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THE LAGGARD LAW.

Kelsay Porter was hanged at Union, in this state, yesterday for the murder of an old man named Benjamin Mache, his wife and son. There was no doubt as to who did the killing, Porter surrendering himself to the sheriff and telling him his story of the crime. Porter claimed that he acted in self-defense, that the son, Ben Mache, had commenced shooting at him, and that he only shot to protect himself. Whether or not there was any truth in this statement, it was evident that when he shot the old people, who were in a sled, their backs were toward him. The case was tried in February, 1896, and Porter found guilty. His attorneys appealed to the supreme court, and the decision of the lower court was sustained.

We of Oregon are prone to give California a rub occasionally on account of her slackness in punishing criminals, and in doing so the Durrant case is most often commented upon. Are we really in any way ahead of our southern neighbor? Durrant has been much in evidence for two years and a half, and the delay in inflicting punishment on him is a cause of public clamor. In his case there has been an abundance of money, and every delay, every device that human ingenuity could conjure up has been brought into play. Yet Durrant's case has not been much longer delayed than Porter's.

Public sentiment about Union seemed to be somewhat in Porter's favor, though why, it would be hard to say, and a strong effort was made to procure a commutation of his sentence through Governor Lord. The latter found no sufficient reason for interfering, and so the law took its course, and as cold-blooded a murderer as even Durrant himself was swung into eternity nearly two years after the commission of the murder.

As at present arranged the committee of Portland's business men now making the tour of the Inland Empire, will stop here Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The committee states that no attempt was made to interview The Dalles citizens because it was Sunday. This is all right, being better than no excuse, and we are pleased to state that the committee has changed its plans so that instead of passing through The Dalles Sunday, as was at first intended, their home-coming was put off one day. We are glad of this, and we hope our business men will unite in giving the webfooters a warm welcome, such an one as The Dalles can give if it will. Our interests, or, for that matter, all Oregon's interests, are tied up with those of Portland. She is the state's best girl, and we would all like the tailor-made, bewitching little damsel if she would let us, but we want no flirting. We want her to stand in solid with us, and when she does she will find in Eastern Oregon an ardent swain, who will not only buy her theater tickets, but put up for the oysters and such besides.

Love-scorned young man, take courage. Rejoice and be glad. You may have run big livery bills, paid for a theater or two, bought a few tons of ice cream and exhausted all your most patient and charming artifices in a vain attempt to win the tender regard of your best girl, but despair not. There yet remains to you a recourse that is full of promise. A New York woman, Mrs. Mack, has given the secret away. She stated to a jury recently that she never loved her hero until he choked her,

and declared he choked her into loving him. To insure success in love-making it is only necessary to learn the "Nack" of it.—Pendleton Tribune.

The Heppner Times, published by E. M. Shutt, recently of Antelope, is the "baby" newspaper of the state, the first number appearing Thursday. The paper is bright and presents a neat appearance. Shutt is a hustler, and will get the news, if there is any at all to get.

THE GREATEST INVENTOR.

A Drummer Tells a Story About the Wizard of Menlo Park.

A Blue line train was making a blue streak through the New Jersey air, with the cowcatcher of the locomotive pointed toward New York city, and a drummer was talking right along ahead of it as easy as the bird flies, says the New York Sun.

"I want to say to you, gentlemen," he was saying, "that Thomas Edison is the greatest inventor in the world, not only in the quantity of his inventions, but in the quality of them, and every new thing he turns out he gets a patent on it before it is dry. Sensible men is Tom, and a great snap is a patent when the monopoly in it is yours, gentlemen. I know what I'm talking about, for I had one once that was a lull, only it wasn't big enough. But I'm getting away from my tale, as the dog remarked when he barely got his hind legs from under the wheels. I was in Edison's town the other day and heard a new story on him. New to me, anyhow. Man over there that I sell goods to, and won't lie except when the fishing season is on, told me, as an illustration of how absorbed Edison is in his business, that one day Mrs. Edison came to her husband in great glee and announced that the baby had a tooth.

"Very well, my dear," replied her husband, never stopping a minute from his work. 'I haven't got time to bother with your affairs. You just run along and get a patent on it and have it charged to my account.'

THEY HELPED JIM.

He Was Only a Little Bootblack and Had Been Ill.

The rich men who build hospitals are not the only benevolent ones. The shoe-black of whom Dr. Talmage tells this story showed a spirit of sweet unselfishness:

"A reporter sat down on one of the city hall benches and whistled to one of the shiners. The boy came up to his work provokingly slow, and had just begun, when a larger boy shoved him aside and began the work, and the reporter reproved him as being a bully, and the boy replied: 'Oh, that's all right. I am going to do it for 'im. You see, he's been sick in the hospital more'n a month; so us boys turn in and give 'im a lift.'

"Do all the boys help him?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, sir; when they ain't got no job themselves and Jim gets one, they turn in and help 'im; for he ain't strong yet, you see."

"How much percentage does he give you?" asked the reporter.

"The boy replied: 'I don't keep none of it. I ain't no such sneak as that. All the boys give up what they get on his job. I'd like to catch any feller sneaking on a sick boy, I would.'

"The reporter gave him a 25-cent piece, and said: 'You keep ten cents for yourself, and give the rest to Jim.' "Can't do it, sir; it's his customer. Here, Jim."

DECAY OF ANIMAL MATTER.

It Is Something More Than a Simple Chemical Change.

A great many proofs, now more or less familiar to most people, show quite clearly that the decay of animal or vegetable matter is not a simple chemical change, inevitable in the nature of things, but a violent interference with the natural course of the part of hostile organisms, says Longman's Magazine. The bacteria, which produce decomposition, are very minute plants, which grow, like mushrooms or molds, upon organic matter, and which reproduce their like with incredible rapidity. Tyndall showed long ago that the spores of these plants exist in myriads in the air, floating everywhere around us; that they occupy all crannies and empty places on the surface of the earth, and that they swarm in their millions in all ponds and puddles. An easy way of proving that these spores alone, and the plant colonies which spring from them, are the cause of putrefaction may be obtained by boiling beef tea in a test tube, so as to kill the bacteria, and then, while the liquid is still steaming, closing up the mouth of the tube with a plug of cotton wool, which admits the air but strains out the germs of the putrefactive organisms. Under these conditions the beef tea will keep good for years, but if you remove the plug it will begin at once to putrefy.

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