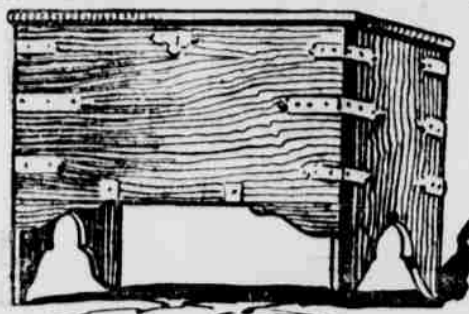


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The Law Times makes the following comment on the sentences passed on the Humberts, the notorious French swindlers: "Some of the comments in the press on the sentence passed on Mme. Humbert and her husband (the other pair of culprits came off more lightly) betray a very imperfect appreciation of its nature. Five years' reclusion, or solitary confinement as it is understood in France, is not only a rigorous but a terrible penalty. Our own code offers no parallel to it and it is probable that a life sentence of penal servitude in this country would be far more easily endured. The solitude of the prisoner in reclusion is all but absolute. The strictest silence is enforced. Presumably the consolations of religion—whatever that may amount to in so dreadful a situation—are not entirely withheld; otherwise the prisoner is forbidden to speak, even to his guardian. Books are denied and (which must be almost the worst infliction of all) the most complete idleness is enforced; no employment of any description may mitigate the appalling vacancy of days, weeks and years. Half an hour's exercise is allowed daily, in a hood which covers everything except the eyes. This horrible life in death may end in the tomb, but it is more likely to end in the padded cell of the maniac."

WHAT IS A FLAT?

Tired Woman Defines It and Also Tells How It is Distinguished from an Apartment.

"Won't some one please enlighten me as to the difference between a flat and an apartment?" plaintively inquired a woman who had just moved to the city at an afternoon tea. Everybody was willing to enlighten her, says the Chicago Tribune.

"Why, of course," said one, with an experienced air; "the flat has a set of speaking tubes and whistles and bells and things. When you want to get in you ring the bell and the door clicks, and you go in before the clacking stops. At an apartment house there is a hallway to let you in, and usually an elevator and telephone besides—"

"No, you're wrong," came from a tired-looking little woman in a corner. "Those are only mere surface differences. A flat and an apartment may both have none or all of those things. The only real, heartrending difference is this: In a flat, it is not considered a heinous crime to have children; in an apartment it is. That's all. I've been hunting vines and fig trees lately myself, and I know. None of the fig trees I looked at would tolerate my olive branches; guess they don't grow in the same gardens any more outside of the Bible."

Rather a Queer Dog.

"Dagonet," in the Referee, tells a story of two little girls who were trying to explain what sort of a dog it was they had seen, reports Public Opinion. Said one little girl: "It was one of those funny dogs—you know, the ones that are a dog and a half long and half a dog high." Said the other: "You must know the sort. It's a dog that only has four legs, but looks as if it ought to have six." It may interest "Dagonet" to hear of a fairly apt definition that a Public Opinion man once heard applied to the dachshund—"the dog with two Louis XIV. legs."

DOWN WITH SHIP.

Two Hundred Russians Lost on the Variag.

New York, Feb. 12.—About 200 of the Variag's crew lost their lives when the vessel was destroyed Monday by Japanese off Chemulpo, according to a World dispatch from Tokio. The crew of the Russian cruiser numbered 570. Many lost their lives under fire, but a large number were drowned in attempting to escape.

The men loyally aided their officers, and it is said not one of the latter was drowned in getting ashore. Many swam not to the shore, but to the foreign men of war in the harbor, which promptly lowered boats and went to their rescue. Besides the French cruiser Pascal, the Italian cruiser Elba and the British cruiser Talbot aided the refugees. One hundred and fifty, many of them wounded, reached the Talbot.

Sir Cyprian Bridge, the British Admiral in command of the station, has ordered that the wounded Russians shall not be handed over to the Japanese unless they so desire.

The Japanese did not lose a man. None of the fleet, which is known to have been in overwhelming force, was damaged. The engagement was watched by four foreign warships, including the United States gunboat Vicksburg. They all saluted the Japanese flag Thursday, it being the great national festival of Kigenetsu, the anniversary of the accession of the Emperor Jimmu to the throne, and the foundation of the present imperial line, 2564 years ago.

Good Faith Not Evident.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 11.—The officers of the Oregon City Land Office today handed down four important decisions by which the entries to an entire section of valuable timber land in Benton county are cancelled. The cases decided are:

Morse Burnap vs. Edna N. Spalding, Henry Ambler vs. Charles W. Spalding, Charles W. Davis vs. Lillian E. Spalding and William D. Mack vs. Charles A. Spalding.

Much interest attaches to the decisions for the contests were warmly fought from the start, prominent attorneys of the state being employed by the contesting parties.

The land involved in the contests is section 24, township 13, south range 7 west, and is valued for its remarkable growth of timber. Contestants allege nonresidence, noncultivation of the land and contended that the original settlers filed on the lands solely for the timber. In deciding for the contestants, the local office says in part, all of the cases being decided on the same points:

"A fair and reasonable interpretation of the evidence leads to the belief that the entryman never established his actual residence on the land with the intention of making it his permanent home to the exclusion of any other home elsewhere, and that his few trips to the land were only occasional visits designed to show a compliance with the letter of the law. His improvements on said land are meagre and have scarcely been sufficient to fit it for habitation. His real home appears to have been in Corvallis."

"It appearing to us that the entryman has not complied with the homestead law as to residence, cultivation and improvements, and that his acts do not evidence good faith in making said land his permanent home, we therefore recommend the cancellation of the entry involved therein."

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Wool Clip Smaller.

A comprehensive review of the wool trade for the year 1903 as given by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers in their annual report just issued. The report says:

"The estimates of the best informed dealers vary greatly as to the quantity of wool produced this year, as compared with the preceding one. Nearly all claim a shortage of 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 pounds, while some estimate it to be a much greater amount.

"All agree that the wools in general are lighter, poorer growth and more uneven than last year, owing to lack of forage and severe weather. These conditions are reflected in our estimate of average weight of fleeces and shrinkage. The average weight for the whole country shows a reduction from 6.50 pounds in 1902 to 6.25 pounds in 1903. This falling off is most noticeable in the territorial states, and it influences, in some degree, the quantity produced in most of the states and territories.

"On the basis of 39,284,000 sheep, the quantity of wool produced, not including pulled or butchers' wool, is 245,450,000 pounds, as against 274,341,032 pounds last year—a decrease of 28,891,032 pounds."

Raid on Games.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 12.—Quietly and without any warning whatever District Attorney Thomas G. Hailey, in company with Sheriff T. D. Taylor and Deputy Sheriff C. P. Davis, armed with 54 warrants, swooped down on the gambling houses this afternoon and closed every game in the city. The raid was thorough and tonight there is not a single back room or little game of any kind going on in the gambling houses.

Up to a late hour tonight the Sheriff had succeeded in placing 34 of the gamblers under arrest, all of them putting up \$150 cash bond for their appearance in the Circuit Court. The coup was one of the biggest surprises ever perpetrated on the knights of the green cloth in this city.

Cigarette users seldom expectorate. It is because the glands secreting saliva become atrophied and refuse to do business. But most people would as lief be spit in the face as to be infested with second hand cigarette smoke.

Albert Beckman, who killed his sweetheart, Helen Kelly, at Butte, last October, admits his guilt and says he wants to hang.

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The Baltimore fire has forced the United Society of Christian Endeavor to seek another place for the coming national convention.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, January 15, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Richard E. Crowder, contestant, against homestead entry No. 9802, made October 7, 1901, for the sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 12 and e $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 4 and sec. 4 sw $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11, T. 5 N., R. 26 E., by Rice L. Taylor, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Rice L. Taylor has wholly abandoned said tract for more than a year last past and has never made any residence thereon as an actual settler under the homestead laws of the United States; and that said alleged absence was not due to employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on February 23, 1904, before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on March 14, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed Dec. 21, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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