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The Law of the Jungle

HAS civilization passed its apex, now to go down to the barbarism from which it sprang? Magnificent cities, beautiful churches and homes, great universities, these are the outward signs of the heights which man has attained.

Sunday a man entered a speakeasy in Chicago and ordered a beer. He did not drink his beer nor pick up his change. He ran out but he left three dead men behind, henchmen of Al Capone. A gunman had done his day's work.

Was it war over the beer racket? Was it war over Capone's effort to trench himself in political power, thus adding political spoils to his profits from control of illegal traffic? Was it war over Capone's intrusion into labor union affairs, merging a new racket with his own? Perhaps the latter, for one of the victims had attended a meeting of the Bread, Cracker, Yeast and Pie Wagon Drivers' union the night before.

But it is the evidence of the law of the jungle. Gang murders, killings of professional gunmen, what are they but signs of reversion to jungle law? Chicago seems but the tropic forest where rival and bloodthirsty gangs range freely with no law but the law of survival.

Organized forces of society seem powerless—especially when agencies of government form links with the lords of the jungle. Is this an augury of social decay, or the collapse of social organization? One sometimes thinks so. The jungle has a way of reclaiming the clearing. Perhaps mankind too will find itself incapable of maintaining a social organization except on the basis of jungle law.

The setting of fires at Ohio state prison with their toll of over 300 dead is another outbreak of the beast in man. One can scarcely conceive of beings so depraved as to start fires knowing that the ones to suffer most would be their own comrades in misery. It is either the most primitive instinct of revenge, an anti-social hatred, or a blind destructiveness which their hopeless situation induces which prompts such a revolting deed.

Society has gone along in recent decades on the theory that bad men in prison were not wholly bad, that the spark of good might be fanned into a flame, that the individual might be reformed into a useful member of society. That still is the belief of the sociologists, but the happenings of recent months in the revolts within prison walls makes one wonder if these theories are correct, if man is not yet merely a savage and civilization and moral control but a veneer.

We are not ready yet to yield to jungle law, nor to the theory that man's animal nature is going to dominate. Our social evolution has gone too far; the value of social order through law and government has justified itself too completely to permit us to surrender the field now. But it is increasingly evident that society must pay more regard to the business of governing and less to business profits if it is going to preserve itself against the control of those who recognize only the law of the jungle.

A "Song" War

THE coast knows what a "song war" is. A "song war" is something new. One seems impending because Warner Brothers have withdrawn from NBC the privilege of broadcasting some of its song hits. The supposition is that Warner's believes that NBC has been showing favoritism to the song hits of its rival, Radio-Keith-Orpheum, which is denied by NBC.

Controlling the song industry has become as important as patent rights in movietones. A breezy song "makes" the talkie, and the aerial broadcast helps make the song. "The Gold Diggers," which had grossed at a recent date two and a half million dollars, made its big success on "Tiptoe Through the Tulips." To insure its supply of "raw material" Warner's last year spent \$11,000,000 to buy the controlling interest in Remick, Wittmark, Harms and other big music publishing houses, which forced other producing organizations into making similar investments. For instance, NBC controls Leo Feist, Inc., and Carl Fischer, Inc.

If a "song war" is to develop it will be interesting to watch the emoda of attack. It will not be possible to picket each receiving set with a sash: "This song unfair to XYZ." We think there will be no song war. The companies will combine to double the output and the broadcast of radio blues, Broadway syncopated froth and Hollywood red-hot-mammys with sex-ophonic accompaniment.

Germany is building a "pocket battleship," a 10,000-ton battle cruiser, the Ersatz Preussen. Experts claim it can defeat any battleship it cannot outspeed. That is a good idea, to build ships on the rabbit order. Then they can do like the German ships at Scapa Flow, then can run away from the fight and announce a big victory.

In the top floor of the Chrysler tower, the observation point which looks down on the Woolworth tower, Mr. Chrysler has placed on exhibition the tools he began work with as an auto mechanic. They probably are like any other tools that garage men used a quarter-century ago, but Chrysler's brain and skilled hands, his great genius in the industry, they are not in any glass case in a high tower. The automotive industry owes a great debt to Chrysler whose appreciation of beauty in motor car design and of flash and efficiency in motor car performance gave new impetus to the whole industry in the past six years.

Witnesses testified at a hearing in Washington that the side profits of Electric Bond and Share on the "supervision" racket, amounted to 105%. The public has grown suspicious of holding companies with subsidiary companies doing supervision and engineering for the operating companies, at substantial commissions and fees. The public fears this is one way of padding the expense account of the operating company.

Walter Chrysler has built a wonderful building in New York city, and has taken a few of the floors in the tower in the sixties level for his own residence, with his own offices on the floor above. We have heard of men starting in life by sleeping in the loft above the shop; but seldom do they want to end up that way.

The newspaper business is normal. Last week an American was kidnapped in Mexico and a missionary in China was released by bandits who had captured her.

There are two plans of handling your expenses: PAY-as-you-go, and owe-as-you-go. Many people go-as-they-owe.

HEALTH

Today's Talk. By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

When the first hot days come, with the thermometer soaring, you are treated to a free Turkish bath by the combination of humidity and heat. Perhaps you wonder if anything could be more uncomfortable. For many such a day may prove fatal. How it will affect you depends upon whether you are in proper physical condition.

On such a sweltering summer's day you often hear the remark, "It isn't the heat, it is the humidity that's so awful." As a matter of fact, the discomfort is the effect of both heat and humidity, plus the high pulse rate caused by both of them.

What happens when a person is "sunstruck" or "heatstruck"? The heat causes the temperature of the body to rise, as well as the temperature of the blood. If the heat is continued long enough the blood vessels become paralyzed. The blood accumulates in the dilated veins and stunts the pumping action of the heart is lessened, not being enough to drive the blood all around the body.

An attack may begin with headache, faintness, weakness and dizziness. The pulse becomes quite rapid. Usually the skin is hot and dry. Delirium may follow. Let there be no delay in treating the patient, for death may result unless speedy help is given. The temperature must be lowered and the heart stimulated.

First loosen or remove the clothing and sprinkle or sponge the body with cold water. If possible the patient should be put into a bathtub of cold water, making sure that cold bandages are applied to the head.

After this keep the body cool and the extremities warm. If the feet are cold, and they usually are, then heat should be applied as soon as the cold bath is over. Should the patient be conscious, let him inhale either ammonia or camphor, or he may swallow water containing a few drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia or camphor. Make no effort to pour fluid down the throat of an unconscious person.

Rub the body and the feet and hands to keep the circulation going. When the patient is able to take it, give him a cup of hot, strong coffee or hot milk. Scientists are endeavoring to find methods by which to combat heat stroke. Dr. W. J. McConnell, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, recently made a study of the effects of heat on human beings. These tests were carried out with persons confined in cork-lined heat chambers.

Dr. McConnell explains how the pulse rate acts as a barometer. By this means an expert can tell whether the heat sufferer is near the danger point. As heat and humidity increase the circulatory organs try to keep the temperature constant. The blood is pumped to the surface by the heart and the skin becomes flushed, and the struggle within the body increases, so does the pulse rate. It was found that 90 degrees Fahrenheit, when the air is saturated and still, is the highest temperature to which the body can safely adapt itself. With a brisk wind blowing, 95 degrees is the highest safe temperature. The most suitable conditions for working are from 40 to 75 degrees. These conditions made it possible to predict how human beings react to certain temperatures. Means were suggested for combating the hot weather perils.

Answer to Health Queries. J. A. C.—What is the cause of bad breath?

A.—May be due to decayed teeth, diseased tonsils, or constipation; which is the most frequent cause.

T. S. Q.—What is good for removing superfluous hair?

A.—The electric needle. But it must be employed by an expert.

A. B. Q.—What would cause me to shiver and always feel cold?

A.—Poor circulation would cause one to shiver and always feel cold. Build up your general health and your circulation will improve.

R. M. S. Q.—How can I reduce?

A.—Weight reduction is chiefly a matter of self-control as regards diet. Eat sparingly of starches, sugars and fats.

Yesterdays

... Of Old Oregon. Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

April 24, 1905. The prompt and clear-headed action of John Williams Terpley yesterday saved the six-year-old son of A. T. Moffitt from drowning. Terpley was fishing in the Mill creek when the child who had fallen in the water floated past, sinking fast.

Manager Nade of the Willamette team has played two games for this week; one on the campus Friday noon with "Bucks" and the second with Chemawa Saturday.

The first year of the Thalian school of oratory and physical culture was brought to a successful close last night with a regatta given in Tiger hall.

Hon. O. P. Coshov of Roseburg was in the city, having come down to attend a meeting of the directors of the woolen mill company and to visit his brother, Robert H. Coshov.

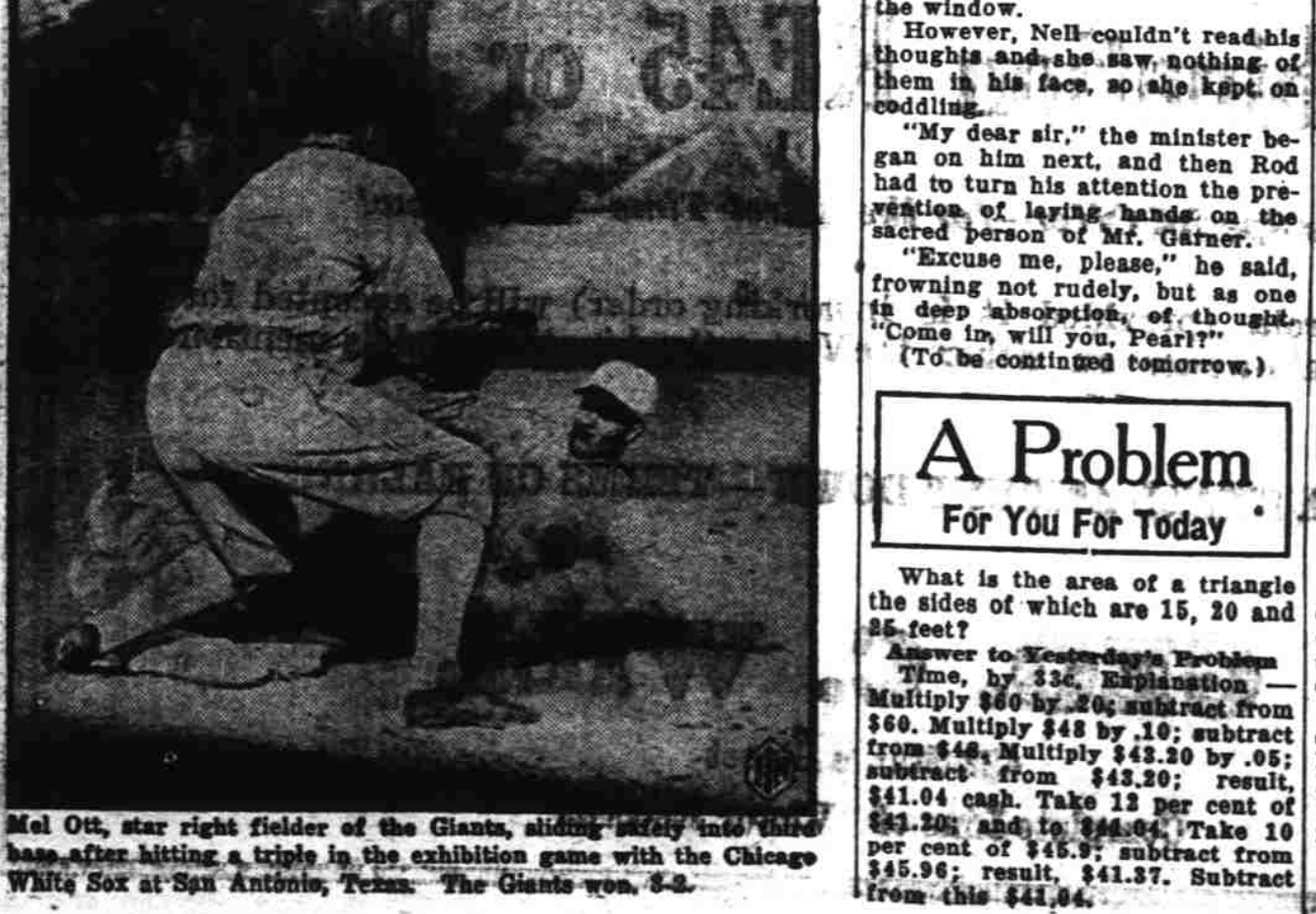
STILL FAR, FAR AWAY



WHERE'S EMILY? by CAROLYN WELLS

CHAPTER IX. And then the crowd from the drawing-room came back to the lounge. "Where's Emily?" said most of the voices as the two men were seen there alone. "I don't know," Sayre returned, but his smile was a little forced. "You don't know, sir?" The reaper stepped up to him with a decided scowl on his face. "Allow me to inform you, mister, that I have conducted many wedding rehearsals, never have I seen so insulted as at this one. Called to take charge of a large and fashionable wedding and finding no bride and no bridegroom at hand! What sort of game is this? Why are the principals absent? I think there is something wrong! But I have done my part and I shall expect my pay. I will not come again; no, not though you beg me to, I will not step foot in the place. But I expect my pay." "Good Lord, man, you'll get your pay," exclaimed Lamb. "Now run along home, for mercy's sake, I give you my word your bill shall be paid. Clear out."

SLIDING SAFE INTO THIRD



Mel Ott, star right fielder of the Giants, sliding safely into third base after hitting a triple in the exhibition game with the Chicago White Sox at San Antonio, Texas. The Giants won, 3-2.

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Dr. J. N. Smith: The death on Sunday last of Dr. J. N. Smith removed from the activities of life a man who left his impress upon his city, his state, his nation and the world, in an extensive series of useful labors.

In his long career as a practicing physician in Salem and the surrounding country, where he was a doctor of the old school, meaning that he was a friend and sympathizer as well as a professional visitor; one who was consulted and whose advice was followed in the manifold relations of life.

In his services to aspiring young men and women as professor of medicine in the Willamette university law school, for a large part of a generation, up to 1913, when that department was closed and went to Portland. He often told his students that the study of medicine was a science, and the practice of it an art; and he repeated constantly the injunction that a doctor should be a little doctor and a little politician, meaning that one who did in community work in curing people of their physical ills ought also to perform community services in

being a good citizen, and influencing others to be the same.

So he served Marion county through five sessions of the legislature, and was in other ways active in the political issues of the day. He was ready at all times to stand up and give an account of himself according to his lights, deeming it his duty to be a good citizen while performing faithfully his professional responsibilities.

Nor did he forget that he must be a student as well as a teacher; and so he kept abreast of the times in a wide field. Thus, when he became superintendent of the institution for the feeble minded, he added to his knowledge of the ordinary duties of that position a course of research work that led him to a position of high authority in that field, which was new when he entered it.

He estimated, in 1920, that Oregon had perhaps 2,000 of the 300,000 feeble minded persons then counted to be in the United States. He agreed with experts that "feeble mindedness is largely hereditary," and that "if segregation were possible and segregation prevention prevented the curse might be wiped out in 30 years." The population of the Oregon institution was then around 500.

Dr. Smith became active in carrying theory into practice. In 1922 he issued his report: "Feasible mindness—the curse of Marion county has studied it most carefully, as a very grave menace to society," and that "the two ways of preventing its spread and of ultimately stamping it out are sterilization and confinement where the afflicted will be under constant surveillance," and that since the district court of Marion county had decided the sterilization law, as amended by the legislature of 1919, was unconstitutional, it was important to provide the more room to accommodate the waiting lists then constantly on hand.

In 1924, Dr. Smith reported to the state board of control: "The new sterilization law, passed by the last legislature, has been a great benefit to this institution in making possible the release of a few patients. To date, 81 have been operated upon. Of this number 36 have been paroled." By 1926, Dr. Smith was able to report: "Had it not been for the operation of the sterilization law, we would have been impossible to keep our population below 1000. Of the total number paroled 118 were sterilized. Had it not been for the sterilization. The releasing of these patients has saved the state at least \$25,000 during the biennium. The sterilization act has had its effect felt outside the institution more than was expected. The chief welfare authorities have informed us that the number of unmarried mothers in institutions in Portland has fallen at least 50 per cent, and that the decrease is largely the result of our sterilization law."

The good accomplished by him is not confined to the hundreds of thousands of dollars saved to the taxpayers of Oregon of the past, present and future, by stopping the sources of supply of candidates for institutions of the feeble minded. The greatest permanent stream of criminals and defectives generally, comes from the resourceful spring of feeble minded parentage, and this has always been the case. The heritage of trouble, loss and misery thus conferred upon the state, the country and the world is beyond computation.

It is one thing to get a vision, it is another to see a duty. It is another to bring the visioned thing to pass. It is another to perform the duty, or accomplish the visioned thing. Dr. Smith left the heritage of actual accomplishment, and thus conferred upon his state a station of leadership that will be a lod through-out the years; that will be the means of elevating the status of the whole human race.

The members of his family who mourn and will sadly miss him will have the satisfaction of pointing to his life as one of constant usefulness, as well as having the treasured recollections of the loving deeds of the husband and father.

The last tributes paid to her useful son by so many yesterday, representing the state, the county, the city, the good neighbors, were a sincere and generous representation of the station of life.

(The promised matter concerning the Cranston prison will appear in this column tomorrow.)

Albany Man Is Marion Visitor For Business. MARION, April 23.—L. A. Dorrer of Albany was in town Saturday looking after business interests in connection with his real estate business at Albany. Claudia Roland returned Saturday from a several days visit with Elizabeth Looney. Miss Roland has been appointed to arrange a program in commemoration of music week in the Marion district which will be early in May. The date and program will be announced later.

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A Problem For You For Today. What is the area of a triangle the sides of which are 15, 20 and 25-feet? Answer to Yesterday's Problem: Time, by 33. Explanation: Multiply \$60 by .20; subtract from \$60. Multiply \$48 by .10; subtract from \$48. Multiply \$42.20 by .05; subtract from \$42.20; result, \$41.04 cash. Take 12 per cent of \$41.04; and to \$41.04, take 10 per cent of \$41.04; subtract from \$41.04; result, \$41.37. Subtract from this \$41.94.