr. Bones, that's easy—in this town of course." The entire company will now join in that good old song, "Get a Candle at the Corner Grocery Store."—Exchange.

In order to hatch out trouble, some men need only set a bad example. The man who owns a phonograph and hates his neighbors can still get some satisfaction out of those Bryan records he bought a few months ago.

Professor Metchnikoff says any man ought to live 150 years, but nearly everybody knows one or two who ought to be denied that privilege.

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