

Newberg Graphic

E. H. WOODWARD
Editor and Publisher

Published every Thursday morning
Office: Graphic Building, No. 600 First Street
Phone: Office, White 33; Residence, Blue 57

Entered at the postoffice at Newberg, Oregon,
as second-class matter.

\$1.50 Per Year in Advance

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1917

Do your bit for good roads at the polls next Monday.

The last day of May and straw hats still in cold storage.

Continue to bear in mind that Newberg is to have a Chautauqua the second week in July.

Women voters who believe in the favorable results of good roads in the development of the state should be at the polls next Monday and cast their votes for the bond issue.

All admit that we ought to have better roads in Oregon. The bonding proposition gives promise of a start in that direction, therefore get out next Monday and help put it over with your vote.

Our state penitentiary is a disgrace to the state and it is up to the voters to say whether or not money shall be appropriated for building a new one. The act will be found on the ballot Monday. We believe it ought to be approved.]

In the appointment of Judge Charles L. McNary to be United States Senator for Oregon to fill, until the next general election, the unexpired term of the late Senator Lane, the Graphic believes that Governor Withycombe has acted wisely. Mr. McNary has made good wherever he has been tested, he is a growing man and a hard, consistent worker. On two very live questions, national prohibition and woman's suffrage, he promptly announces that he favors both. He is already on his way to Washington to take his seat.

Recently when Frank S. Myers, the Portland postmaster, spoke in Newberg in opposition to the issuing of road bonds he made an effort to play to the galleries, by swinging his arms wildly and shouting: "You people in Newberg were no doubt told when you were being urged to pave your streets that if you made this improvement your property would double in selling price. What has the result been? What can you sell your property for today?" Yes, he was cheered, but who did the cheering? It was not done by those who are most interested, and the Graphic feels sure that had a vote been taken by those who are paying for the paving, not one would have favored going back to old conditions with a sea of mud in winter and flying dust in summer. Consequently Mr. Myers' appeal for the purpose of tickling the ears of a class of people who are always opposed to any improvements falls flat when honestly considered. Newberg was in a position where a certain amount of paving had to be done if further progress was to be made. It has been a burden on many property owners to meet the yearly payments, to be sure, but since none would want to go back to former conditions if it were possible, the fact that property is not selling readily is no argument against making further highway improvements when it can be done as provided for in the bonding act. If Oregon is to keep pace with neighboring states, the main arteries of travel must be improved so that rapid transit with motor-driven conveyances may pass over them, both summer and winter. Since the opposition has failed to suggest any other possible plan for making such road improvements the Graphic favors the bonding act.

A Self Confessed Criminal

The Law and the Facts in Her Case.

By EDWARD BLAKE

A lawyer, especially a criminal lawyer, has often great difficulty in learning from his client the exact facts in a case for which he is retained. The lawyer should know whether or no his client, if accused of a crime, is guilty or innocent. Soon after I began to practice my profession I was retained by a woman accused of forgery. I asked her if she was innocent, and she confessed that she was guilty. I submitted a similar hypothetical case to the judge before whom the woman was to be tried and asked him whether it was my duty, knowing her to be guilty, to defend her or refuse to do so.

His reply was that it was my duty to defend her; that it was the business of the jury, not the attorney nor the judge, to determine the matter of guilt or innocence.

Mrs. Rebecca Irwin, my self confessed client, was a very feminine person, but back of her femininity was evidently a certain peculiar strength. I would take her rather for one to give away what she had than to take money from another, especially dishonestly. She was somewhere between thirty and forty years old and a very pretty woman. I became interested in my client at once.

The crime was forging a check of Edgar Jones, payable to himself. When the forgery was discovered and reported the officers of the bank, suspecting that some one of the bank's clerks had something to do with the fraud, employed a detective to investigate the matter. He was at work on the case when my client went to the president of the bank and confessed that she had made the forged check and had drawn the money.

I entered a plea of not guilty for my client and called in two experts in chirography to pass upon the writing. The body of the check was in one hand, while the signatures were in another. My experts stated that the writing in the body was something similar to that of my client, but they pronounced the signatures to have been made by another person from the filler of the paper and certainly not that of my client. The prosecuting attorney's experts declared that my client had both filled in the check and written the signatures.

What puzzled me was that Mrs. Irwin manifested no interest in securing an acquittal. She said she felt that she had committed a sin and could never hope to obtain any mental comfort in the matter till she had paid the penalty. Her actions were so strangely at variance with her confession that I was forced to the conclusion that she was laboring under a hallucination. Without intimating to her my object I asked her for information as to her family record, thinking I might discover that there was insanity in her family which had cropped out in her. She resolutely declined to assist me in the matter, but I hunted up a cousin of hers, who informed me that a maternal grandmother of his own and Mrs. Irwin's had in her old age fancied herself to be troubled with malignant spirits.

Acting upon this, I called in alienists, hoping to prove by them an abnormal mental condition on the part of my client. The first alienist who examined her pronounced her in perfect health in every respect, including her mind. The second, after a great deal of cross questioning, in which he was endeavoring to fulfill a theory, gave it as his opinion that she had received at some time a severe shock which might have produced mental aberration.

Never did an attorney get hold of a more puzzling case, and both judge and jury were similarly affected. As for me my sympathies were so far enlisted for my client that I could not fix my mind on any other subject. If she were of sound mind and guilty of the crime there was something unusual, something noble, in her desire to expiate it. If she were not of sound mind and not guilty, the mystery of the case was sufficient to enlist one's deepest interest.

The result of all this was that I fell in love with my client. She was fully ten years my senior, a widow, and living on the slenderest income. None of these considerations was in itself sufficient to prevent my loving her or marrying her, but to feel that my happiness was dependent upon a union with a self

confessed forger was sufficient to drive me to insanity.

The jury was obliged to bring in a verdict of guilty, but recommended the culprit to mercy. The consequence was that in sentencing her the judge gave her the lightest sentence possible within the law. He condemned her to serve a term of six months in the state penitentiary.

That a woman I had come to love should spend one minute behind bars was not only abhorrent to me, but it unbalanced my equanimity. I at once moved for a new trial, then when alone with my client confessed my love for her.

She was strangely moved by my confession. It seemed to give her both happiness and misery. "When I asked her as to her feelings toward me she broke down, weeping profusely, but gave no answer. When she had quieted she begged me to let the sentence of the court stand. She would serve her term and the suspense would be ended.

I would not agree to this. I obtained a new trial, which could not be brought to pass for several months, but the judge was willing to accept bail, and I furnished the necessary amount myself, so that my client's liberty until the case was finally closed was not in question.

One morning the president of the bank on which the forged check had been drawn sent for me. I went at once to see him. He took me into his private office and said to me:

"This case of yours in the matter of the state against Mrs. Rebecca Irwin is a very singular one. Do you know that your client is not guilty?"

"I believe it, but I can't prove it. And this fact is driving me mad."

"You don't need to prove it. We have the proof here in the bank."

"What do you mean?"

"Listen. From the first we have had a detective working on the case. When Mrs. Irwin confessed I told him that there was no further use for his services. He replied that the case would prove to be a mystery and that he had got hold of a clew which might lead to its solution. Of course I told him to go ahead. He claimed that Mrs. Irwin's confession, turning suspicion from the real culprit, would aid him (the detective) greatly in prosecuting his investigations.

"Well, he has just made a report. It is this: One of our clerks named Dixon, a youngster of twenty, is the forger. He has been friendly with Julian Irwin, aged sixteen, the son of the self accused woman."

"What?" I interrupted. "She never told me she had a son."

"Young Irwin was one day scribbling on some blank checks. Dixon got hold of one of those checks, the body of which was filled in, the name of the drawer of the check and the person to whom it was made payable alone being wanting. Dixon filled in the name and made the indorsement and a long while afterward asked Irwin as a favor to draw the money.

"When Irwin, though innocent, found himself implicated in the matter he went to his mother and told her the circumstances. An attorney was consulted, who told the mother and son that if Dixon was prosecuted Irwin must stand trial for forgery, with the probability of conviction, for Dixon would doubtless try to throw the whole responsibility on the boy he had made his tool."

"I see it all. But go on."

"To hush the matter up, thus saving her son from a blighted life, his mother confessed herself a forger."

"God bless her!" I exclaimed. "She tried to conceal her nobility from me, but failed. My client has not yet been informed of this discovery?" I asked.

"No. You are the only person thus far, besides myself, to know it."

Getting from him the address of young Irwin, I called a carriage and drove to where he was employed and told him I wished him to go with me to his mother. He did so, and I announced to both that there was no necessity for further mystery, since the case had been worked out to a finish. Their first act after the announcement was to spring into each other's arms. Mrs. Irwin had persuaded her son to make no opposition to her course, assuring him that she would never have to go to prison.

And so it was that I fell in love with a confessed forger and married a noble woman.

Earliest Germ of Vitality.

The microscopic dot or earliest germ of vitality is the marvel of science today. Everything that lives, whether the giant oak or the monster animal, has each to begin its individual growth from this microscopic dot which actually contains all the past story of the living growth and every part in miniature of its future frame.

Pictorial Patterns

Exclusive agents for Pictorial Review Patterns. We carry a very complete stock of them and you are especially invited to come and study the style books and we know you will like these patterns

Parisiana Corsets

This is the time of year you will want a new corset. Let your next Corset be a Parisiana style—they will please you. We have them in all styles and the prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.00

Cool Underwear

We have one of the most complete lines of Underwear for Women, Men and Children. These were bought early before the raise in price and we are offering them to you now at the old prices.

Fine Beach Cloth

For the Ladies' and Misses Summer Dresses. We have a nice assortment of pretty patterns in large checks and stripes at special prices per yard..... 25c and 50c

BAIRD'S

Ladies' Silk Hose

See our line of Ladies' Fancy Silk Hose—the newest thing in hosiery. Priced at per pair..... 50c

Summer Voiles

For thin Summer Dresses. A big assortment of patterns, 36 to 40 inches wide. Per yard..... 25c

Baird's Famous Grocery Department

You will always find a complete line of fresh vegetables, fruits and staple and fancy groceries at Baird's. It is our constant aim to try and please you in this particular line. Won't you let us serve you? Everything is fresh and we make deliveries promptly. We pay the highest market price butter, eggs and produce. Phone us your order

Coined in Bedlam.

The phrase "to sham Abraham" was coined in Bedlam, or Bethlehem hospital, where there was at one time an Abraham ward, the inmates of which upon certain days were permitted to go out as licensed beggars on behalf of the hospital. These mendicant lunatics were known as "Abraham men," and their success in invoking the pity of the charitable was such that they had many unlicensed imitators, who, when discovered, were said "to have shammed Abraham."

Wanted to Convert Utopia.

When the "Utopia" was first published it occasioned a pleasant mistake. This political romance represents a perfect but visionary republic in an island supposed to have been somewhere in the Atlantic, near these western shores.

"As this was the age of discovery," says Granger, "the learned Budaeus and others took it for genuine history and deemed it expedient to send missionaries thither to convert the people."—"Book of Queer Things."

The Tarantula.

The sting of the tarantula (a name derived from Taranto, a town in Italy), the most venomous of spiders, was popularly supposed to produce a disease called tarantism, which could be cured only by music or dancing, and the dance which cured it was called tarantella. You can see the peasants dance the tarantella now, but without waiting for spider bites.

A Bird Mystery.

After years of study devoted to the topic Professor Alfred Newton of Cambridge stated that without doubt bird migration is the greatest mystery in the entire animal kingdom, "a mystery," he added, "that can be no more explained by the modern man of science than by the simple minded savage of antiquity."

One Day.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can.—Emerson.

The elder Booth, the tragedian, had a broken nose. A woman friend once remarked to him, "I like your acting very much, Mr. Booth, but to be perfectly frank with you I can't get over your nose!" "No wonder, madam," replied Booth; "the bridge is gone."

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB

The Civic Improvement Club has planned a meeting in the city park next Saturday at 1:30 p. m. for cleaning and putting the grounds in good condition for the events which are planned to be held there. This invitation is to every loyal citizen. Come armed with rakes, cvthes and wheelbarrows and help to beautify and make the park a credit to the community. On behalf of committee.



Newberg Lodge No. 104 A. F. & A. M. Regular meeting Second and Fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting brothers always welcome. By order R. J. Moore W. M., G. O. Keeney Secretary.

SHILOH RELIEF CORPS NO. 28.— Meetings held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2:30 P. M. in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. Elizabeth Clemens, Pres. Emma L. Snow, Sec.

The Graphic and Weekly Oregonian, one year, \$2.00.

NAYBERGER'S

Forced Unloading Sale!

Will Close Tuesday Evening June 5
Tremendous Reductions Now
Prevail on Summer Goods

Hundreds of people are taking advantage of the Great Savings, so come and get your share

In the Dry Goods Department

We offer nearly all our Silks, Wash Goods, Wash Dresses, Toweling and Corsets. A lot of Men's last year's Summer clothing at big discount. Ladies' Coats and Suits, all this season's goods, at a discount of from 10 to 20 per cent. All our new Silk and Woolen Dresses at 1/4 off, and hundreds of other lines at a big sacrifice, as we must reduce our stock.

Extra Specials While They Last

A lot of Ladies' Silk Suits in black and navy, values to \$27.50, special at..... \$18.65

For full price list refer to last week's paper.

D. M. NAYBERGER, McMinnville, Or.