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THY NEIGHBOR'S EYE

The Ministerial Association of Portland seems to be trying to distract the attention of its combined flocks from the abuse of the parole system in its own community, to that of an alleged abuse at Salem. A few instances might not come amiss in directing the attention to the courts in their own county. A millionaire lumberman, sentenced to pay a fine of one thousand dollars and serve six months in jail for driving his auto while intoxicated, appealed from the decision of the municipal court. The circuit court decided one judge wasn't big enough to sit on a millionaire's case, or, maybe, shoulder the verdict, so three judges sat behind closed doors to hear, try and determine whether the laws were intended to fit the millionaire's delinquencies. The sum total of their deliberation was, that the fine assessed by the municipal court should stand; but that owing to the nervous condition of this particular millionaire, the jail sentence should be remitted. A Portland dentist who shot a young woman while calling at her home, was convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary, but was paroled by the judge pronouncing sentence.

The raid of a New Years Eve party at the Lobbe home where Portland's so-called upper crust were discovered with intoxicating liquors by the State prohibition officers upon a search warrant obtained from the court, is of such recent occurrence as to be within the knowledge of the Portland Ministerial Association. The dismissal of this action, and the courts order to return the property (unlawful in itself) to its lawful owner was the climax of this arrest of a millionaire.

What did Portland's Ministerial Association have to say about these occurrences on their own doorstep? Yet another instance might be mentioned—that of the owners of a cafeteria, accused of arson, as well as numerous others.

No doubt Governor Pierce, unreliable as this paper knows his promises to be, believes in the same impartial enforcement of the law, that Governor "Ma" Ferguson of Texas does, i. e., equal protection, of the laws, equal enforcement against rich and poor. The liberation of hip-pocket violators until the truck-load violators are called to account.—Contributed.

WANTON VANDALISM

Those dwellers outside the larger cities are duly grateful for all the blessings with which nature has blessed them on every side and live in full enjoyment of them all. The streams, the wooded places, the hills and valleys with all their wealth of trees and shrubs and abundance of wild flowers that bedeck the roadsides and spread their wealth of color and incense to please the eye or sense of smell, the feathered life—all these they would freely share with every person who has eye or ear and love of the beautiful within them. Because of the life necessarily led by pastoral people they have not the time or opportunity that the city dweller has to culti-

vate and care for green lawns, fine shrubbery and multitudes of flowers of all varieties, and therefore must depend upon a bounteous nature to supply what is otherwise denied them. That this sense of the beautiful is as strong in the human nature and love of the country dweller as in those of the city there is no denying, and all the wild life about him is as much a joy and as sacred to him as is any work of the landscape gardener to the other.

But the average city dweller does not seem to recognize this fact. Ever since the advent of the automobile city people who go forth on Sundays on trips thru the country do so in large part as a lot of vandals. Wild flowering shrubs of all kinds are denuded in a shocking and reckless manner regardless of the damage done, broken down and ruined for any further use. Flowers are plucked and carried away that can be of no possible use or pleasure, as by the time home is reached they are wilted and only fit to be cast in the garbage. In this manner they have not only done the vandals no good, but have mutilated the countryside for the enjoyment of others. They seem to take this vandalism as a right, and never stop to think they are making themselves very unwelcome guests among a people who would otherwise hail their coming with pleasure. If the country dweller were to visit the city and invade the grounds of its citizens in like manner, they would be promptly arrested and made to suffer the penalty. But country people are not of that sort, and have all due regard for the rights of others and their belongings.

The flowers, the shrubs, and all the green things that grow are free to all people to enjoy in proper manner, not to wantonly destroy and make desolate. Growing by the wayside or blooming in the wood, they are as nature intended them and for a becoming dress for an otherwise dull landscape. To deprive others of this by selfish, reckless destruction and carrying away speaks not very well for those who habitually make practice of it whenever they visit the country.

a wood-sawing job, same as Kaiser Bill.

Dr. William Mayo of Rochester, Minn., says women have as much right to smoke as men. A waste of language. No one ever said they hadn't. The Dr.'s hammer failed to hit the nail on the head.

The national crime commission has arrived at the conclusion that there is no universal panacea for crime, but the application of remedies rests with individual states and individual citizens. It is also necessary to eliminate the "dishonest element" in the legal profession.

We doubt whether the oldest resident can recall when the first days of May showed a greater profusion of flowers and vegetation than the present ones. It is a fact that roses have been in full bloom for two weeks, previous to this date, and most of the flowering bulbs have had their day and passed. Surely a delightful climate we live in.

An insight is given to the activities of this fast-moving world of ours by the radios on Sunday evenings. The earlier hours are given over to church services and sermons and then the same atmosphere is filled with the hurdy-gurdy and jazz dance music as long as one cares to listen to the squeaks and squawks of the loud speaker.

World-wide publicity is given a Riffian warrior of North Africa who carried a message 70 miles "between sun and sun," about 14 hours. Yet this writer knows of a Chippewa Indian of Northern Wisconsin who made the same distance in a period of 12 hours, and was never heard of outside the immediate locality where the feat was performed. And the only nourishment he partook of during the trip was maple sugar carried in his pouch.

The people of one hundred years ago knew nothing about what we of today consider essentials and can see no way in which we can dispense with. Yet history tells us they of those days got along vry well, lived in some degree of splendor and enjoyed life fully as much as do we of the present.

The bigger they are the harder they fall, seems to be the motto of Scandinavia. A church bishop sentenced to three months for fraud offered to leave the country for the United States if given a reprieve from jail but the authorities would not permit him. We do not want any more foreign criminals than what we have now.

Men or women who go into court and sue for alienation of affection have their cannon loaded with hot air. No real affection can be alienated although the courts may determine the opposite for sympathetic reasons.

A bill is pending in congress to deport all aliens found guilty of bootlegging and other crimes. That is a very drastic measure, but we have so many of them in our country to cope with that we want none from over seas.

Many people hesitate to urge or back reforms or law enforcement for fear of being subjected to ridicule and called puritanical by those about them. The courage to stand for what is right and proper in life needs be of a stern and unwavering kind to withstand the assaults of those who heed neither the laws of God or man.

A young married chap is suing for divorce, his chief complaint being that "never once since their marriage last November has my wife requested, suggested or invited me to reside with her at her parent's home." Probable that dad had something to say about that.

Red Tape Carried to Extremes in Europe

The palace of Justice in Paris, a portion of which will be set aside shortly as a museum of relics from the Revolution, has a curious old custom. Every night one of the main doors is left ajar in obedience to an order of March, 1018, when Louis XIII provided that it should remain open perpetually, "so that my subjects may be able to seek justice at all hours of the day and night." Through revolution, empire, kingdom and two republics this order has been scrupulously carried out. But the meaning of the custom seems almost forgotten. "The Man With the Iron Mask," the pen name of a reporter of a Parisian daily presented himself at the door in the small hours of the night for admittance. He was promptly thrown out by the watchman and told to clear off if he did not want to enter by the prisoner's gate in the morning. In Petrograd they had a similar incident in czarist days. The Empress Elizabeth once saw a fine flower in her garden. As she was on the way to a court function she had no time to pick it, but ordered a soldier to stand guard over it. The empress forgot about the flower, but three centuries later there was still a sentinel placed regularly each hour of the night and day at the spot where the flower had been.—Pierre Van Passen, in the Atlantic Constitution.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

A question of great moment agitates the mind of the British laborer now on strike. It is that the saloons may be forced to close by government order for want of beer production. A momentous question indeed, for five million sensible British subjects to work about or to decide a revolutionary movement.

At least one man accountable for the loss of human life has gotten his just deserts. The contractor who built the grandstand that collapsed at Pasadena, Cal., with a loss of seven lives, has been sentenced to prison for not less than eight years, and no pardon to be granted.

President Coolidge is planning his summer "vacation," but a president's vacation is a misnomer, and the plumber or carpenter has him beaten to a frazzle. They can drop all work, forget it, and enjoy a season of ease, but no matter where the executive is he must always be on the job. The only relief he has is a change of scene from the White House and the politicians, and even then the latter dog his footsteps.

Eastern people may get an idea of the immense way business of some kinds is carried on in the Pacific Northwest when they learn that the average sawmills at the city of Longview on the Columbia river cover 73 acres under roof. These mills, in two units, have a capacity of 700,000 feet of lumber per each 8 hours and use water for fuel to generate electric power and to operate the mills and light the city of Longview and another town in the center of the company's logging operations.

The somewhat interesting statement is made that the average woman's costume aside from her shoes can be sent thru the mails first class for only 4 cents. Now then if the railway carrying the mail and the lady wearing only her shoes will do a little advertising, it may be guaranteed it will be forced to add many coaches to their trains to accommodate the rush.

The creek which flowed down and over what was Minnehaha Falls dried up a year ago, perhaps in sympathy with Mr. Volstead, but now thousands of gallons of water are to be pumped into it, and "Laughing Water" will once more gladden the spirit of Hiawatha and sightseers.

Another pretender to the French throne, Prince Victor Napoleon, has passed out. As the French throne passed long since these many pretenders had better be looking for

Earth's Music Wasted on Prehistoric Man?

Prehistoric man, who slew the megatherium, didn't call it that. More like, he designated it as the "Oont," or something brief and resounding. One syllable was good enough for him. He undoubtedly knew no other than one-syllable speech.

Notwithstanding his own meager contributions to the music on earth, primitive man must have heard and weighed some. The birds sang in the bowers as sweetly as they do now. What impression did that nightingale make on his small and fuzzy ear? Did the melodious notes touch his rudimentary soul, or did he merely want to eat the nightingale?

The more often we speculate on the first men, the greater sympathy we feel for them. We should be greatly interested in one of them if he were in existence now. As it is, we have to be content with studying some backward races still here.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Viola Strings for Cure

For more than a century the story has been revived at times in England that the ailment of lumbago would flee from the human body if the individual would wind a violin string loosely about the body and wear it for a few months.

The D, A and E strings are favored as having that curative power, and recently when a few cases of lumbago

developed among members of the London Stock Exchange there was a very real run on the music stores, the demand for these violin strings taking nearly all the strings on hand.

Fancy prices were demanded and received for pure Italian gut strings, particularly the E string, that was said to have a very marked power over human suffering.

No Appeal

A journalist, his wife and child, little Alice, were having lunch together. "Can I have some more pudding, mother?" inquired the child.

"I think you have had enough," said the journalist; "it will make you ill."

"His wife, as is the way of mothers, said, 'Let her have a little more.' 'It will make her ill,' insisted father. Little Alice looked from one to the other. Finally she sighed and said, 'The editor's decision is final.'"

With Reservations

A parson's little daughter came home from school in great concern.

"Isn't devil a horrible word to be in the Bible, daddy?" she said. "It was in my portion this afternoon, but I coughed when I came to it and wouldn't read it."

This reminds one of the curate who rendered a well-known passage: "He that believeth not shall be damned, as it were."

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