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could come much nearer doing so than it does. From a purely legal point of view, there is no reason why the trial of Harry Thaw should have been prolonged more or considered of greater consequence than that of a poor mechanic or common laborer who had killed a man too attentive to the murderer's sweetheart or mistress, nor has the law any good excuse for departing from its theoretical principle and regarding Evelyn Thaw's case of superior importance to that of the housemaid or the waitress who had undergone a similar experience.

Everybody knows that if a common laborer and a common working girl who had been vain and foolish were the central figures in a murder trial, it would not, that is prolonged and made a cause celebre. Why, then, should a court permit such a difference to appear between that case and this? Thaw is no better or worse than many another man who, inexcusably or justifiably, has killed another; Evelyn has been no more foolish and has suffered no more than many a girl who had never been heard of until she figured in a similar case. The public clamor for all the details in this case must be yielded to by the newspapers, but in a court the Harrys and Evelyns should be no more and no less than the Jeannots and Jeannettes in like cases.

A REGRETTABLE LETTER.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S friends and supporters are numbered by tens of millions. He has earned, they believe, their confidence, regard and support. They will not and cannot lightly divest themselves of their opinion of him. It will take much to cause the people to believe that he is not deserving of their confident approval and loyal support. Yet every intelligent, candid friend of the president regrets that he wrote that letter to Harriman, and that he has made no explanation of it that would square with their estimate of him. We are sorry the letter was written. We do not say it is enough to destroy confidence in the president, but do say that it is one that causes his friends sincere sorrow. And since it was written and sent, and has been published, it is the people's privilege, nay it is their duty, to consider it to estimate it carefully, to try to understand it truly. The letter written during the campaign of 1904, is as follows:

(Personal) Oct. 14, 1904. My Dear Mr. Harriman—A suggestion has come to me in a roundabout way that you do not think it wise to come on to see me in these closing weeks of the campaign, but that you are reluctant to refuse, inasmuch as I have asked you. Now, my dear sir, you are on the ground and know the conditions better than I do. If you think there is any danger of your visit to me causing trouble, or if you think there is nothing special I should be informed about, or no matter in which I could give aid, why, of course, give up the visit for the time being and then, a few weeks hence, before I write my message, I shall get you to come down to discuss certain government matters not connected with the campaign. With great regard, sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

SENATOR BAILEY'S TRIUMPH.

ON HIS return from Washington Senator Bailey was drawn through his home town in a carriage trimmed with white silk, and drawn by four white steeds, and the city made a holiday and decked itself in gay attire in his honor. The handsome and dramatic senator received these exhibitions of favor and honor as his just due, and we must admit that a man thus received in his home city cannot be expected to hide his head in shame or break forth in apologetic explanations. Nor has he lost all, by a good deal. If a man's neighbors generally think well of him, there must be considerable good in him, even if he has wandered off into by and forbidden paths.

A JUST CRITICISM.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME'S implied criticism of the different consideration given to the Thaw case from that which would be accorded to a murderer in a lower stratum of society is justifiable. That the man killed, whatever his faults, was of more consequence in the world than the victim of the ordinary "tenderloin murder" must be admitted, and it is not in human nature to regard the killing of such a man, and under the circumstances attending his death, with no more interest than the killing of a "nobody." And, it may be admitted farther, a millionaire whose conduct has attracted public notice on two continents and a young woman who has become noted as Evelyn Nesbit had, must inevitably attract greater public attention in such a case than a young man and woman in the lower walks of life of whom the world had never heard. Yet the theory of the law, to which its practice ought more nearly to conform, is that it regards and treats every one alike, making no distinctions on account of wealth or position. This in the nature of things the law cannot do literally, but it

country will regard him as in a measure insincere, a poseur, a man who affects to believe that other people don't believe that he has done anything wrong. But the country, while having considerable admiration for his talents and his dramatic ability, knows that he has never explained satisfactorily those large financial transactions with Standard Oil and Waters-Pierce. Their stain will stick to him if he should stay in the senate 30 years yet.

PURE MILK.

THERE IS a good deal of talk in many large cities about impure milk. Much of the milk consumed is either known or suspected to be impure. In such great cities as New York and Chicago it is almost impossible to make sure of pure milk in all cases, but continued efforts are being made to do so. One demand is that no milk whatever should be used without being Pasteurized, as it is impossible to prevent some impure milk from leaving the dairies. The question of an ample supply of absolutely pure milk is one of the utmost importance to every large and growing community. Whether tuberculosis germs are conveyed to the human organism by milk from tuberculosis cows is a mooted question, but it is better to suppose so, and to see to it that no milk from cows afflicted with tuberculosis is allowed to be sold. Milk is a nutritious, necessary food, especially for infants, but it acquires impure taints more readily than almost any other food. To keep it pure great care must be taken in extracting and handling it.

A LATE SPRING.

IT IS a "backward spring." Vegetation and crops are not as far advanced as usual at this date. Yet there have been more "backward" seasons, and there is nothing in this one so far to cause any anxiety. On the contrary, it is better for the season to be "backward" than "forward." But there is no weather rule. No two years are alike. All we know for certainty, from past experience, is that "the weather" will cause some disappointments and minor losses, at some time during the year, and that in spite of this there will be, on the whole, a bountiful yield of crops. Oregon can always be depended upon for this.

The Play.

More funeful than any other comic opera of the season, possessing an abundance of clever lines and catchy music, and presented by a thoroughly high-class company, "The Free Lance" made a tremendous hit at the Helix last night. A big audience welcomed the Sousa opera. Although participating an entertainment of the highest order because of the name of the March King, the public was hardly prepared for the enjoyment it received last night. Sousa has never composed a more tuneful and catchy opera, and Harry B. Smith has never written a more comic and really interesting story since the appearance of "Robin Hood."

The Journal Appreciated.

From the Astoria Herald. According to N. W. Ayers' newspaper directory, The Oregon Journal has a larger circulation than the Oregonian or Telegram. It was but a few years ago that the Oregonian had the largest circulation, but it has lost hundreds of subscribers during the past two years on account of the bitter fight it has waged against every section of the state, and particularly Astoria. If The Journal published a morning paper, instead of an evening paper, there would not be 10 Oregonians taken in Astoria. The Oregonian is generally despised by Astoria, and people only take it for the telegraphic news which it is the only medium through which it can be obtained. The Oregonian has always antagonized Astoria and fought the enterprise while The Journal has always had a good word for the city. The people of Astoria appreciate The Journal, because it is the best paper published on the Pacific coast, and it would have a larger circulation if it were a morning paper. The Oregonian is a back number impregnated with mosbeackism.

Expert Testimony Land.

From the Denver Republican. O come with me to a strange, strange land, Where black masquerades as white; Where the clearest facts that we understand, Are gloomy and dense as night; O come with me, north the insane trees In the forest of technic-calities. Come let us sail o'er the glibber seas, Where the birds are plumaged red; Where nothing's the truth, so each agrees, And every one's touched in the head; O come where the dippy fishes sport, And the wheel-brained cuttlefish chuckle and snort. Let us go fit to the dreary plain all Where the straightjacket fits all; Where the technical terms descend like rain, Or come where the brainstoppers sweep the hills, And the expert witness smokes opium pills!

The President vs. Harriman

From the Detroit News (Rep.). Even the most trusting admirers of President Roosevelt will be compelled to recognize, in view of the latest disclosures, the unfortunate character of the singular fatality which seems to bring the chief executive into repeated conflicts of veracity with those to whom he has sustained confidential relations.

AFTER THE NORTH POLE.

LET THE north pole, that has maintained itself in frigid iconoclasm so long, ever since nobody knows when, look out for itself, if it can—though it find itself helpless when American feet stand on it and American eyes glare upon or into it, for it can't run away. Not only is Peary going to make another three-years' try to reach the dent in the ice misnamed the pole, but Wellman is preparing to swoop down upon it in an airship ere Peary gets fairly started, and some other adventurous fellows are organizing an automobile dash to the earth's hyperborean extremity. We suspect that there will be a new record of automobile breaking-downs and smashing-up; that Wellman, if he ever returns, will have a long story to tell about contrary air-currents and other obstacles of Arctic air-sprites, and that Peary will have to report the limit of his travels along in the 80's instead of 90 flat; but since there is a craze to reach the alleged or fancied pole, let them go it all, and may none of them leave their bones as unusual morsels for the menu of the Polar bears.

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Major Goethals having arrived at Panama and made a speech about a week ago, it is supposed he is only awaiting for an offer of a higher salary to send in his resignation.

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Letters From the People.

Portland, April 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—If it's a crime against the law to rebate, and the offense has been proven, why is it necessary to prove intent? It is necessary to prove intent. Not even ignorance pleaded as an excuse, as in the Standard Oil case before Judge Landis of Chicago. Doesn't it look somewhat fanciful that the Oregonian had the largest circulation, but it has lost hundreds of subscribers during the past two years on account of the bitter fight it has waged against every section of the state, and particularly Astoria. If The Journal published a morning paper, instead of an evening paper, there would not be 10 Oregonians taken in Astoria. The Oregonian is generally despised by Astoria, and people only take it for the telegraphic news which it is the only medium through which it can be obtained. The Oregonian has always antagonized Astoria and fought the enterprise while The Journal has always had a good word for the city. The people of Astoria appreciate The Journal, because it is the best paper published on the Pacific coast, and it would have a larger circulation if it were a morning paper. The Oregonian is a back number impregnated with mosbeackism.

High Diplomacy.

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"Semi-American Style" Won.

Today's boat race should be one of the most interesting for many years. A year ago Cambridge was good, but they were and are a revolutionary crew. Stroke rows on the bow side and the whole crew hovey the old-fashioned oar by rowing in a semi-American manner.

Should Children Be Whipped?

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1907, by American-Journal-Examiner) A woman asks me what is my suggestion for a substitute in place of whipping children as a punishment when disobedient.

I recall my own childhood and remember that nothing caused such a lasting sense of shame and humiliation as the consciousness that I had disappointed and pained my elders, whether relatives or teachers. The few beatings chastisements given me worked only harm. Bitter resentment at the indignity offered me and the awakening of the worst impulses in my nature were all "whipped" accomplishments. "Thank heaven they were few. I do not believe one human being has a right under any circumstances, save those of self-defense, to strike another body, or to cause pain. Occasionally, perhaps, an object lesson has to be given a child who persists in hurting other children or animals.

A little girl could not be broken of the habit of biting her playmates and her baby brother until an older person talked to her seriously of the pain she inflicted and illustrated to her by biting her arm with sufficient force to cause pain. The child was cured of the habit from that time. Another child ignored its elders' requests to be kind to a kitten and continued to pull the animal about by its tail in a saucy manner. A lady pulled the child's hair, telling her that was the way the kitten felt, and the lesson had its desired result. Yet it must be held in mind that the object lesson was not given in any spirit of vengeance. The children were being taught the cruelty of inflicting pain—not that some infuriated being of greater strength was carrying out a vengeful purpose.

Almost every child has love of approbation well developed at an early age and a certain affectional vanity, which causes it to desire to please its parents and teachers. A child who is accustomed to fault-finding and irritability from its parents over trifles a just reproof loses all its force and meaning, and is classed by the parent's mind with other unjust expressions which it has been subjected to. Parents and teachers and elder relatives do not realize how they are annoying and weighed and judged by infantile minds who often possess an innate sense of justice.

Today in History.

1709—First number of "The Tatler" appeared. 1715—Abbe Raynal, famous French historian of America, born. Died March 6, 1795. 1748—Admiral Rodney defeated De Grasse and the French fleet in the West Indies. 1792—Earl of Durham, governor of Canada in the insurrection of 1839, born. Died July 25, 1840. 1814—Bonaparte set off for the island of Elba. 1845—The town of San Salvador destroyed by an earthquake. 1845—Mollie, Alabama, captured by the Federals. 1892—United States government paid \$25,000 indemnity to the families of the Italian lynched at New Orleans. 1893—Complete Syrian text of the four gospels of the New Testament discovered in the Mount Sinai convent. 1900—Charles H. Allen appointed governor of Porto Rico.

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Small Change.

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Oregon Sidelights.

Many Grant county people are "busy" fishing. Three creameries are running near Coquille. The Estacada creamery has begun business. Grant county is now mostly within a forest reserve. A stock ticker has been established in a Medford hotel. The Stayton cheese factory is doing a large business. A new lumber company has been formed at Creswell. A Forest Grove woman has kept a genuine \$5 bill for 15 years. The Medford Mall predicts a city of 20,000 in a few years. Ten-acre tracts near McMinnville sell at from \$140 to \$175 an acre. A Coos county preacher left his watch on the pulpit, and it was stolen. A well being bored for artesian water at Talent is down 900 feet, and no water yet. No city in Oregon is a more desirable place to live than Arlington, claims the Record. A farmer near Newberg sold 16 acres, including his buildings, to a newcomer for \$4,000. The cows are bawling their appreciation to the voters of Falls City, says the News. An estate that has lingered in the probate court for 22 years is being settled at Corvallis. Curiously, at Dairy, Klamath county, many people have to go without butter at this time of year. Many transfers of real estate are being made in and about Newberg. Newcomers are arriving daily. The Eugene-Corvallis canal proposition will be discussed at a mass meeting in the former city April 31. The Lord might have made a finer climate than we have at The Dalles, but he never did, and probably never will, says the Optimist. The subscription of Klamath Falls people to the \$100,000 railroad bonds is due, but as no railroad is in sight they won't pay up. Eight families will arrive at Coburg from Sweden this month to work in the new glass factory. Band will be shipped from Pennsylvania or Indiana. North Yamhill has a gravity water system of fine spring water, no bonded indebtedness and water paid for in advance for nearly four years for fire protection. North Yamhill Record: There have been a number of calls here recently for small tracts of land, which can not be found for sale. We need a dividing up of some of the large tracts near town. A Rogue river man has made the following affidavit: I, W. A. Poinier, state under oath, that during the year 1905, I sold from a piece of land 21 feet by 60 feet 180 worth of strawberries; and off the same tract of land during the winter of 1906-7 I sold over \$25 worth of plums.

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