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HOW SHOULD A BURGLAR BE KILLED?

Here is a question that ought to be settled. As an abstract proposition perhaps it doesn't make much difference, but up in Portland, where the unlooked for is always bobbing up, the best means of terminating the career of the burglar is a matter of no small concern.

Portland has been trying to reform its burglars. Its newspapers have preached to them, urging them to follow the narrow path. This advice fell on deaf ears. Then the Journal undertook to demonstrate that the business of robbing people was not profitable, and figured out that the monthly pittance per burglar was only about \$18.69—to say nothing of bargain day reductions. But the burglars kept right on burglarizing. They evidently are not looking for spiritual advice; plainly, they are after the money.

Chief of Police Hunt has at last been appealed to. He says every man should own a shotgun, which he should keep well filled with bird shot. Then, if he hears an unusual noise around his house at night, he should rise, grab the shotgun, make absolute sure the nocturnal visitor is a burglar, and then let him have one or both barrels, as the exigencies of the occasion may demand. After the burglar is thus filled with fine shot and rendered hors de combat the indignant resident ought to telephone to police headquarters and have a squad come out to the house to arrest the man.

"Just shoot 'em and we'll do the rest," about summarizes the chief's advice.

This advice may appeal with much force to the people of Portland. Indeed it should, for isn't Chief Hunt the defender of the faith and protector of the of the community? But it wouldn't go in Seattle. Over there people first kill burglars and afterwards conduct inquiries as to their identity. In other communities Chief Hunt's system has been observed and many burglars have not been killed. Then, again, it isn't every one who can afford a shotgun. If the shotgun system were carried out in accordance with the ideas of the Portland chief, the bird shot manufacturers would form a trust and make matters tougher for the common people.

Apart from all this, the burglar is out the only individual who requires the vigorous attention of the casual citizen. He must also look after the festive footpad. The devil ought to be fought with his own fire, and if a man should find it expedient to shoot a robber with his pistol or batter out his brains with a bludgeon we feel he should not be blamed, notwithstanding Chief Hunt's advice. Killing the burglar with a shotgun is merely a fad. It is just possible it may be found practicable in the Oregon metropolis, but it will not become popular elsewhere. There is too much formality attached to it.

DR. BEVAN AND PNEUMONIA.

The declaration of Dr. Arthur D. Bevan, of Chicago, some days ago, that there is no known remedy for pneumonia, and that drugs can be of little service in its treatment, has called forth no small amount of comment from physicians in all parts of the country. Some agree and some oppose, but all substantially admit that science has done less to provide a sure treatment to relieve or cure this disease than almost any other.

It is scarcely more than a hundred years since Jenner discovered how to mitigate the horrors of smallpox by vaccination, and since then others have discovered how to control it by quarantine, and how to almost surely prevent it by proper hygienic conditions, says the Tacoma Ledger. The ravages of yellow fever and cholera, in the presence of which the profession stood practically helpless 50 years ago, are now almost surely and safely prevented. Specifics have been found for diphtheria, the typhoid germ has been discovered and described, and doctors know how to detect its presence before it begins to do harm and how to deal with it after its deadly work has been begun. Surgery has made even more wonderful progress, but neither surgeons nor physicians yet know how to deal with pneumonia. They know it is an infectious disease; they know how

its seeds are disseminated, but they do not know how to make them innocuous, nor how to control the mischief they cause once they have begun their deadly work.

Dr. Bevan has now proposed that a fund be established to promote special research for a remedy for this disease. Such a fund was established not long ago to provide for the study of scarlet fever. Not only thousands, but hundreds of thousands are expended annually, in this country and in Europe in search for the cause and cure of cancer. Dr. Bevan thinks \$400,000 or \$500,000 should be raised for the study of pneumonia and its treatment. With such a fund, separate wards might be established in various hospitals for the reception of pneumonia cases. The medical colleges might give it special attention. Particularly competent nurses might be engaged, whose assistance to the doctors who would be enabled to devote themselves wholly to this particular study would be invaluable.

The suggestion seems to be an excellent one. It is likely to commend itself out only to the profession, but to men of means who can provide the necessary fund.

WATTERSON ON HEARST.

Mr. Henry Watterson thinks it "anomalous to the point of absurdity" that "a man wholly untried in political affairs, untrained in office, personally unknown to any constituency and in any public arena should aspire as candidate for president of the United States," yet he believes Mr. Hearst to be dead in earnest. His aspirations are a far piece with those of George Francis Train, some years ago, or with those of Victoria Woodhull, and yet the power of money is not to be gainsaid. How far its unstinted possession and application may be made to go upon the field of national politics and in the interests of a rich, ambitious aspirant for president is a question, but, handled judiciously and unsparingly, a great way. Nay, in the hands of a really able and fit man, it might prove decisive.

In Mr. Watterson's opinion Mr. Hearst's newspapers will do him more harm than good in his campaign, and if he had any real chance either for nomination or election, they would probably destroy it. So far, he says, "the Hearst boom embodies too little of Mr. Hearst, and too much of the almighty dollar. Under Mr. Bryan's inspiration and guidance, with Mr. Bryan to speak for it and deploy its forces, the boom will not lack for vociferous agitation and energetic development. Even under Mr. Bryan's silence, or quasi-silence, yet having his patronage it takes on an air of importance." Considering all this Mr. Watterson thinks it will not do to "whistle the Hearst boom down the wind." We read in history," he says, "how once upon a time a cocked hat and uniform perched on a wire frame was proclaimed king. Why may not a figure of speech be elected president?"

The United States is ever progressing. It is interesting to note the following statistics taken from the Scientific American: In area, for example, the total in 1903 was 3,025,600 square miles, against 2,980,959 square miles in 1850, and 827,844 square miles in 1800. These figures do not include Alaska or the islands belonging to the United States. The population in 1903 was stated at 80,372,000, against 23,191,876 in 1850 and 5,308,483 in 1800. The wealth of the country was stated at \$94,000,000,000 in 1900, and presumably \$100,000,000,000 would not be an unreasonable estimate for 1903, while for 1850 the wealth of the country stood at \$7,000,000,000, no estimate being given for any year earlier than 1850. The per capita wealth is set down at \$1235 in 1900 and \$307 in 1850, having thus more than quadrupled meantime. The interest bearing debt in 1903 was \$914,000,000, against \$1,724,000,000 in 1880 and \$2,046,000,000 in 1870. The per capita indebtedness of the country in 1903 was \$11.51, against \$60.46 in 1870, and the interest per capita 32 cents in 1903, as against \$3.08 in 1870.

Grover Cleveland has lived in the time of more administrations than any other citizen who has ever been president, beginning with that of Martin Van Buren and coming down to that of Theodore Roosevelt, in all 18, exclusive of his own two. He has also lived to see six vice-presidents succeed to the presidency, three of them, Johnson, Arthur and Mr. Roosevelt, coming to the white house through the assassination of their predecessors. The others were Van Buren, Tyler and Fillmore.

At this particular stage of the proceedings it will be sensible for Astorians to depend upon the Associated Press for their war news. The Associated Press is absolutely reliable; other news gathering concerns are down to a guess most of the time.

Wars of the last 3000 years are supposed to have cost \$600,000,000,000. Each man who falls on the battlefield costs \$2740 to kill, and the countries of Europe today are paying to maintain an "armed neutrality" the small sum of \$50 a second.

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of a market, the wage disputes between soft coal operators and miners and the large total of failures for January have been contributory factors to the dullness and depression.

The evident approach of the turn in the currency movement from New York and the call for payment of 20 per cent of government deposits in banks have affected the money market.

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