## CLUB LEADERS ON BOTKIN SENTENCE

### Portland Women Discuss the Question, Should the Feminine Criminal Be Executed? --- Views of Circuit Judges.

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Another View.

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sicting the death penalty and that her sex saved her from the extreme punishment ngerited by her offense, was justified in his stricture or not, is discussed by leading Portland club women. The views of many of the chief workers among the woman's clubs was secured by The Journal on this interesting decision and are appended.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was recently sentenced to life imprisonment by a California jury for sending a box of poissoned candy through the mails to Mrs. John P. Dunning. The evidence was conclusive to the jury and would probably have resulted in a death penalty had a man been the culprit before the bar. That the sentence was not the extreme one was taken by the judge to mean that the jury had allowed the prisoner's nex to weigh, when it should not. On this expression of the judges, feminine opinion in Portland varies as is shown by the following interviews:

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Mrs. Ablgail Scott Duniway, the pioneer club woman of Oregon, allows woman a slight privilege in this matter. "As long as woman has no part in making the laws," she said, "she should be the subject of clemency, since she is not the subject of clemency, since she is not the subject of justice. Personally, I am not an advocate of capital punishment. There is no good in punishment that stands merely for vengeance but I think the punishment should fit the case. In time matters will be changed. As a general principle we have outgrown capital punishment, but one generation preaches and the next practices. We are not yet ready for the change. But women in general feel their influence might mean a quicker change were they in a position to use that influence. Bo they should not be subject to extreme laws they have no part in making. But it certainly shows at large. She can have no principle. If she will do this once she may do it again when opportunity offers. As long the ready for matrimony."

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"As for the case of Mrs. Bodkin, if she is guilty she is ungrateful, unprincipled and low-moraled. She should not be abroad, but it is a terrible thing to convict her to death on circum."

Woman Is Responsible.

"Certainly there should be not discrimination between sexes," said Mrs. M. H. Clinton of the city directory. "Her sex does not lessen a woman's responsible. It is a terrible thing to capital punishment for such a crime, a woman should is to capital punishment for any one. After death all is over. There is no chance to improve conditions. I do not think a wrongdoer should be put where he may improve. Then, too, we are taking a great responsibility in sentencing a man to death. We do not know what have been his environments and how far they are responsible.

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principled and low-moraled. She should not be abroad, but it is a terrible thing to convict her to death on circum-stantial evidence. But this is equally terrible and risky in the case of a man. I believe that other conditions being equal she should suffer the same penalty as a man."

Opinion of Mrs. Mann. Mrs. P. J. Mann, president of the Woman's club, while agreeing about the horrors of the death penalty takes exception to any discrimination.

'There should be absolutely no difference in judgment. A woman is just as responsible for her malicious crime as a

crimes. In crime unpremeditated the excitability of the sex might be argued, but that is a weak excuse. In early days her ignorance, her inferiority might have been a cause, but in this age of her enlightenment that plays no part. The death penalty is truly a terrible thing, but what else can we do? Solitary confinement is suggested, but that is barbarous. We may not want to kill but is it more human to torture? We are apt to jump at conclusions in this matter, but it is only by weighing both in the seas of long as they have committed a grave offense. "If a woman sins," said the judge. "there is nothing in the law which says she shall be protected more than man. I think it probable that a jury of woman early to jump at conclusions in this matter, but it is only by weighing both judge may be shall be particular case I think the judge may be shall be particular case I think the judge may be shall be particular case I think the judge may be shall be particular case I think the judge may be shall be protected more than man.

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# COTTAGE GROVE

INING EDITOR OF THE BOXEMIA NUGGET SATS GREAT STRIDES ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE DE VELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT-LACK OF TRANSPORTATION.

Many improvements are under way in the vicinity of Cottage Grove, but the largest gains are being made in

William B. Root, editor of the Bohemia Nugget, at Cottage Grove, is in the city attending the mining congress as a delegate. He says:

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"The Bohemia mining district, 25 miles from Cottage Grove, is being considerably developed this season and great improvements show wherever they have been driving tunnels on the veina. "Several new mills are being erected. The Oregon Securities Mining company has a large 30-stamp mill nearly completed and F. J. Hard & Co. are building a 16-stamp mill at the Vesuvius mine on Fairview mountain, and is also constructing a 1,800-foot tram from the upper tunnel to the mill for the purpose of transporting the ore from the mine direct to the mill.

"The lack of transportation and bad wagon roads have been a serious drawback to the development of the district, but with the Oregon & Southeastern railway completed more than half way and the wagon roads much improved, this difficulty is being largely overcome and on the whole the district is quite prosperous.

"The Blue river district, 30 miles

prosperous.

"The Blue river district, 30 miles north, where the Lucky Boy and other mines are, is showing well, several mills having been installed during the summer. Both of these districts have an exhibit of ores at the mining congress."

THOSE INTERESTED IN CARGO OF CAPTURED ARABIA MUST APPEAL TO VLADIVOSTOR COURT-RUS-SIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AL-LOWANCE FOR PLOUB.

Those who are interested in the steamship Arabin's cargo, now in pos-session of the Russian authorities, must make an immediate protest before must make an immediate protest before the Vladivostok court of inquiry against the freight being retained, if they wish the matter settled quickly and in their favor, is the purport of a telegram from Secretary Hay to M. C. Harrison & Co. The court is now in session and it is expected that a decision will be reached by Monday.

company has appointed a Russian at-orney by the name of Franz Walden of Vladivostok, to represent its interests at the investigation. He has also been re-tained by the Portland shippers.

A wrong impression has gotten out concerning the Arabia's cargo. Many of those who have endeavored to keep in touch with the situation are of the opinion that all of the steamer's freight has Judge M. C. George of the circuit court said that he would not attempt to criticise the San Francisco judge, for he had not kept himself posted on the "However, the proverbial gallantry of man," said the judge, "seems to arise in cases where a woman is on trial for murder, and protects her. Still cars and machinery have been contrial for murder, and protects her. Still there are a few cases where a woman has been executed for very grave offenses the same as man. One reason why so few women are executed is because they are so much better than men. Very few women commit serious crimes."

Judge A. F. Serious woman at the at the cars at the car cars and machinery have been con-fiscated on the ground that they are con-traband of war, and there appears to be no likelihood of anyone entering an ob-jection to Russia's course in this par-

The shippers are confident that the St. Petersburg government will pay the full market value for the flour and food stuffs, as well as provide liberal allow-ances for all delays that have been ex-perienced.

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penalty.

"In this particular case I think the judge may have had good reason for making the comment, as the woman had twice been tried and had twice been found guilty of murder in the first degree, and when 24 men concur on one point it is conclusive. I cannot see why sex should make any difference in the penalty as long as a very serious crime cheese expert at a mining congress is one of the novelties at the Portland session. The individual is Col. Frederick point it is conclusive. I cannot see should make any difference in the penalty as long as a very serious crime has been committed." William MacQueen of Ontario, Canada, and he cheerfully admits that he does

BOYS START BRUSH
FIRES FOR SPORT

Boys who desire to see the fire horses prance and run just to gratify their desire for excitement have become a veritable nuisance to the firehouses on the east side of the river.

Brush and grass fires have been frequent in the vicinity of Ainsworth and Nineteenth streets, where there is a stretch of brush, which in many places extends to the back doors of several of the cottages.

Many of these fires started in places where it was impossible for them to originate by accident, and Battailon Chief Holden came to the conclusion that the fires were set by boys. In event of the fires started by the common council as a delegate.

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"Nickel ore," he says, "looks more like copper than any other ore. It is mined, much the same, and there is no special interest felt in the industry outside of that particular district." punished.

This is a dangerous location for a fire to start, as the brush is very dense and the undergrowth is dry as tinder. The citizens have become so badly frightened that they have appealed for the control of th

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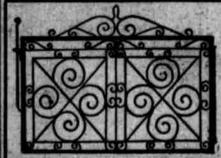
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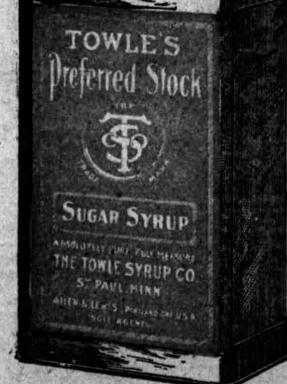
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