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Doctor Best of Jury Men Says Jurist

By H. T. Hopkins.
Portland, Or., Aug. 15.—What professional man makes the best jurist?
"A lawyer," might be expected to be the usual response.
But that isn't the way George Rossmann answers that question. Here's his reply:
"A doctor."

No, Rossmann isn't a doctor; he's municipal judge of Portland, and before he went on the bench he was a lawyer.

But his experience as a jurist has convinced him that a knowledge of medicine is more important in dispensing justice than is an acquaintance with Blackstone.

Four-fifths of the law breakers who appear in police court are deficient, mentally or physically, according to Rossmann, and should be treated by physicians instead of being thrown in jail.

"The people who fall into the hands of the law," he said, "are abnormal people. They cannot live as their fellows. They steal. They use force. They are quarrelsome. They drink, fight with their neighbors or allow their vice passions to rule them."

"These people are subjects for physicians rather than judges. Penalizing in jail does little good. It has a deterrent effect on the rest of society. But is accomplished no reform in the prisoner."

"Take the woman dope fiend who came into my court. An examination showed she was suffering with a cancer and took the dope to deaden the pain. A term in jail would not cure her cancer. Medical science might do something for her, but statutes and ordinances would not."

I do not believe in the present slipshod method of administering justice. A judge should not be required to spend all of his time listening to rules of evidence, to precedents and recent decisions.

"If I had my way I'd never send a man to jail until I had made a thorough examination of his case. I'd insist on a mental and physical examination of the prisoner. I would like to be a physician myself in order that I could discover the reason why the prisoner could not live like his fellow man."

"I believe the time is coming when the physician, and not the judge and jury, will deal with the law-breaker."

Meat Cutters Oppose Cuts

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 15.—Union packing plant employees will not accept a wage reduction, according to Cornelius J. Hayes, international president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen's union, delegates and officers of which went into session here today to formulate a plan to negotiate with the packers an agreement to take effect when the present national agreement expires September 15.

Mr. Hayes made a verbal statement to this effect before entering the conference, which is expected to last four or five days. He expressed the opinion that action at the present meeting would result in the arrangement of "an amicable" agreement with the packers so that "no drastic" action would be taken by the union.

He also declared himself opposed to the industrial relations packing plant organization, sponsored by the packers for adjustment of disputes.

32,000,000 Kronen Paid For Song

Berlin, Aug. 15.—Robert Stolz, a Vienna composer, has broken the world's record for the income received from a single piece of dance music, according to the Neue Berliner. His "Salome Fox-trot" has netted him 32,000,000 kronen in royalties. To figure out the wealth of the Fox-trot Millionaire in real money—an Austrian Kronen is worth about one tenth of one cent.

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City Indebtedness

According to the Oregon Voter, which has been doing a useful work in compiling taxation and indebtedness figures in order to show more clearly where the public moneys go and thus enable the practice of economies by the elimination of waste, 36 Oregon cities have a per capita city debt, not including school, port and other indebtedness, of over \$100 per man, woman and child of population. Six have a debt of over \$200, and three of over \$300 per capita.

Twenty-eight cities are bonded for over 30 percent of their assessed valuation for city debt only. Seven have sold bonds for from 30 to 40 percent of their assessed valuation and three from 40 to 67 percent.

The indebtedness for the cities of Marion and Polk county is given as follows:

Cities—	Bonds		Other	Total
	authorized.	issued.		
Aurora	24,943	19,943	805	24,645
Hubbard	12,000	12,000		12,000
Jefferson	50,000	20,000	10,000	30,000
Mt. Angel	756,555	500,843	256,713	756,555
Silverton	222,761	119,750	5,540	125,330
Turner	10,000	10,000		10,000
Woodburn	49,920	49,920	12,000	61,920
POLK COUNTY				
Dallas	26,414	26,414	6,894	33,308
Falls City	35,000	35,000		35,000
Independence	29,910	29,910		29,910
Monmouth	84,500	84,500	11,211	95,711
W. Salem	26,500	17,000	2,100	19,100

The per capita city debt of Aurora is \$3.52, of Hubbard \$77.02, of Jefferson \$18.78, of Mt. Angel \$32.05, of Salem \$42.79, of Silverton \$55.68, of Turner \$34.60, of Woodburn \$37.39, of Dallas \$12.33, of Falls City \$35.21, of Independence \$26.17, of Monmouth \$164.65, of West Salem \$91.83.

The percentage of assessed value of each of the above cities, represented by the debt of the city, not including school, port or other indebtedness is: Aurora .50, Hubbard 11.89, Jefferson 5.14, Mt. Angel 8.66, Salem 6.51, Silverton 11.41, Turner 6.13, Woodburn 7.09, Dallas 3.1, Falls City 13.79, Independence 6.11, Monmouth 39.81, West Salem 15.90.

Of course it is not what the municipality owes, but the value it received for the expenditure. These figures show a favorable comparison with other cities of the state for indebtedness, but they also show one of the reasons why taxation is high and the necessity of curtailing further bond issues until those localities over-bonded catch up in growth and valuation to a fair ratio.

Farm Tenantry Increasing

Growth of tenant farming is one of the evils threatening the land. Each decade sees the number of owners tilling their own soil shrinking and the number of renters increasing. More and more farms have to support two families—that of their owners and that of the renters, which increases the hazard of the occupation and frequently decreases the productivity of the land.

Of the total number of farms in the United States on January 1, 1920, as shown by the Fourteenth Census (6,448,366), 3,925,095 were operated by their owners, 68,525 by hired managers, and 2,454,746 by tenants. Of the total number of farms, 60.9 per cent were operated by their owners, 1.1 per cent by managers, and 38.1 per cent by tenants. In 1910, 62.1 per cent of the farms were operated by owners, 0.9 per cent by managers, and 37 per cent by tenants. The distribution in 1900 was, owners, 63.7 per cent; managers, 1.0 per cent; and tenants, 35.3 per cent; in 1890, owners and managers together, 71.6 per cent; and tenants, 28.4 per cent; in 1880, owners and managers, 74.4 per cent; and tenants, 25.6 per cent.

The states in which 80 per cent or more of the farms were operated by their owners in 1920 include Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Vermont, New Mexico, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Idaho, West Virginia, Michigan, Arizona, Washington, and Oregon.

The number of farms operated by tenants in 1920 was 2,454,746, as compared with 2,354,676 in 1910. The increase in tenant farms during the decade was 100,070, or 4.2 per cent.

In Oregon there were in 1920, 50,206 farms as against 45,502 ten years before. Those operated by owners were 39,863 in 1920 and 37,796 in 1910. Those operated by tenants in 1920 were 12,419, as against 7,726 in 1910, a gain in tenant farming of 60 percent. While the gain in operating farm owners is in eastern Oregon, the gain in tenantry is in western Oregon.

The older settled the country is, the greater the number of farm tenants, due to the difficulty of securing free and cheap land available to pioneers, and to the retirement of aged farmers to cities and towns to live upon the rentals secured for their properties.

ALICIA HAMMERSLEY A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

By IDAH MCGILONE GIBSON The Noted Writer

Bab's Plan
"Are you sure that it will silence me at the same hotel where Mr. Early and I had lunch together?"
"Besides, I shall be very uncomfortable. What shall we talk Early and his wife to dinner with about?"

Bringing Up Father—By George McManus.



SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

Prayer accomplishes more when accompanied by hard work than when language is used alone.

The opinion of one woman about another woman's dancing is generally poor.

In order to reduce the high cost of living we have got to do more than spill words.

Sometimes a fellow can't help thinking that government is an institution for the discouragement of enterprise.

Seems as though a large part of our lives is devoted to killing bugs and bacteria.

Monuments to dead soldiers are fine, but a bonus to living soldiers is finer still.

HEZ HECK SAYS:

When it comes to determining the greatest nuisance in the world the choice seems to lie between Ouija boards and cats.

"Why, of course not, silly. Do Duane and me do the talking."
"Bab, you are not going to tell Duane," I said in horror.
"I don't quite agree with you, you imagine that I am going to tell Duane everything that anyone tells me for the rest of my natural life? The work that I have cut out for myself in order to become a successful wife," said Bab oracularly, "is to keep from telling Duane the things he should not know about my sex, and keep him informed of the things that he should know."
"Bab, are you not entering into a pretty arduous life? You are a constant surprise and amusement to me."
"Well, my dear Alix, you have demonstrated that it is easier for you to attract a man than it is for me. But I believe that I know how to keep them better than you. I have thought a great deal about that part of it. Most women seem to think that catching a man, and keeping him, mean the same thing, but what I have seen among my married friends teaches me that it takes an entirely different bag of tricks to keep a husband than it does to catch him."
"Still, Bab, I do not think that I can sit in a hotel dining room with Roland Early and his wife under the circumstances."
"Yes, you can—of course you can. Go to the phone now and call him up before he beats you to it."
"Beats me to it? What do you mean, Bab?"
"You are an unsuspecting child even if you are a widow, Alix. How you write the stories you do is a mystery to me. Why don't you know that the first thing that Early will do after he has reduced his wife to tears by telling her she was a fool or worse to come to you, will be to insist she can only rectify her mischief by inviting you to dinner?"
"I don't quite agree with you, Bab. Although it is possible that Mr. Early may ask me to dinner, yet I am sure that he will say nothing to her about her visit to me. To do so he would have to admit that we were on much more intimate terms than he would care to confess."
"You may be right, but I really feel that Early man will have to tell some one his troubles. That is the reason that he is so popular with women. A man of his tem-

conversation, I'll see to that and I'll guarantee as well to keep Mr. Early on his tiptoes with interest and expectation.
"Act as though nothing had happened," was Bab's last admonition as I took down the receiver.
"I wish to speak to Mr. Early. Tell him it is Mrs. Hammersley speaking," I said to the girl at the office switch-board.
In a moment I recognized Miss Belcher's voice. "Who wishes to speak to Mr. Early? This is his secretary speaking. Can I do anything for you? Mr. Early is very busy preparing for an out of town trip."
I was perfectly well aware that Miss Belcher knew that it was I who wished to speak to Mr. Early, but she took this way of annoying me and also of telling me that Mr. Early was leaving town suddenly.
"It is Mrs. Hammersley speaking, Miss Belcher, I would like very much to speak to Mr. Early personally."
"I will tell him, Mrs. Hammersley, but perhaps you had better let him call you up, as he is in conference just at present."
I smiled, because I had learned while in the magazine office just what that word "conference" was made to cover in the distribution of the modern business man's time. I have known Mr. Early to send out word that he was in conference and could not be disturbed when he was showing me the tricks of his new police dog—and always when he served tea—which he did every afternoon in English fashion—he told the business callers he was in conference while his friends were invited in.
"I think, if you do not mind, Miss Belcher, I will hold the wire," I said sweetly. I heard the bang of the receiver on the desk and said to myself, "Score one for Alicia."
Immediately Mr. Early's voice, in which there was an agitated note, came to my ears.
"Yes, Mrs. Hammersley!"
"I am very sorry to interrupt you, Mr. Early, especially as Miss Belcher tells me that you are leaving town soon."
"I want you to feel, Mrs. Hammersley, that you are never an interruption and I am very glad you called me, as I was just about to call you."
(Tomorrow Dinner for Six.)

Boys In Auto Collision With Train at Marion

Albany, Or., Aug. 15.—Winston Strong, 12, was injured, probably fatally, and Ray Strong, 16, sustained a broken collarbone and other injuries when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a southbound train at a crossing on the Southern Pacific mainline about one mile south of Marion late Sunday. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Strong of Gresham, Or. Winston suffered concussion of the brain and his injuries were declared to be dangerous. Ray is not seriously hurt.

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Tabloid Sermons For Busy People by Parson Abiel Haile

"Take Therefore no thought for the morrow."—Matthew 6:34.
Probably no text in the entire scripture has been more enthusiastically misquoted than this. The thoughtless and heedless, the silly and brainless, have repeated it—with the omission of the words "Therefore," and so have lost the entire spirit of the words of Jesus. Many have affected to believe—and some have in their ignorance believed—that the text they quote—or misquote—so glibly, justifies a bland indifference to the events of the morrow. They would rather read the chapter and be put straight. It contains wonderful philosophy Ben Franklin expressed, as he put it, "an approbation of the philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth," and unless one knows one's self to be wiser than that very wise Benjamin, one would do well to be imbued with that philosophy. The spirit is this: If each day's work is done in a constructive manner, with each brick laid true, there is nothing to fret about for the coming day. All of us are builders, unless we are idlers and our structures are character, business, profession, art or any calling, from street cleaning to running a Federal reserve bank. If the day's task is slurred over, if procrastination is allowed sway, if there is an indifference to honest craftsmanship—there will be trouble on the morrow. If the lesson is not absorbed in study, the teacher will manifest displeasure in his own way. But if the day's end finds the day's task done, honorably and conscientiously, and if the lesson is learned at night; if closing the day finds a calm conscience, then, and then only, as Jesus plainly pointed out in the full text—"seek ye first, righteousness" and then—"Take therefore no thought for the morrow." Get the righteousness—do your level best, and go to sleep. But be sure that you can look yourself in the eye, in the mirror, before you retire.

Sees Aunt's House In Christie Comedy Makes Her Homesick

Do you ever get homesick at the movies?
Marjorie Harbert of this city did last Friday night in the course of a Christie comedy at the Oregon, when all at once there flashed on the screen a picture of her aunt's house in Hollywood. Some of the comedians walked up to the door which was opened by—not her aunt—but some unknown woman in Christie's following. And later, in one of those intimate back porch scenes, Miss Harbert recognized the rear of the same house.

Threat of Tong War Outbreak In Salem Fizzles Out

Victims of an outbreak of a Chinese tong war in Salem put the police department on the alert Sunday night, when Bin Sen, local noodle house proprietor who recently received threatening letters because of his withdrawal from the tong of which he had been a member, telephoned for the police.
Bin Sen said that he was being hunted by two young Chinese, strangers in Salem, who were trying to stir up a local tong war. Investigation by Officers Hayes and Brannon failed to reveal any trace of the Chinese strangers.

Police Patrol Michigan Shore

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 15.—Armed with rifles, a detachment of 75 state police today started patrolling the waters in the vicinity of Detroit with motor boats to guard show.

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