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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

The advisability of inflicting the death penalty for certain crimes committed is a question that has engaged the attention of many able minds for years. It is a question not yet settled. It is within the province of a state to remove from the midst of the people anything, living or dead, which is proved to be a menace to the safety of the life or property of the inhabitants of said state. Therefore, it is readily the privilege of the state to condemn a murderer to death, because he is an unsafe man to be at large with the people. But is it advisable to execute the murderer?

Many people shudder at the idea of a christian people practicing capital punishment. They argue against the death penalty because of humanitarian sentiments. But of all questions in which cold reason should have the upper hand that of dealing with one who has taken the life of his fellow must be considered first.

All the states of the union have statutes in favor of capital punishment, save Michigan, Wisconsin and Rhode Island. In these states the death penalty for crime was abolished fifty years ago and to date has not been re-enacted. A writer, commenting recently in Harpers' Weekly, took the ground that since the abolition of capital punishment in these states there has been no more crime than in other states where the extreme penalty was enforced. But the writer did not go so far as to declare that there had been a diminution of crime as the result of the abolishment of the death penalty.

In Kansas the death penalty can be executed only on the governor's warrant. As a result of this law there are no executions, owing to the fact that the governors repeatedly refuse to sign the death warrants.

When one reasons without prejudice in the matter there are several features presented strongly. In the first place no man is compelled to take the life of another, except in self-defense, when it is not murder. There are many justifiable causes for taking the life of another, and in such cases it is considered justifiable homicide and nothing is done in the matter.

Is it not possible that murder is committed many times in the expectation that the perpetrator will escape punishment? Is it not possible that the knowledge that there is a good chance of escape from the gallows has a tendency to make men reckless? Let the fact that none shall escape be generally known and there might be less murder recorded. When tempted to commit a murder the knowledge that if he does he shall surely hang will have a wholesome effect as a deterrent. The possibility of escape at the hands of the courts causes recklessness and the fellow takes the chance.

MARRIAGE.

They whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. This is the substance of a quotation much heard. It is tacked onto the marriage bond.

The inquiring mind wonders just when God began joining men and women together in marriage. Has there always been a marriage bond? Did Adam and Eve possess a certificate setting forth the legality of their union? In view of the fact that the

growth of civilization, as recorded by authentic history, has been slow and gradual; that even in our history there have been radical changes in people and customs; that the mind reverts in a twinkling to a period when all men were barbarians, may it not be possible that we are inclined to deal falsely with ourselves and others when discussing the sanctity of marriage?

For the sake of argument, let us admit that we had simian ancestors—of course many hadn't, but most people will admit that some of their acquaintances had. Such being the case, what kind of a ceremony was performed that enabled these forerunners of man to proudly proclaim themselves man and wife? Now, really, don't you think there is buncombe everywhere?

It is reasonable to suppose that in the earlier ages men and women mated, when it pleased them, and without any ceremony. As civilization advanced certain forms and ceremonies were evolved, and the work of evolution progressed until today we have what is termed sanctified marriage.

Our civilization demands such marriage as we have today or we would not have it. In time the customs of future generations will change and among other things the matter of marriage ceremony is as likely to change as anything. Time alone will tell and we may only judge the future by the past. Marriage, as we know it today, is right and proper but no more holy than good men and women make it. It is recognized by the courts as a contract. It can be no more sacred than love of the contracting parties, each for the other, makes it. If there be love there is harmony and it is a blessed state. If there be no love nor anything akin to it you all know what marriage must be.

Let there be marriages, and many of them, but first let those about to take the vow be certain of their feelings or they will have many regrets. A little more deliberation beforehand will guard against many unhappy hours.

Additional Local.

Misses Ella and Thia Johnson leave Sunday for Portland, this morning to attend the military openings and the latter to visit Miss Rova Cox.

Mrs. Frank Hart and child and Miss Olive Sandell left Wednesday for their homes in East Seattle. Frank Hart returned to that city some time ago, and Miss Mae Hart also went there about two weeks ago.

Frank Lane came out from the bay this week for a visit with friends.

The Johnson military is being repainted, and with the handsome plateglass front that has just been added, is greatly improved in appearance.

A. W. Herbert and family returned Wednesday from a several weeks' stay at Newport.

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