

# The Cottage Grove Sentinel

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## The Sins of the Father, Etc.

An unusual human interest story with a moral is to be found in the sad story of the boy, who shot and killed his own father in the family residence in Duluth a short time ago, having been spurred on to the deed by his father's abuse of his mother.

The boy-murderer appears to feel no remorse and the burden of his story is that his father never acted the part of a parent to him.

True it would take quite a stretch of the imagination to believe that parental neglect alone could cause a boy in his right mind to deliberately murder his own father, as this misguided boy did, but the peculiarities of disposition that magnified his father's abuse of his mother and the fiery temper that called for such abuse might have been righted and calmed by the care and companionship due from a father.

Then, if the father had been a better parent to his children, the same feelings would have led him to have been a better husband and there would have been no cause for the deed that has sent his soul to doubtful oblivion and made a parricide of the boy.

This terrible tragedy may serve some good by bringing home to neglectful parents a stronger sense of what they owe those for whose existence they are responsible.

There are far too many fathers who carry the notion that they have done their full duty by contributing to the bringing into the world of a child. A child hungry for a parent's love is a pitiful thing.

A child that does not crave its father's love and affection has been born of a sadly neglected mother. The father who does not enjoy the innocent and care-free childish prattle of a baby tongue, whose heart does not respond to the pressure of chubby arms about his neck entwined and of cherub lips pressed to his, may be a parent because nature makes him so, but he is not a father in the true sense of the word.

The father who does not enjoy the companionship of his children has no right to their love; the father who does enjoy their companionship has no fear of injury at their hands.

## GOVERNOR WEST TIRES OF OFFICE.

Governor Oswald West wishes to step down and out when his present term of office expires. This is his own statement and he should be qualified to speak authoritatively upon such a subject. The governor was probably surprised to find so many of those who have been hampering him in his work for once ready and willing to lend him a helping hand in carrying out his idea. The sudden change of heart must have appealed to him and touched him deeply, for the governor has attracted national attention because of his tender heart.

Governor West has been maligned by people and press probably as much as any man of his time in a public position. Some has been genuine criticism, other has grown from political prejudice.

The governor is a young man and may have made mistakes in judgment. His ideals may be too high for attainment in this twentieth century. He may have been fired by youthful ardor to attempt things an older head would have frowned down. But be that as it may, be the criticism just or no, the governor has qualities that can't help but be admired by every man with red blood in his veins. He has a sincere desire to better his fellow man, a fellow feeling for those who have sinned and charity in his heart for the distressed. He has faith in human nature. More than that, he has had the moral stamina to stand by his convictions while friends told him he would fail, enemies scoffed at him and those he was trying to help laughed at him. It takes moral courage to do these things and we admire that even in our enemies.

Harrisburg women have turned their attention to practical things and will hold a potato carnival October 18 and 19. This, it is promised, will be "An exhibition of painstaking potato culture, portraying all the progressive methods of planting, peeling and preparing the ever palatable potato." Women are officials of the show.

## MORE THOROUGH ORGANIZATION NECESSARY

That an amalgamation of a large body of people into a successful co-operative organization and the arousing of a sufficient amount of interest in individual members is a difficult proposition, entailing a tremendous amount of work upon those elected to conduct the affairs of such association, is being demonstrated daily.

The reason a few powerful men can successfully outwit the masses is simply because of thorough organization of the former and lack of organization of the latter.

As a local example, take the grange. No other organization has by-laws embodying or enunciating more principles that declare for the betterment of its members and mankind in general. No class of people on earth have more to gain by thorough, systematic and wisely conducted organization than the grangers and those eligible to membership in the grange. Much good has undoubtedly resulted to members and followers of agricultural pursuits from the work of the grange, yet members declare that those most interested in such work are slow to enroll on the membership books and many of those that are on show a woeful lack of interest in meetings. At a meeting of Cottage Grove grange held here Saturday only one-fifth of the membership was present, while much important business was expected to come up for consideration. A thorough organization of the agricultural interests would be a power that even the money kings might fear, but to have the force to perform the things set out by the grange to perform it must have an enthusiastic membership, one willing to make sacrifices of time for the good of the cause. A small body of enthusiasts can do more than a large one of phlegmatic temperament.

President Taft was received with enthusiasm throughout this part of the west that contrasted strangely with his reported reception in Kansas. It takes courage of a high or-

der to go into the enemies' camp and tell them what you know they don't want to hear, but that's what Taft did. It's a long ways to his backbone, but its in good repair despite its obscurity, and those who predicted that he had none were sadly mistaken. Taft vetoed two bills for which there was a great clamor, feeling when he did so that he was signing his political death warrant. But he said he felt they were not right. Yet some call him a trimmer.

The respect of the public has been gained by at least two things done by the S. P. strikers. One was the offer to furnish men for the president's special if necessary to keep it on schedule time. The other was the ultimatum issued by those in charge of the relief fund to cut off relief from those guilty of misconduct or the use of the term "scab" towards strike-breakers. Such actions have won much sympathy from the public.

"I am not a candidate for U. S. senator," says Judge L. T. Harris, of Eugene. Under no circumstances can I permit my name to come before the people in this connection at the coming election," he continues. No doubt this statement has the unqualified endorsement of Senator Bourne and his friends. The judge is undoubtedly sincere in his statement, but he has many friends who still insist that he will become a candidate. There seems to be no question but that the judge would make a pretty interesting campaign for the present incumbent.

A court room in which no women were permitted and a jury on its knees before giving the verdict of "guilty," was pictured by Bishop Hendrie, D. D., at the recent Methodist conference at Toronto, Ont. The bishop was influenced to discourse along these lines by the accounts of the Beattie trial, when women, young and old, crowded one another to get a position where not one word of the bestial crime and immorality would be lost. The doctor has a beautiful theory, but we fear he will have a fuss with human nature before it will come into practice.

Medford Sun: The Southern Pacific strike again calls attention to the necessity of a national board of arbitration to settle such disturbances. In Canada they have a law which makes it impossible for industrial workers to strike until the matters in dispute have been referred to a board specially organized to pass upon the rights and wrongs of the case. As a result strikes are almost unheard of in the dominion to the north. Conferences between interested parties such as have been held between the Southern Pacific on one side and their employes on the other seldom lead to any solution of the difficulties. Both sides are prejudiced and a conference usually leads to more friction rather than less. The unfortunate phase of such disturbances is that while the principal parties gain little, the innocent public invariably suffers a great deal. It is only reasonable and right that the public should be protected from such disturbances. Strikes are economically as out of date as wars. They should be possible in a civilized nation only when all other solutions of the difficulty have been tried and found wanting.

By taking 539 eminent men and women as a basis it has been proven that brain workers are long-lived. On the supposition that this test would show like results with mankind generally, we may soon expect to receive black-bordered announcements from relatives of many members of our legislatures.

Ed Howe says the poor girls are more affectionate than the rich ones. We have never noticed any perceptible difference.

A song about the aeroplanist would be appropriately called an air.

If a female Indian is called a squaw, why shouldn't a baby Indian be called a squawker.

Men who go to the pen may not necessarily be writers, but they are usually authors of crime.

It's no use telling a woman of 26 that she can't begin any younger—because she can still start at 25.

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## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think, and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The stork is quite a kiddier. It sometimes pays to kick, but it never pays to knock.

Somehow good luck never gets around to those who set out to wait for it.

Any man is not a good citizen who lets noxious weeds go to seed on his property.

People who want opportunity to knock at their door should provide convenient knockers.

An Eau Claire (Wis.) man has discovered that electricity can be made with wind. Now we see where some of our public speakers get their magnetism.

The way educational institutions are springing up in the west, Boston will soon be a "has bean."

Hard work is claimed to be good education for a young man—but few care for a post-graduate course.

A mean Iowa man has foreclosed a mortgage on a widow's wooden leg. She is now on her last leg.

A German scientist has discovered that tears are antiseptic. Now we know why women seldom have eye diseases.

The fellow who said you can't get something for nothing, just as like as not forgot that he hadn't paid his newspaper subscription.

The reason there is so much indigestion is that people swallow everything told them about how to care for their stomachs.

In a recent address before an editorial meeting a speaker, in advocating a paid up subscription list, dramatically exclaimed: "Delinquent subscribers do not pay." Now, that's what we'd call an unrefutable statement.

The watt hour used by lighting companies must be considerably shorter than the one familiar to the lay mind.

If women would wear their dresses as high as the tariff on clothing and as low as the people wanted it, they would save themselves a lot of criticism.

When a wife don't think her hubby is devoting enough time to her, she should remember that he has got to recuperate for the over supply given her before her marriage.

Some people that we call hogs would make mighty poor bacon.

Canada doesn't want reciprocity. Well, there are a few people in this country who will reciprocate with her in that feeling.

A pessimist is usually optimistic enough to believe some of his dire predictions will come true.

A Portland Chinaman has married a white woman. He'll get his cue from her hereafter.

Figures won't lie, but women will pad.

An Oregon woman masqueraded forty-nine years as a man. She probably learned what we poor men are up against.

When a man's home life is happy, his business cares don't cause many wrinkles.

If love wasn't so blind, so many people wouldn't get married.

If Old Mother Eve could appear in New York society at this day, she would run a chance of being kicked out by the "400" for being overdressed.

A young lady looking fresh and healthy attracts much favorable attention—but a fresh young man is an abomination.

Eight Chicago business men recently passed a \$1,000 bill for \$100. None of them were newspapermen, however. No one ever heard of a newspaperman making a mistake like that.



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