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Placing the Blame

As there is nothing romantic about being dead, the living soon transfer their interest from the victim of a crime to the perpetrators, and mushy sentimentality replaces commonsense.

We are given an instance of this usual occurrence in the capture of Dr. Brumfield, the accused Roseburg dentist, who is being returned for the murder of Dennis Russell, the hermit rancher. All sort of speculation is being indulged in to account for an unaccountable crime. One hypothesis advanced (by a city friend, of course) is as follows:

By inclination, Dr. Richard M. Brumfield was a follower of the arts, a worshipper at the shrine of culture, a passionate devotee of music, painting and literature. By force of circumstances, he was a small-town dentist with a growing family and a dwindling prospect—a prospect which contained nothing except years of humdrum domesticity and tooth-filling. Driven to the brink of madness by his self-forged chains, he determined to free himself in one ruthless and desperate stroke.

We suppose that this is the customary effort to prove that society is responsible for crime and not the individual. If Roseburg had only had more culture and the community been able to afford grand opera instead of phonographs, there wouldn't have been the irresistible temptation to the dentist to "free himself in one desperate and ruthless stroke." Hence Roseburg should be tried as the guilty party, for if the town hadn't been so dull, the crime wouldn't have been committed. Living in Roseburg might make anyone crazy, but Roseburg can prove an alibi and shift the blame onto society in general, which shackled the artistic temperament of the criminal into the narrow and hum-drum sphere of a tooth-finker, with the added burdens of a devoted wife, happy children and adequate income. He remained there of his own volition, and hence was "driven to the brink of madness." How rosy life would have been if he had only fallen for the allurement of Oregon's "Main Street" metropolis!

A Tax Absurdity

In its proposed reform of taxation congress strangely overlooks tax-exemption securities, which have so rapidly increased that they are absorbing all the surplus wealth of the nation and diverting it from industry. No income or excess profits taxation can function satisfactorily as long as wealth can evade taxation by investment in tax-exempt securities. Extension of tax-exemption privilege means exemption for the wealthy only and greater taxation for the general public, higher rents through less building, continuance of high living cost and unemployment because of less capital for productive industry and a general halting of industrial development.

There are over thirty billions of tax free securities afloat in this country, largely representing municipal securities—which means that much property is escaping taxation. Farm loan bank bonds, joint stock land bank bonds and other forms of securities, illustrate the dangers of extension of the tax-exemption privilege, which is injurious class legislation and establishes a vicious precedent.

Exclusive of liberty bonds, there are approximately sixteen billions of dollars amenable to taxation now untaxed in these securities, which if the tax-exempt privilege was withdrawn, would yield at a normal tax rate nearly a billion dollars annually, relieving the huge tax burden and diverting large sums to productive uses. If the privilege is extended, it will intensify existing evils, withdraw still more money from taxation, make taxation higher, make for greater municipal extravagance, cheek building and industry.

Tax-exemption is an economic absurdity and should be abolished.

ALICIA HAMMERSLEY

A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON
The Noted Writer

Dinner for Six

When Mr. Early said that he was just about to call me, I hesitated to interrupt, for I knew that Bab was right in her forecast that he was going to invite me to dinner and I wanted to be the first to extend the invitation.

Not wanting for him to say why he was calling me, I said: "I want to tell you, Mr. Early, that my sister, Barbara, whom you have met, and her newly acquired husband, Mr. Duane Benton—I think you also met him when you were in my home—came unexpectedly for a short stay with me this morning. I have been told that Mrs. Early's health is so much improved that she is going out a bit, and I wondered if she would waive ceremony and that you both would take dinner with my brother, sister and myself this evening at the Hotel."

There was a moment's silence and I seemed to see Mr. Early at the other end of the wire, gulping for breath. Then he answered, "It is a strange coincidence, but I must tell you, Mrs. Hammersley, that I had intended calling you up this morning to say that Mrs. Early wanted you to

SAP AND SALT
BY Bert Moses
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Love lasts longer when taken in small doses.

Many of the natural things we do are considered crimes.

Some men are so generous and broadminded they will do anything but work.

Among other costly things, it is rather expensive for a ten-dollar-a-day man to take a day off.

The beautiful thing about being a lawyer is that you win the fee even when you lose the case.

If young men would devote half of their cigarette money to books, the net result would be considerably better.

HEZ HECK SAYS:
It's a good rule to shed a little ignorance each day.

Peace Portal At Boundary Being Erected

Biatne, Wash., Aug. 16.—Dedication of a huge "Peace Portal," built across the Pacific highway where it crosses the boundary line between Canada and the United States here, will take place September 6.

The portal was built to commemorate the century or more of peace between Canada and the United States. The dedication will be attended by representatives of the Canadian, French and American governments, as well as by hundreds of residents of British Columbia and the Pacific northwest.

The ceremonies will also include dedication of the Pacific highway, which runs nearly 2000 miles south from Vancouver, B. C., across Washington, Oregon and California, to Tia Juana in Lower California.

The Pacific highway will be paved its entire length by 1925. It is expected, making it the first transcontinental road in the nation to be hard-surfaced every inch.

Irish Beauty Uses Gas To Escape Threats

Chicago, Aug. 16.—A search for a letter from the editor of a North Dakota periodical and for an unidentified man was begun by the police today in an effort to explain the suicide of Mrs. Mary DeBrito, 28, an advertising writer for a large department store.

At the young woman's rooming house, it was learned that some time ago she wrote a letter to Governor Frazier of North Dakota declaring a North Dakota magazine, which had advocated tar and feathers, as punishment in certain cases, should be suppressed. A letter from the governor's secretary acknowledged receipt of her communication and stated it had been referred to the editor of the magazine.

Last Friday the police were informed, Mrs. DeBrito received a letter from the editor and she appeared much agitated. On Saturday a strange man, representing himself as an insurance man, made inquiries at her lodgings. Later that day the same man, it is believed, called at her office and was said to have threatened her.

Mrs. DeBrito was found dead last night in a bath tub with a gas hose in her mouth.

The young woman, when sixteen years old, was married to Claude DeBrito, said to be a wealthy Brazilian, but a separation occurred. At one time she was awarded a prize as Chicago's most beautiful Irish girl.

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Tabloid Sermons
For Busy People by Parson Abiel Haile

"For every man shall bear his own burden."—Gal. 6-5.

Folks, this is a cold, hard text and it is very true. It contains comfort for the leanners, the parasites and the idlers who while of misfortune. Even the physically afflicted in the most cases share a sturdy independence. Of course, the weak and really ill cannot bear burdens. But those with sufficient strength to answer the struggle thrice daily can pack the most of their load if they will. From Moses to Messiah there is no gentle word for those who would evade the carrying of their burdens. The Creator's entire firmament reveals the doctrine of constant effort. The soil, the sea, the sky—all are at work on their tasks. Throughout nature, the same law prevails, and man cannot escape. Christ bore His burden—and so must each of us. In these days there is perhaps no more of tendency to "let George do it" than ever in time; human nature as it ever was. The personal lesson we are to draw from the crisp axiom of Paul—and he preceded it with a suggestion that we bear our own burdens—is that we first must do a good job bearing our own burden. The salesman out on the road who pesters the sales manager with trivial requests for advice really is "playing the boss" and gets no credit. The workman who stops every fifth motion to get directions—the boy or girl who shirks burden-bearing by asking silly questions instead of using their heads, make a serious mistake. Holding hands are noble and kindly and always there are good souls who strain their backs with their own burdens, on which are superimposed the burdens of others. Just now there is a growing tendency by the pleasure loving who do no labor nor provide work for others by their own mental exertion, to forget the caution of Paul. There are in many walks of life. Indications tend to suggest that we are in an exceptionally good time for every one in this country to begin bearing their own burdens.

Judges Favor Whipping Post

Denver, Colo., Aug. 16.—Back to the whipping post? Judge Lewis L. Fawcett of the supreme court of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently recommended the whipping post as proper punishment for certain types of criminals.

Although the primary object of penal law is the protection of society and not the punishment of the criminal, the Brooklyn Judge's theory finds lodgment in the convictions of two well known Colorado judges.

Magistrate William A. Rice, veteran local police judge, feels that the whipping post might be used effectively for offenders of the wife-beating and non-family supporting type, but says such a law should be hedged about by a guarantee that the accused receive a fair and impartial trial. He says women are prone to make charges when they themselves are other participant of criminal conditions in the home.

Judge Royal R. Graham of Greeley feels that the whipping post is all right with wife-beaters, but believes that ordinary offenders should tackle the state's rock piles—not in competition with ordinary labor, but in work that helps the state.

Italy Shaken by Earthquakes

Rome, Aug. 16.—Serious earthquake shocks are reported from the Italian colony of Eritrea, on the African shore of the Red Sea. A telegram from Asmara, the seat of the governmental residence of the colony, says four people have been killed and a score injured at Massawa, on the Red Sea coast. Several houses have collapsed and others have been damaged in that town, while other casualties are reported from nearby places.

The Italian minister of colonies has ordered that aid be immediately dispatched to the scene of the earthquake.

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Prune Buyers Are Active

(Continued from Page One.)
the opening of the drying season and the establishment of basic prices.

Competition Keen.
The canners are this year facing a new form of competition due to the development of a condition novel to the prune industry in the Willamette valley. Brokers are reported bidding extensively for green prunes for the first time and are making preparations to pool the crops of a number of orchards and do their own drying, or have it done on contract.

This condition has grown out of the short crop which will make it unpracticable for many of the growers to open their dryers profitably. Brokerage firms are planning to lease some of the idle dryers for the season, or contract with the owners of some of the larger dryers to handle their purchases.

Higher Price Indicated.
While growers doing their own drying estimate the actual cost of the process at about a cent and a half per pound, negotiations of the brokers for contract drying are understood to be contemplating a price of 2 to 2 1/2 cents per pound. Such figuring by the brokers is taken to indicate an anticipation on their part of a further advance in the dried market. Two cents paid for drying green prunes purchased at \$1.40 per bushel, the minimum figure for which the growers are holding out, would bring the Dallas cost of the dried fruit to 9 cents to the brokers, on the basis of 20 pounds to the bushel dried.

Many growers, however, are anticipating that the dried return in pounds to the bushel will run more than 26 pounds this year, due to the lack of rain during the growing season. Last year many of the prunes ran as low as 17 and 18 pounds to the bushel dried, but they have run as high as 24 pounds, the mark they are expected to approximate this year.

Prunes Large, Claim.
Offering of 6 cents for 30-35s of the coming dried crop still rule the market, but are being entertained with less and less enthusiasm by the growers around Dallas, who are showing increased confidence in their early predictions of a 10-cent price for this size. The price on 40-50s they predict will reach 8 1/2 cents or better.

Reports that there will be very few of the larger sizes in the new crop are meeting denial from the growers on every hand. The sparse bearings of the trees and the condition of the fruit at the present time insures larger prunes than for many seasons it is declared.

Negro Attacks Girl; Is Lynched

Brosbeck, Texas, Aug. 15.—A report that Alex Winn, negro, was hanged yesterday at Datura, near here, by an armed mob following an attack upon a white girl was received here today by wire from the justice of the peace at Datura to County Attorney L. E. Eubanks.

Bolsheviks Stop Armenian Battle

Kars, Transcaucasia, Aug. 14.—Bolshevik troops stopped a battle being fought by Turks and Armenians near here today. The Armenians attacked remnants of the forces of Kaidin Kara Bekir, the Turkish nationalist commander in Armenia, the remainder of Kaidin's troops having been sent to Angora.

Captive Not Small
Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 16.—Judge Hubert Ulterback this morning dismissed the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Chief of Police Saunders against private Detectives Frank Harty and John J. Brophy, asking for the surrender of the man they believed to be Ambrose J. Small, the missing Toronto millionaire.

Aged Sport Dies
New Orleans, La., Aug. 16.—Alexander Brewster, timekeeper in the famous bare fist fight between Sullivan and Kiltrap, and prominently identified with many of the sporting events of the past, died yesterday at the age of 88.

Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

THIS IS ONE NIGHT OF THE WEEK THAT I MUST GIT TO DINTY MOORE'S PLACE - WHAT WILL I TELL MAGGIE?

DONT YOU EVER STOP THINKING OF GOING OUT?

WELL IF YOU'D LET ME OUT - I WOULDN'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT.

MAGGIE - DARLIN' - IF YOU LET ME OUT TONIGHT - I WON'T GO OUT AGIN THIS WEEK.

ALL RIGHT - DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE.

DINTY - SET UP FER ONE.

DINTY MOORE'S TUESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL CORNED BEANS AND CABBAGE