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"Thou Shalt Not Kill."

THE criminal record of Oregon for the past year is an unenviable one. Particularly is this the case as regards murder. The laxness of legal tribunals and the strong leaning of the juries to the side of mercy is developing a feeling that however subservient of social order is corrective in its results. The idea seems to be sedulously cultivated that killing for cause is no murder. As murder rarely occurs without some kind of provocation—killing for the purpose of robbery bearing but a small proportion to the aggregate of murders committed—this sentiment, if accepted as conclusive, will in time grant a general immunity to everybody to kill or make away with his enemies at his pleasure. To say that one may take the life of the man who provokes him, is simply to take murder out of the catalogue of crimes. The burglar or highwayman who kills in the pursuit of his profession may, by this sentiment, be held amenable to society, but all other forms of killing are pronounced justifiable in the eyes of the law and of the public; and our civilization, returning to the sources from where it emanated, restores to each individual the right, once withdrawn from him, of becoming his own judge and his own executioner in the disputes that arise between him and his fellow-men. To say that a man may kill for any cause, excepting in self-defence, and then only when the danger is real and imminent, is to confess the machinery of government utterly inadequate for its purpose, and to invite a new social chaos. One of the earliest functions of government, and one of the necessities of its existence was to adjudicate between contestants. It created courts and judges for this purpose. It required the aggrieved to carry their grievances before the proper tribunal, which, adjudging whether the injury was real, also imposed the penalty which the wrongdoer was to suffer. It may seem absurd to state these purely primary principles, but we find in many minds a strange confusion on this subject that clearly arises from a forgetfulness of these principles, simple and primary as they are. It ought to be clearly, definitely, forcibly realized, that no man can take the law into his own hand, and, if he does so, nothing but that sort of provocation that arises from personal danger shall excuse him. There can be no social order, no security, no law, no civilization, unless this principle is well understood and rigidly carried out. Judges ought absolutely to exclude evidence tending to show provocation in the case of murder, and juries should enforce by their verdicts the sentiment that there can be no palliation for killing, excepting the single one of immediate personal danger. And the fact of habitually carrying concealed fire-arms or other concealed weapons ought to enhance and even render certain the guilt of the prisoner. To carry fire-arms, or other dangerous weapons, is itself a crime; it shows murderous thoughts and intentions; it shows a latent disposition to slay if occasion arise, and it is not, except in rare cases, justified by personal danger. A man who carries pistols among men without pistols is not merely a coward—he is every un-armed man's enemy, and he ought to be driven out of the society he outrages. No jury should show a moment's tenderness toward a man accustomed to go armed. However sudden or unpremeditated the murder he may be under trial for, the fact of the weapon ought to exclude every claim for mercy. In no community, so advanced as ours in civilization, are the pistol and knife so frequently

used, and until a rigid public sentiment puts the practice down, the epidemic of murder that now rages through the country will continue. We should like the fact of a man drawing a weapon to be justly incite the indignation of bystanders that no man dare to do so with safety. If there must be lawlessness, let it be that sort of lawlessness that will extinguish the defiant spirit of the murderer. Either let us all wear weapons openly, as in old times, or let the coward who conceals one be treated as a premeditated murderer, to whom is due neither clemency nor toleration. If the law cannot reach such a man, he ought to be stoned out of the community he defies and endangers.

Senator Humphrey of Lin Co. has introduced into the state senate a bill prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons; a bill which ought to receive the support of every member of the legislature. The Author of the Moray Letter. A New York special purports to have the inside history of the celebrated Moray letter on the Chinese question, the publication of which carried California against Garfield in the last presidential election. The dispatch is to the effect that John J. Davenport has been working twenty-three months in an endeavor to ferret out the authorship of the forgery; that he has finally got the whole story to its conclusion and execution, together with the confession of the forger, and that he is about to publish the facts in pamphlet form; that the man who forged the document is named H. H. Hadley, a renegade Republican in the employ of the Democratic National committee, and that some of the leading spirits in that body were cognizant of and approved the forgery. The story told is to the effect that Hadley, as the professed leader of a certain body of voters in New York, wrote to General Garfield, asking an explanation as to the credit mobiler charges. The letter was answered by Private Secretary Brown, inclosing the manuscript of General Garfield's speech on the subject to his constituents in 1873. He thus got Garfield's autograph. The dispatch thus continues: Hadley, who is an expert penman, spent several days studying and practicing the handwriting and autograph of General Garfield. The stationery stores were ransacked to find paper similar to that used at Mentor, and then Hadley wrote the famous forgery. An envelope was prepared to correspond with that which Hadley had received from Mentor and put through a process to make it look soiled and worn. When it was finished, it was shown to Randall, Hewitt and several other reputable Democrats, who had no doubt of its genuineness. The dispatch concludes with the statement that an electrotype facsimile was offered to the Sun, which refused to publish it. It was then taken to the Truth and there published. A special train was chartered to convey copies of the paper to California. It is said that Davenport not only has Hadley's confession, but a number of his practice sheets and the final copy from which the facsimile was made. Davenport also has the final copy from which the electrotype was made to show how Barnum and his fellow-conspirators endeavored to establish the genuineness of the letter and the existence of Morey, the man to whom it was addressed.

FRANK JAMES, brother of Jesse James, and of almost equal notoriety with the dead desperado, surrendered himself to the governor of Missouri last Thursday. He said it was no use to attempt longer living in outlawry.

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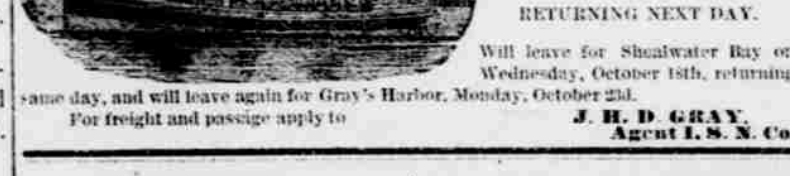
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