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OUR CRIMINALS AND CRIME

In so far as many who help to populate this earth are concerned, they might well subscribe to the theory of evolution and accept the postulate that they are descended from the anthropoid ape Not only descended, but still closely related in their manner of living and carrying on. This has direct reference to those who lead immoral lives, commit crimes, and scorn the existence of a Supreme Being or any life hereafter. This class of people are the ones who cause all the trouble in this world, are an annoyance and expense to the decent remainder, and a disgrace to themselves and their progenitors. If indeed they are descended from the lower animal, smaller towns, that it is the business gion, centering around Seattle dethey have never succeeded in getting very far away from them, and for the peace and quietude of the breaking laws. It was commonly indications are that this tornado will world, might better now be swinging by their tails from the trees of the jungle. Among the animal cre- him and he was conforming to the coin of the realm, and straw votes. ideals of good citizenship. ation crime is unknown but with the human family endowed with intelligence to discern between right and wrong there are altogether too many who fail to use their Godgiven sense to make respectable citizens of themselves. Consequence is society for its own welfare and particular to boost community movesafety and desire to progress up-

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its utmost realization, is forced to Some must take hold and carry make regulations to curb the vic- on the work of churches and fraterious propensities of those who war nal societies. Some of the men will against them and established order. a special head for business need to To punish, penalties are provided work in some organization for the and prisons are built to confine and commercial and other needed devedeprive them of their liberty when opment of the community. Some all other measures fail. We estab- need to work in clubs for educationlish schools to impart learning, al purposes, and for more interest churches to teach a better way of ing social activities. There is some living, and in many ways are put to thing that each one should do and much effort to try and cure this ani- we all must take hold to do somemal spirit and lift them up in order thing in these public lines, if we that all may enjoy the blessings of expect that a town is going to keep an earth so beautiful that no sun up with the game.

People should not act as if they shines on fairer. Crime is considered by many as a disease, but in were making a great sacrifice if reality it is only a false belief for they devote a little of their time to which probably many centuries must such purposes. We should love our yet elapse before we shall be rid of home town so much we should be so Crime leads only to disaster, ambitious to see it go ahead, we to those who hold to this false be- should be so conscious of the gains ief, no good can possibly come from that people who have initiative and it, much harm and misery does ability or industry, should be willing come from it, and that is why it is to give some time each week to said that these people addicted to helping forward such causes warring against society, defying

THE BAROMETER

If the liquor interests, including the cabinet member-owner of breweries and distilleries care to know the value of "straw votes" on the prohibition question, they have but to glance at the barometer of public opinion. The high-pressure area It used to be frequently said in in the Pacific Northwest states reof a good citizen to mind his own notes a storm center, likely to develbusiness, keep out of debt and avoid op into cyclonic proportions. The thought that if he did that, it was demolish the structural fancies conabout all that could be expected of jured up by lavish expenditures of In this hotbed of degrading citizen-But a community's development ship, freezing temperatures will folcannot be promoted in these times low causing the spirits to descend by any such limited basis. The fact lower and lower in the thermometer that so many small town people until even this inanimate recorder still have this spirit and expect to of temperatures will be afflicted get along without doing anything with "cold feet."

The conviction of Christiansen, et ments is one of the principal reas- al, in Portland, the skunk, Olmstead gang in Seattle, followed by the election of a woman as mayor of Seattle, over the present incumbent, discounts straw votes a thousand per cent. The human genus engaged in the nefarious traffic of debauching humanity for gold, should like the Arab, fold his tent and steal silently away in the night. He should take what comfort and warmth he may out of fires produced by the destruction of such worthless material as "straw votes." His partner in crime, the purchaser and consumer of spirits, should retire and commune with his worthless self, and after mature and careful consideration decide whether there is any element in his make-up worth redeeming. Having reached a decision, it is up to him to take his place as a man among men, or as a companion among those of his filthy ilk, sinking deeper and deeper in that cesspool which he has excavated with his own hands. As the horizon clears, the flotsam and jetsam of human society, cast high on the beach, will struggle to escape the next huge comber, or indolently roll back into that sea of degenerate law breakers. The choice is theirs. In the mean time the barometer of public opinion remains quiescent until the storm of wrath rises in the offing at the approach of the liquor interests' new tack or propaganda. Public opinion, when expressed at the polls, agitates the barometer violently. It does not rise until decency is outraged and government trampled underfoot by the foul smelling skunks who label themselves as sub-normal members of society incapable of participating in a government deriving its powers through the consent of the governed.

ing a six-year term for using the whiskey. His was a case in the dim A case of burning bridges behind mails to defr.ud. He left a will be- and misty past from which the them comes down from arctic Canqueathing two midion dollars to a wheels of progress have removed us, ada where native Indians were aughter and other relatives. As and if he were alive today, would forced to eat their dog teams to he man had many victims defraud- no doubt be the same law-abiding stave off starvation, thus cutting off d by his activities, it does not seem citizen he alway3 was. It is shame- means of returning to where they ustice that this money should be ful to drag Washington's name into could get food. lowed to be enjoyed by those who an argument favoring such an evil over earned it and in fact had no as the use of intoxicationg liquor being the only large city in the and seeking to degrade it.

We are of further opinion that there nearby oasis where a free lunch was uch a "square meal" as no scientist

can define. Use of the airplane the coming

gal right to it.

eason may solve the great mystery held in the icy grasp of the region lying between Point Barrow and Spitzbergen. This globe so small and yet so large that our knowledge does not vision it, is but a tiny speck in the great system of creaion, and we but mere atomic inects crawling upon the face of it, eeking, seeking ever to fathom the secret of our being.

The country is reminded that the U. S. government has no jails and that congress will not appropriate money to build any. The three pententiaries are now so full that when convicts are crowded in their coattails are caught when the doors lose.

Smiling comes from a state of mind. If that be clean there is eason in smiling. But if we smile nly for the sake of stretching the he face into a grin it is only an evidence of an empty mind andhypocracy.

Two quite prominent men of this ountry, both peace lovers, have argued that all men are murderers at neart. Many of us would not quite subscribe to that on first thought, out there might be some who would favor the removal from this vale by popular vote those whose thoughts and actions are not entirely in accord with their own. From savagery up is a long, long trail.

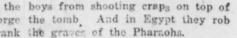
John W. Worthington, notorious Entirely beside the question is the boys from shooting craps on top of nfidence man of Chicago, has died assertion of the wets that George the tomb And in Egypt they rob in Atlanta prison where he was serv- Weshington brewed beer or drank the graves of the Pharaoha.

British scientists are trying to de- Two extraordinary freaks are made by the city of Seattle, which ne a square meal. We are of opin- brought out in the news of the past on March 9 elected Mrs. Bertha M. on that being gentlemen of means week. One a preacher in Philadel- Landes. Her election was hotly conang of hunger, they can tell very thousand dollars from his salary, he lost by about 6000 votes. The ittle about what a square meal is and the other a Montana man, who election of Mrs. Landes, who is also re old knights of the "stick and band play "How Dry I Am."

prakebeams been staked to two bits grants are wanting to hang a wrist return to a condition of civic dey a kindly foreman, sought out a watch on the statue of Liberty in cency. New York harbor, and the war deserved, and with the help of that partment is puzzled what to decide and plenty of "suds" have enjoyed about it. Don't let us flapperize such a monument or do anything so

foolish as to make our freedom appear ridiculous to the millions who will sail past it.

Nothing is sacred or holy to the unholy. The American Legion is asking for a permanent military guard at Arlington cemetery to prevent tourists from using as picnic grounds the plot about the monument to the Unknown Soldier and

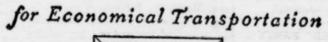


The claim to the distinction of country having a woman mayor is and therefore having never felt the phia who voluntarily lopped off two tested by the present incumbent, but became insane when he heard a at present a member of the city council, is hailed as an evident deuie" who have climbed from the Enthusiastic sons of Swiss Immi- sire on the part of the citizens to

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Notes and Comment

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By CHAD ALTON

This column was about to note the fact of a plum tree in full bloom on March 1st, which came under the writers observation, but so many are being reported in various parts of the Pacific Northwest that it is too common a subject.

Womans' rights are slowly but surely putting man in the back number class. The high appelate court of Illinois has decided that at least one-third of a man's income must be paid in alimony to the divorced wife

The short skirt serves one advantage to many a female. It calls attention away from a very ordinary clock-stopping face.

New styles of dress are reported to be very short in front and very long behind. Imagine the fmeale with a receeding chin in such a makeup. Call out the cartoonists. Leon Trotzky forecasts a radio revolution in a recent speech at Moscow. Some of the stuff put on the air nowadays is enough to cause a revolution, alright.

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