

**ADVANTAGES ACCORDED TO CRIMINALS**

It is an oft-repeated assertion that our criminal laws afford the criminal a better than fifty-fifty chance against law and order when he gets into court and offers more hope for his escape of punishment than they do for his conviction. In the light of what we see going on about us every day in our courts this assertion seems well grounded. Men charged with serious offenses and without any question as to their guilt are, through the help of shrewd, and we may say, unscrupulous lawyers, daily turned back again at large to still further prey upon society. Especially is this true where there is money to hire and pay this class of legal talent. We may assume that the average criminal robber or holdup has no money except what he gets by plying his illegal vocation, otherwise he would not be out to relieve others of what they have. But it is noted these criminals when caught are flush with funds and able to employ the highest priced lawyers to defend them. Where does the money come from? And what position does the lawyer occupy in the sense of right and justice when he defends such a man and uses his utmost endeavor to save him from the law and the consequences of his deed? We shall say no lawyer takes a case from his client unless that client exposes to him the true facts as to his guilt or innocence. What sort of a conscience has a lawyer, then, or how does he fit it in with the fact that when he was admitted and allowed to practice law in the courts he took an oath to uphold the law and the constitution of the United States? Is he an honest man or standing upon the same plane as the man who steals money and then hands it over to him to help escape punishment? Does it not really look like a partnership affair?

Again, the average newspaper is an aid to the criminal. We offer read where a robbery was committed and the criminal failed to look in another drawer where a large sum was reposing, or in another pocket of a victim where he carried a large amount of money. Then after the deed is committed these papers keep the bandit fully informed of all the efforts to apprehend him by the officers and furnish him with every clue to elude capture. Neither does the press offer to hold the crime up to derision but relates the facts in the case and lends to it all the romance that imagination can suggest. They give to the outrage all the atmosphere of some great achievement, make almost a hero of the successful robber, and send it forth for young men to read and fill them with a desire to go and do likewise.

These are only a few of the instances where the criminal gets the best of it, and any reader can multiply them from his own observation. The criminal is entitled to only a fair trial, with no suppressing of facts, no trivialities, no technicalities, no tearing the blindfold from the eyes of justice, no money bribes to courts or lawyers, and, most of all, no advantage over the great mass of society entitled to protection against vicious activities or those who abet them.

Department of agriculture official says mankind faces an insect war in which it may be defeated. For all time mankind has combated all sorts of creeping, crawling, flying and other forms of insect life debating which shall survive. And it may be this struggle is a well-laid plan to test the superiority of the two forms of life. The enemies of mankind are very numerous, when you come to think of it.

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**Notes and Comment**

By CHAD ALTON

Economy is a wonderful word and we often hear it used in connection with governmental affairs. It is brought to mind by the fact that recently one government official at Washington has just added two new rugs to his office floor at a cost of \$825 each. But that is nothing. One cabinet officer has a rug that cost the government \$6000. How would you like to get your feet on that.

Over a power dam in a Washington river salmon in their journey to the sea leap 260 feet and land with out apparent injury. That is a feat no man could accomplish, and would probably hesitate to try.

The question arises as to whether we prize education or not. Taking the deaths of two personages recently it is found, that one, a member of the amusement world, was given greater attention after his demise than that of one of the world's greatest educators and a very valuable and learned man. If such men as the latter pass out unnoticed and without the proper honor being accorded them for their worth, the question may well be asked, "What good does education afford us?"

"Give me the liberty to know to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties." So wrote Milton, 1644. Thus have we freedom of the press, guaranteed by our constitution.

Al Smith has again been nominated for governor of New York, which leads some to say that he will be the Democratic nominee for president in 1928. There are many things can be said of Al, which will be said if he ever comes up for election.

With the passenger rate from Portland to Los Angeles by airplane 180 there is not much danger of overcrowding. But it is supposed to be worth that to those who make such trips, else they would not pay it.

The French National Touring Bureau reports thirty thousand more

American visitors in 1925 than the previous year and a probable increase for this year of 25 per cent over that. These tourists spent 226 million dollars in France, and most of them do not know where Mt. Hood is located.

A Moderation, Inc., report tells us there is more drunkenness at the present time than there was in 1914. All who are willing to accept this insult to their intelligence are at perfect liberty to do so.

It is hinted that the time may come when man's morals may be regulated by chemicals. If we are not mistaken the morals and virtues of many men in this age have been too much unfavorably regulated already by drugs, the foolish use of alcohol and other self-abuses tending toward degeneration.

The action of Turkeyin (massacre) Armenians and expelling Greeks from Anatolia has resulted in Greece becoming a greater manufacturer of Oriental rugs than New Jersey

Wet enthusiasts miss no occasion to slander college and high school students of both sexes to bolster up their lost cause. The young men and women of our educational institutions display no more spirit than they ever did before the days of prohibition. That is the evidence of the majority of college officials. Also read "Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby," or any of Dickens' works where school days are depicted.

Who says we are not a nation of democratic people? Opening a new chapter in a northwest city recently only the elect of the Who's Who were allowed to attend, and those by "card." The next night, after danger of contamination was passed, the common herd composed of "It Makes no Difference Who," were permitted to attend at "popular prices."

Leaders in any great religious movement have always been persecuted since the time of the man Nazareth. The McPherson woman claims the same is being done to her. But it is better for the cause of all religion that in her case a court should decide what the public are of opinion is a much muddled affair that only judicial inquiry can straighten.

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