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### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Sentimentalists who have placed an anti-capital punishment law on the ballot might direct attention to the case of Jack Roberts in support of their measure. Roberts has just been sentenced to hang, and is as much entitled to clemency as the majority of those sentenced to death. He attempted highway robbery (a crime which a century ago was punished with death) and when his victims refused to halt poured a load of buckshot into the automobile in which they rode. Two promising young lives were snuffed out and yet it is argued this cold blooded wretch should receive consideration and be kept in comfort for a few years, to be turned loose to repeat his crime when memory of the one of which he has been convicted dies out.—Hillsboro Independent.

The above is a fair sample of the argument (?) used by newspapers and individuals to support their contention for the infliction of the death penalty. It consists of a tissue of false representations and silly utterances. The supporters of legalized murder take supreme pleasure in referring to those who oppose it, as "sentimentalists" using the term in a slurring way. So far as that is concerned, the opponents of capital punishment care nothing, but when the exponents of the doctrine add misrepresentation to their arguments, serious objection is made.

In the first place, the men and women who do not believe in legalized murder do not for a moment advocate "consideration" for the criminal and to declare that they do, is either to confess ignorance or to utter a deliberate falsehood. The last portion of the above article from the Independent, is one of the most silly utterances that The Observer has yet noticed in the public press, and cannot impress anybody with an ounce of brains, if they have studied the question at all. Roberts committed a crime. He killed "two promising young lives" it is true, and every opponent of capital punishment believes he should pay the penalty. It is only in the method of that penalty that the difference comes. On the one hand, it is urged that the law should step in and take the life of Roberts because he murdered those young men while, those opposed to that idea, believe that Roberts should be removed from the pale of civilization and be compelled to pass the balance of his life in solitary confinement, completely cut off from all communication with humanity. They do not advocate that he "be kept in comfort for a few years to be turned loose" and the writer of those lines must know it, or stand branded as one who deliberately misrepresents.

The position of those who oppose capital punishment is simply that the law should not take away that which it cannot give. They believe that legalized murder does not atone for a crime, and that those who take part in it are, in a measure, as guilty as the thug who fires a load of buckshot into his victim. They believe that the perpetrator of the murder should be removed as a further menace to society, and that his punishment should be complete and perpetual for his life time, but they do not believe that society will be benefited nor the crime avenged by the expedient of "hanging" the murderer "by the neck until he is dead."

"Thou shalt not kill" is the Divine law and it is difficult to see wherein a killing legalized by the laws of man can overshadow the command of God. As The Observer has heretofore maintained—there are worse punishments than death. If the man who commits murder realized that conviction for the crime meant certain and sure imprisonment for the remainder of his life in a solitary cell, with no hope, no light at the end, and only an unnamed mound in the prison cemetery as his reward; if he knew that his life in the glad free world was over; that no more for him would the seasons pass in endless succession, that while the storms of winter and the smiling June sunshine would beat upon his earthly chamber or bathe its walls in its warmth, to him all seasons would

still be as one; if he knew and realized that only the grave awaited him down there at the end of his journey, with no possible escape for him until the goal of all humanity was reached, that thought could be more awful than such contemplation?

To the convicted murderer standing in the shadow of the scaffold, the prospect of life in a prison cell is vastly more acceptable, it is true, and he welcomes a commutation of his sentence, still, in the years to come, alone with his memory of the crime, with no human being as a companion, and with solitude always at his side and the grim cold walls of his prison between him and the warm, bright world outside, time would hang heavily and afford much opportunity for contemplation. And in such memories what spectres of the past would arise to plague his waking hours and trail their ghostly garments through his troubled sleep. How often would the spirit of his victim invade the walls of his cell and silently confront him with accusing memories. Again and again would come that accusing voice and again and again would appear that fearful apparition, the face of his victim drawn and tense in suffering, or cold and gray in death.

That is the punishment that opponents of the death penalty demand, that is the treatment asked for criminals who murder. Rather than to barbarously hang a murderer by the neck or shock him to death in an electric chair, they believe that confinement in a solitary cell, with no possible hope of escape or future clemency, would be to inflict upon him sentence of a living death infinitely more terrible than any other penalty that could be devised.

Modern methods of punishment for the criminal do not support nor advocate the death penalty. Many states have already legislated against it and in every instance, such restrictions have been followed by a decrease in crime, according to statistics. Opponents of capital punishment, call them sentimentalists of you will, are but the exponents of modernity and want to see Oregon take her place with the more advanced commonwealths of the Nation. They want to see her abandon the relics of barbarism, the doctrine of "an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth" and build her civilization upon a broader foundation which shall, while safeguarding society, at the same time provide punishment for criminals fully as complete and adequate as that contemplated by legalized murder.

### GREAT IS THEODORE!

"It was my fight and it is my victory" declared Theodore Roosevelt when informed of the unseating of Senator Lorimer who was a member declares that his refusal to attend the Hamilton club dinner in Chicago two years ago unless the invitation to Senator Lorimer who was member of the club, was recalled, started the fight that ended in defeat for the Illinois senator. The influence of this man is truly wonderful. To him must be ascribed every good thing that has happened in this country, or that is liable to occur in the future. If the crops shall be prolific this fall, it is Roosevelt who should have the credit. If the sun shines when it should, and the rain comes at the right moment, thank Roosevelt. He claims for himself credit for every honor, and the man who even casts a shadow upon that distinction is an ingrate and a reactionary. "A fool of the bosses" and an enemy of the "plain people."

Was there ever in this country a more conspicuous example of egotism, plain and simple than this? And the wonder is that his duped adherents believe it. All that is necessary is for this mighty lion hunter to utter a sentence, or give voice to an assertion, and immediately his fawning hero worshippers say amen. The sacred Roosevelt may go further, say more, and commit the most flagrant breaches of good breeding, yet a few of his befuddled followers refuse to see anything wrong. It is sufficient for them that the "Great Roosevelt" does it, or says it. While they thought before it might be wrong, still where Theodore leads they follow. In their blind worship of this arrogant third-term, like the monarchical subjects of old, they exclaim "the King can do no wrong—great is the King," and to their puny kites to his trail of bluff and actually believe that there are free Americans who think for themselves. Theodore calls "thief," "brigand," and all the other prize billingsgate terms of which he is the master, and for his blind followers, that is sufficient. A man is a thief because Theodore says so, and all proof he may bring to controvert that accusation, avails him not. Waving a blood red bandana, but little removed from the simple flag of anarchy, Theodore shouts for his subjects and uncomplicatedly they follow, supremely satisfied if they may only touch the hem of the garments which this great man sanctifies by wearing.

Great is Theodore.  
Get next to the King.

### "THOU SHALT NOT STEAL"

As time passes, conditions adjust themselves, and the effort of the Teddies to further the interests of their candidate becomes apparent. It is seen that the ubiquitous individual from Sagamore has a plan to steal the electoral votes in Republican states. This, coming from a candidate who is making his fight upon the commandment "thou shalt not steal" seems a trifle inconsistent, but,

at the same time, it shows just how far the demagogue will go to further his own ambition.

It is proposed to omit the invasion by the third party of some of the Republican states, notably Illinois, Pennsylvania and others which gave Roosevelt a majority, but to permit the regularly nominated Republican electors to be elected and then to have them cast their votes for Roosevelt in the electoral college. Thus, the colonel will try to pull off the unheard-of stunt of bolting the party and yet remaining in it. He now sees that his third party movement is doomed to failure, and he can't be president unless he shall steal the regularly elected men who, if the Republican ticket shall be successful, are supposed to cast their vote for the choice of the Republican party for president.

In other words, and to bring the matter home, suppose the Oregon Republican electors, named at the April primaries, should be successful at the polls in November, and President Taft should carry the state, these electors would then cast their votes in the electoral college for Roosevelt, the bolter, rather than for Taft, the choice of their party in its duly organized and established convention.

This would certainly be an exhibition of wholesale larceny from the people that would dwarf into insignificance the charge made by the Teddies at Chicago, and coming from such an immaculate exponent of the "deer peepul," it serves only to show the desperate exigency now confronting the third termers.

But The Observer isn't surprised. So far as we are concerned, nothing that this monumental demagogue would attempt, would be surprising. If he can't bulldoze and bluff his way into the presidential chair and regain the power he has lost, his scruples against the adoption of even more unscrupulous measures would not be permitted to thwart his purpose.

### DO WE WANT A CHANGE?

Since the smoke has cleared away and the wounded have been carried off the field, the average man is able to realize that Taft's administration has been just about as good as any that we have had for many years. It will be hard to convince the farmer who a few years ago was head over heels in debt, and who is now able to afford an automobile, to live in a house heated by steam and lighted by electricity, who has his telephone service and daily paper delivered at his door that he is not doing pretty well under the present administration. Theories are splendid things but most of us would rather try the sure way.

The above clipping from the Amity Standard sounds what The Observer believes is the keynote of the present campaign. While we may honestly call ourselves progressives, or Republicans or Democrats, the fact remains that all who are willing to work and employ the talents their Maker has given them, have no fault to find with the brand of prosperity at hand, and it will be difficult indeed to induce the calm, thinking man to cast his ballot for "a change." It is also difficult to induce that sort of man to believe that there is anything radically wrong with this country, especially if his memory is long enough to encompass the dark years during the last Democratic administration. He knows he has prospered now whereas he certainly experienced the opposite then, and he's not liable to cast his vote to return a party to power that gave the country that experience.

Boosting Oregon industries is a laudable job when it is done with an eye single to the industry itself and with a praiseworthy motive behind it. But when the industry pays good money for the boosting, it then becomes advertising, and the man who poses as a great friend of the business might, and probably would, enlist his talents in the furtherance of any industry in Oregon or elsewhere, if the price was only offered. A certain Salem patriot who conceived the "made in Oregon" movement, and has kept working at it assiduously since has, it is claimed, cleaned up something like \$10,000 on the stunt so far. He boasts Oregon industries, but they have to come through with the cash before they can command the unselfish services of the patriot.

The laws of Elkdom require that a city must have at least 5,000 inhabitants before it shall be possible to establish a lodge of the order there. McMinnville organized a lodge last week and it would be interesting to know just how the boosters up to that point have managed to get the town only had 2400 population in 1910 according to the government census. Doubling its population in two years is going some, even for McMinnville.

### TO MAKE LOGANBERRY JUICE

College Professor Explains Method To Make Delicious Drink.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 18.—Prof. C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural college, who is responsible for much of the popularity of the loganberry, has an excellent method of preparing the juice so that it will keep through the winter.

"Loganberries make a most delightful beverage," says Prof. Lewis. "To prepare the juice, put the berries

on the stove with just enough water to keep the fruit from scorching. Heat slowly, mixing and crushing occasionally with a large spoon. Be sure not to allow the berries to boil; 180 degrees would be, probably, as much heat as necessary. After the berries have softened, put them in an ordinary cloth bag and drain out the juices. The process can be much simplified by a small fruit press.

"In choosing the berries try to get those thoroughly ripe. Add one-third the amount of sugar when the juice is put on the stove, and stir occasionally until it is thoroughly heated, but do not allow it to boil. If it boils the vinous flavor is destroyed, and the high aroma as well. In bottling the juice drive the cork in slightly and fill the space with paraffin.

"This is a most healthful beverage. Half an inch to an inch in a glass of water will be enough. Some may wish to add more sugar, though the acid flavor is pleasant. It is, I believe superior to grape juice. The time will come when Oregon will be shipping out train loads of this juice to the East and Middle West. It will become a popular drink in regions where it is very warm in summer. It is extremely refreshing and cool, and children may be allowed to drink as much as they wish.

"The loganberry makes one of the finest jellies known, also. Truly, our loganberry is coming to its own. With the great demand for canned fruit, a similar demand for the dried and with the possibilities along the line of juices, syrups and jellies, there is a great future for the loganberry industry."

### SPRAYING FOR SCALE INSECTS

How to Get Rid of Injurious Bugs Told By Expert.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 18.—Farmers and fruit growers troubled by scale are advised by A. L. Lovett, assistant entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural college to spray with lime-sulphur, kerosene emulsion and whale oil soap, as follows:

"For scale insects of such a type as the San Jose, use the lime-sulphur spray of winter strength," says Mr. Lovett. "For the soft scales, such as occur on the blackberry, prune and plum, use the kerosene emulsion or whale oil soap. Kerosene emulsion is prepared as follows: Heat a gallon of water (soft if possible) to boiling; shave half a pound of soap into it (whale oil is preferred) and stir till the soap is dissolved. Remove from the fire and add two gallons of kerosene. Agitate vigorously till it is creamed, which is best done with a hand pump, forcing the solution

through the hose and back into the container. For use in the dormant season this should be diluted with seven gallons of water, but for summer spraying, at the time the young emerge, with eleven gallons of water. A pound of whale oil soap to four gallons of water may be used as a summer spray for soft scale.

"For plant lice on roses and garden truck crops any of the tobacco solutions may be used. For plants having a slick foliage, or where the aphids are especially bad, there should be added a pound of fish oil soap dissolved in a gallon of hot water to each eight gallons of the spray.

"On fruit trees, as the apple and peach, the spray used in early spring when the buds are starting should be a combination of winter strength lime-sulphur and "Black Leaf 40," using one part of the Black Leaf to 800 of solution. If applied ordinarily the aphids do not become especially bad. Where the trouble is severe the tobacco solution should be used."

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