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ADVICE FROM HILLSBORO.

The esteemed Hillsboro Independent, in a recent editorial relative to the execution of the Humphreys has the following to say:

The attempt to save the Humphreys like the majority of similar movements was based almost entirely upon sentiment and no regard was paid to the facts. The crime of which they were convicted, and which they admitted, was most heinous and almost unparalleled in criminal history. Yet speeches without number have been made, newspaper columns filled and the governor besieged with appeals to save these confessed murderers while the victim of their cupidity and lust has been forgotten. It is mawkish sentimentalism of this kind which glorifies the criminal and ignores his crime that strengthens the determination of right-thinking people to retain capital punishment for cases like this.

The Observer has no wish to agitate this question, fully believing that the people understand it in all its phases, but the argument advanced in the above clipping is so palpably weak and misleading that we cannot let it pass without attention. Again we have the old, threadbare cry of "mawkish sentimentalism," used by all exponents of the death penalty when referring to those who do not believe in this method of punishment for murderers. The Observer is not a believer in legal killings but it submits that, even if it were, it would not have approved of the execution of these two mental incompetents. The whole fabric of the prosecution rested upon alleged "confessions" made by these men during a severe grilling in which, probably, all the wiles and the subtleties of the unspeakable third degree methods were employed, by men proficient in the art, who were after the rewards offered by the state for the apprehension of the criminals. While the officers were at it they covered the whole ground. Prolific minds suggested all sorts of crimes, and called up many mysterious disappearances, and crime after crime was laid at the door of the brothers. They admitted them all. They "confessed" every day to some new crime. They told any sort of tale that the over-zealous reward hunters suggested, until it appeared that they had been instrumental in practically all of the unexplained murders in the western portion of the state. Subsequently, it was proven that they had no part in these alleged disappearances, some of which were no murders at all, yet they had "confessed" and there is as much ground for belief in their guilt in these cases as in the crime for which they were hanged.

The Observer has no personal knowledge of the character of the Humphreys, such information as we have comes from men who knew them well and intimately during the years of their residence in this county, and it is a fact that such people are the ones who insist that they were not guilty of the Philomath crime. Many alleged murderers have escaped the gallows whose mental capacity was far greater than the Humphreys. Humanitarian laws provide that no insane person or mental incompetent shall be punished for acts which he cannot help. If he cannot distinguish between right and wrong, he is fit only for an insane asylum, and to kill him would be the acme of brutality. But we do not believe that the Humphreys committed the Philomath crime while insane, we believe that they did not even commit it. The exponents of legal murder thirst for the blood of the accused. It makes little difference, it appears, whether there is doubt of their guilt. The mere charge against them is two-thirds of the battle. They have no patience with the slow-moving machinery of the law. They want the men hung, they want their necks broken and they want them hustled into a nameless grave as quickly as possible in order that "society may be protected" and the crime "avenged." Professional bull-neckers, attracted by the large rewards offered, go out and beat the brush for the criminals, find some poor and senseless fool, whose mentality is of a low order, arrest him, slap the handcuffs upon his wrists, hustle him to jail, frighten him into submission, threaten, brow-beat, bull-dog and abuse him until they have him in the right state of submission, then they

proceed to wring a "confession" from him. Nobody knows what they tell him in the solitude of his cell, no man can say what offers are made and inducements offered to get him to "tell the truth" and the "truth" is generally suggested by the inquisitor along the lines of the story he wants the prisoner to tell. It is easy to understand what would happen to men of the mentality of the Humphreys when facing an ordeal of this kind.

So they "confessed." It matters not that all of their "confessions" except that of the murder of the Philomath woman were at once disproven. It isn't material that they lied in the other cases—there was no reward for conviction of the "murderers" implicated in those crimes. So the brothers were railroaded to the pen and thence to the gallows, and the defenders of legal murder tell us that there was "no reasonable doubt" of their guilt. For shame on such contention. Is the idea that we must break somebody's neck paramount to all other consideration? If it shall transpire that the Humphreys have been wrongfully executed, as we honestly believe, what about the men who were instrumental in killing them, and the system which made their execution possible? Opponents of the death penalty may be "mawkish" and "sentimental" but we have a notion that our position in the above event will be much more preferable than the other.

The advice from Hillsboro isn't needed. Dallas people are perhaps just as familiar with the Humphreys case as the esteemed editor of the Independent, and the conscientious Washington county officials who had a hand in the arrest. Some here, it is true, believe the boys were guilty, but the great majority do not, and declare that they should not have been hanged. And some who take this position, are not opposed to capital punishment either. They are merely human—and willing to give even the accused criminal a "show for his white alley."

A recent eastern journalistic importation, now occupying the tripod on a Salem newspaper outlines his editorial policy, as "first ascertain the wishes of the people, then exert every effort to see that the wishes of the people prevail." Yes, that's just the trouble with many newspaper publishers who either have no mind of their own, or keep their ears to the ground endeavoring to find out the popular side, before they announce a policy. The newspaper is supposed to mold public opinion rather than to endorse it at all times. An editor who expects to wield any power through his newspaper must have a mind of his own and must not be fearful of making enemies if he espouses a cause that he believes to be right, or condemns something that he thinks is wrong. He may make mistakes, but if the error comes through a misunderstanding, or misapprehension, all honest men will be quick to overlook it. What the people want is not a newspaper that always endorses the popular side, but rather one that honestly and conscientiously upholds the ideas of its editor and isn't afraid to take a prominent position on all public questions. We believe that this sort of a newspaper will win in the end and that its policies will prevail more often than otherwise.

The Oregon City Courier says that the state grange is contemplating submitting an initiative proposition to the people abolishing the state senate and giving the governor the power to introduce appropriation bills and the house the power to decrease, not increase, them. So far as the Grange is concerned, we don't believe it has any such intention, but it is eminently fitting that such vagaries should originate at Oregon City. That's right: abolish the state senate, do away with the state legislature, wipe out all governing bodies and make the governor the whole thing—then elect U'Ren chief executive, and give him free rein to institute all his wild ideas from single tax to a new constitution. What about the people and their welfare? T'll with the people.

A correspondent of an Iowa exchange which fell into our hands this week, dated Alberta, Canada, March 3, says: "We have often wondered if our friends down there (Iowa) ever thought we were suffering from the cold this winter." Now just think of it. The fellow adds: "Really, I never spent a nicer winter. The only cold weather we have had was a little snap in the middle of January when we had it as low as 42 below zero. That was only once and I could hardly make myself believe it." Whether the correspondent believes it or not, if he is a truthful gentleman and thermometers do not prevaricate there is a difference of some 65 degrees between Dallas and Alberta.

Corvallis merchants have adopted a scheme which is a distinct innovation in Oregon, although it has been used to advantage in many eastern states for many years. It is what is known as "bargain sale days" in which every merchant of the city participates, each one offering some distinct line or article for sale at a great reduction. None of the stores duplicate the offerings of any other store and thus there is displayed a wide range of articles from groceries to furniture. The sale lasts for three days and is advertised extensively. It is said that the first sale day brought an immense crowd to the city and was pronounced a success by every

merchant who participated. Why not try it in Dallas?

Colonel Hamstreet, of the Sheridan Sun, grows exceedingly caustic in commenting on a recent Observer editorial relating to capital punishment. Like all other advocates of judicial murder, Ham begs the question and devotes his energies to abuse of those who don't think as he does. He persists in seeing only one side of the question and can't see any punishment for the murderer but killing him. And he wants 'em killed quick—something might transpire to prove a condemned man innocent—then think of the lost opportunity for a necktie party. Cheer up Ham, we can kill 'em in Oregon for two more years, anyway.

Portland has one Bullmoose candidate for mayor and it is now declared that Dan Kellaher, otherwise known as "Common-User Dan" is about to follow the action of his illustrious leader and toss his head-gear into the ring. As a means for offering an opportunity to run for office the new progressive party is succeeding admirably. Kellaher can always be counted on, when a rancorous candidate is wanted for any office.

Former President Taft, has had his famous cow shipped to New Haven where he will soon take up the duties as professor of the law department of Yale. He and his family will live at a swell hotel, but what's to become of said famous bovine. Will she be compelled to associate with the scrub cattle of New Haven and become just an ordinary bossy? Who's had the job of milking this high-priced critter anyway?

Dallas people grow green with envy when they behold the fine new station building recently erected by the Southern Pacific at McMinnville, and recall to mind the shack that does like duty in Dallas. But the company has promised this city a new depot. Will it get it, or will it be necessary to have an "Oregon Electric sear" before that happy result is attained?

Editorials of the People.

Signed communications will be printed under this head from responsible parties but their publication does not necessarily imply that they express the sentiments of the editor.

DEFENDS HOME CREDIT PLAN

Polk County Teacher Shows Falsity of Attack on Modern Methods.
Editor Observer:—In your valuable paper of March 7, Mr. Geo. Mitty of Eola, again breaks forth in denunciation of school work in general and home credit work in particular. Also, to while away his time, he casts a few insulting remarks in the direction of our leading educators.

Allow me the privilege once more, Mr. Editor, of showing the gentleman from Eola that he talks of that which he knows not.

Mr. Mitty says, "three-fourths of the eighth grade pupils failed in the state-wide examination last year;" was it because of "erratic fads" or not?

Mr. Mitty shows his ignorance of the subject by the above remark. Three-fourths of the eighth grade pupils did not fail last year; 25 per cent would be nearer the correct percentage. Furthermore home credit work or "other fads" had little or nothing to do with it as Mr. Mitty very well knows, and if he does not know, he had better shut himself up in his "cubby hole" and retire forever more to his solitary dreams. He cannot blame home credit work for any of these failures for only one school in the whole state was using it and that school (Spring Valley) the entire eighth grade graduated. He cannot blame manual training, or domestic science work, for schools all over the state maintaining those subjects had no more failures than the average, and in fact in most cases, fared much better. This is shown in McMinnville where in an eighth grade of about 80 pupils the entire grade passed with good averages. McMinnville has the above "fads," Mitty, what about it?

Crawl out of your solitude, Mitty, and find out if the holidays are actually lowering the percentage of the children, before you knock. When you actually know that they do, then you will be in a position to say something on the subject.

I wonder how many times your name appears on the record of visitors at the Eola school this year, Mr. Mitty? Since you are such an expounder of what a school ought to be, how does it come that you do not attend the school meetings in your district and express your opinions personally to the people? Is it because you are afraid that some one may show you up for what you are? Who is Alderman? Expressing your ignorance again Mitty. Why, I am surprised at you, Mitty, when you live in Eola and don't know who your State Superintendent is. Even the people in Massachusetts, the state that ranks among the best educational states, appreciate Mr. Alderman and his work.

Character training, my friend, has always been a part of the schools (yes, even in your time) and always will be; no matter how much you or any one else knocks. We teachers intend to use the best methods we can get to handle it, and if the laxity of influence on the part of parents makes the burden heavier, we will assume that extra work and do the best we can. The results of our work we will leave for broad minded people to judge and not to those who are so centered in self that they have to criticize (behind closed doors) the successful work of men and women who are spending their lives in try-

COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told.

Marriage Licenses.
J. G. Standard to Jennie Woods. William A. Puckett to Myrtle Stapleton.

B. C. Rockwell et ux to K. C. Eldridge, 27.70 acres in 8-4, \$10.
Sarah Reese et hd to R. J. Wright, lot 2, block 15, Henry Hill's add to Independence, \$1000.
R. C. Mason et ux to P. R. Friesen, lots 7 and 8, block 20, Ellis' add to Dallas, \$775.

William Henry Brown et ux to Frank L. Kerster, 4.35 acres in 7-3, \$10.
Sarah E. Riggs et hd to J. W. Myer et ux, 3 acres in 7-5, \$1.
Sarah E. Riggs et ux to Frank E. Myer et ux, 97 acres in 7-5, \$1.
Oren J. Bagley et ux to Ernst Zielesch, land in and near Parker, \$1500.

Allen A. McLean et al to Geo. L. Baker et al, 1 acre in 6-6, \$10.
Allen A. McLean et ux to Edward H. Lockyear, 1 acre in 6-6, \$10.
E. Julius Traglis et ux to Arthur F. Aerman, 19 acres in 6-8, \$260.

Oliver S. Stump to Henry W. Stump, lots 4 and 5, block 2, Leven's LaCreole Homestead add to Dallas, \$1.
Oliver Stump to Henry W. Stump, lots 1 and 2, block 23, Ellis' add to Dallas, \$1.

G. W. Patterson et ux to J. M. Chappel et al, 84.67 acres in 6-5, \$4000.

M. H. Houser et ux to L. Gerling, 40 acres in see 10-8-7, \$10.
J. W. Kirkland et ux to Eva H. Alderson, lot 2 in block 4, Hill's add to Independence, \$600.

E. L. Sperry et ux to Clement A. Ramsey, land in 7-5, \$700.
Wm. Ellis et ux to Lucy M. Olds, 13,200 sq. ft. in 8-6, \$10.

O. E. Pomeroy et ux to Hiram Wood, lots 1, 2, 3, block 15, Thorp's Town of Independence, \$1200.

B. Y. Allen et ux to E. N. Palmer et ux, lot No. 9, in Strong Fruit Tract No. 1, \$10.00.

B. Y. Allen et ux to Judson L. Palmer, lot No. 7, in Strong Fruit Tract No. 1, \$10.

Lucena M. Fisher et hd to Ethel A. Buffum, lot 6, block 19, E. A. Thorp's Town of Independence, except 8 feet on north side, \$75.

L. L. Rickman et ux to Jacob M. Rickman et ux, w half lot 2, block 11, Conkey's 2nd add to Dallas, \$400.

Thomas J. Hayter et ux to David Darling, land in tps 7 and 8, 85w, \$280.

A. B. Taylor to Thomas H. Brinkley, lot 3, block 1, Hill's add to Independence, \$1000.

Eliza J. Estes et hd to William Addison et ux, land in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, \$1.

E. L. Ketchum et ux to H. Hirschberg, 3.88 acres in Polk County, \$400.

Chas. H. Ivan et ux to Geo. W. Siefert, 44.66 acres in 8-6, \$175.

Louis Betchel et ux to O. V. Myers et ux, lot 9, block 9, Kingwood Park, \$10.

F. W. Waters et ux to W. F. Thomas, lot 30, block 7, Waters' add to West Salem, \$10.

John C. Donaldson to M. N. Prather et ux, lot in Buena Vista, \$400.

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R. G. DYKSTRA.
Suver, March 29.

FILE SUITS TO QUIET TITLE
Applicants Would Clear Up Records to Realty Holdings.

The following suits to quiet title have been filed in department No. 2 of the Polk county circuit court:

P. R. Friesen vs. Charles L. Cox, Brown & Sibley for plaintiff.

H. G. Campbell vs. Vivian Jordan et al, Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.

Hiram Wood vs. John Davis, et al, B. F. Swope for plaintiff.

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AIRLIE

W. S. Aleorn's brother and family of Kansas, are visiting him. Also his mother who is 72 years old. She stood the trip nicely.

Dr. R. V. Ellis went to Salem on Tuesday.

J. F. Ulrich and wife went to Independence Wednesday.

C. T. Allen is visiting his brother, who lives in Corvallis this week.

Mrs. Rose has returned from Falls City.

W. E. Williams is putting up a lot of wire fence.

George Sebring who lives in Lane county, is visiting his relatives here.

It is reported that C. V. Johnson has bought out Miller & Aleorn and will run the store here in the future.

Aleorn and family will move to Corvallis about June 1.

There was some excitement here Tuesday about one o'clock. The cause was the roof of John Falkenberg's house, which caught fire. The damage was a good sized hole in the roof. Some men were working close by who saw the flames in time to

save the house. Mr. Falkenberg was not at home at the time.

Dale Aleorn has made enough money to buy a \$20 suit of clothes, and he never missed a lesson in school while earning the money. He is about 16 years old. The work he did was piling wood on the racks for the railroad engine morning and evening.

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