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### JUSTICE TO THE DEAD

The Enterprise did not have a prospect of street sales such as led the city dailies to devote pages to the filthy details of the Arbuckle case. Moreover, to have put the stuff in type would have cost more money in the hand-set rural newspaper office than in the offices of those dailies. These facts may detract from any credit we might claim for not having given space to the unsavory stuff.

But the management of this paper has an additional reason for the course it has pursued. We believe we have a class of patrons who would rather read wholesome current news of worth-while events than the nauseous mass of words referred to.

But there is evidence of a propaganda designed to lessen the public abhorrence of Arbuckle and his mode of life. This was shown in the kisses with which that sweet cherub was greeted on his arrival at Los Angeles after his experience in the San Francisco jail. It has been charged that the feminine kissers were paid as the clackers at a theater are paid. Another evidence of the propaganda is the campaign that has been carried on regarding the dead girl's character. She is not here to defend her name, therefore the charges against her call for comment by unprejudiced observers who have not, like her, been stilled by death.

First, it is asked, if she was a good girl why did she attend such a party? We have Arbuckle's statement that she was induced to go there to consult an artist about a costume. She had never been at any of his previous orgies, tho urged to attend.

She was known to have always been accompanied to rehearsals and elsewhere by an elderly chaperone, and it seems probable that she did not know of questionable actions by that chaperone, like a reported dance in pajamas.

At the party she partook sparingly of orange juice which had been doctored with intoxicants.

How she got into the room with Arbuckle has not been brought out by the evidence, but once there he locked the door and she was heard by a hotel employe to call out: "No! Oh, my God! No!" Later her screams brought others to the door, which Arbuckle was finally induced to open, when she was found screaming with pain. Disrobed by the women who rushed in, she was found by doctors to have eleven bruises on various parts of her person, evidencing a desperate struggle for her honor.

A fresh mark of a hypodermic syringe on her arm has been seized upon by her traducers as an indication that she was a drug fiend, whereas that single mark more likely showed that her assailant used the drug to supplement the drugged drink in bringing her under subjection.

The campaign of slander will not help Arbuckle in the end.

But since his leading counsel has left the case because he does not want to soil his hands with it for less than \$25,000 and Fahey wants to pay only \$5000, Judge Lazarus might be retained in the case. He has shown himself a first-class pleader of the fleshy comedian's cause.

Twenty-five thousand California

women have protested against any Arbuckle films being shown unless his innocence can be proved, and producers are now putting the following clause into contracts:

"The actor agrees to conduct himself with due regard to public conventions and morals and agrees that he will not do anything tending to degrade him in society, or bring him into public hatred, contempt, scorn or ridicule, or tending to shock, insult or offend the community, or tending to the prejudice of the company or the motion picture industry."

Now comes a Chicago drummer who says Virginia left a child nine years old. She must have been about 16 years old when it was born. He says she supported the youngster generously. Such an experience may be a reason for her having been so careful always to have an elderly chaperone with her after she entered the movies. Now there is a chance for those pharisees, mostly feminine, who enjoy striking a woman when she is down. Virginia Rappe is down. She can never strike back. Hit her, ye cowards!

Senator Kenyon has introduced a bill to enable the president to take over the coal mines and operate them in case they are tied up by a strike and the community is likely to suffer, and another to limit the profit that may be made on coal between the mine and the consumer. If there are as many unemployed men as is claimed, and if they are as desirous of work as is represented, some of them may yet dig coal. They may not be skilled miners, but probably they can learn. Time was when there were no skilled miners. Somebody must have begun to learn without a skilled instructor. Besides, not all the skilled men will strike. Some may teach new men to mine.

The decree of the league of nations for the enforcement of the demand of the people of Silesia, instead of allotting the whole region to Germany because a majority of the vote was in her favor, carries the rule of consent of the governed farther and allots to Germany those portions where the majority vote was for Germany and to Poland those lesser ones where the vote favors her. And again Germany threatens not to "honestly fulfill her engagements to the allies" unless she has her own way. That is her chancellor's announcement.

Thirty trains of grapes, averaging 64 cars each, were shipped from Lodi, Cal., in September, which, from one town and confined to one fruit, gives some idea of the fruit business handled by the Southern Pacific. The demand for fresh grapes has doubled the price of the product since prohibition, instead of that law working the ruin of the industry, as so loudly predicted.

The more Japan proclaims her willingness to let go her hold on Shantung and Siberia, the more fixed becomes the belief that she intends to violate her promises in both places and grab territory, as she did in Korea.

Movie promoters claim that the conviction of Arbuckle would damage their business. No; you can't spoil a bad egg. The exposure of Fahey's besotted guzzling and his bestial tendencies in the way of amusements has destroyed the value of his picture as an attraction for any decent audience, regardless of whether he killed the girl or not.

If Brunfield, the Roseburg dentist accused of murder, and members of his family are as defective mentally as those members testified at the trial, they all ought to be sterilized under the Oregon law.

### ORIGINALITY

The essays on "Sunset," by high-school students, which are published elsewhere, if original, show poetic imagination and a knowledge of the language indicating a considerable amount of reading. To be classed as original a composition does not need to consist entirely of phrases never used before. That would be practically impossible.

A stranger sat in church and as the first phrase came from the preacher's mouth, after the introduction to the sermon, called out "Emerson!" Another terse sentence and he cried: "Jonathan Edwards!" Still another and he said: "Swedenborg!" "Put that man out!" said the preacher.

"Original, By—!" said the interrupter.

But it wasn't. It had probably been used many more times than the others.

The biological survey of the department of agriculture is afraid, if hunters' licenses are not restricted, "the extinction of big game, especially, is inevitable." And would that be a calamity? Would we be better off if the giant sloth and the dinosaurs and the humplegump roamed the earth? Game pre-ervation costs more than it's worth. We can raise meat more cheaply and kill it more humanely, or those who must kill something to be happy may run automobiles or join in football games or boxing matches.

The coroners of Oregon are holding a state convention in Portland—Not for the purpose of discussing ways and means of drumming up more business, we hope.—Eugene Guard.

Nor for the increasing of prices. There is surely no reason for that. The cost of living is said to be high, but the cost of dying is higher.

## Clothing Prices Show Greatest Drop

Clothing prices have shown the greatest decline since the peak prices of July, 1920, at which time the tide turned and prices of all commodities sought lower levels.

The National Industrial Conference board has just completed a nation-wide survey of the five general items entering into the average family budget—food, shelter, clothing, fuel and light. The report shows a drop in clothing prices of 38 per cent, in food 32 per cent, rent 7 pr. ct. increase, fuel and light 8 pr. ct. increase during the period from July, 1920, to July, 1921. We have clothing prices that will suit you:

### Suits

\$16.50 to \$45

THE BLAIN CLOTHING CO. ALBANY OREGON

The Store That Gives a Square Deal to Every Customer

We have a complete stock of the National Mazda Electric Lamps at the standard prices. When in need of a new supply see us.

Cross & White

J. W. MOORE  
Real Estate and Insurance



### SWEETS TO THE SWEET

The age of the girl doesn't count when it comes to candy; big and little, they all love it. The candies that we sell are made of pure unadulterated sugar and flavorings, and consequently no matter how much is eaten there can be no harmful effect. Take home a box knowing that it is the purest candy made.

CLARK'S CONFECTIONERY.

More and more farmers are refusing to pay a \$3 license fee for the privilege of eating a pheasant or a deer that has lived on their crops, and more and more of them are posting notices warning those "sportsmen" who are so superciliously superior to "pot hunters" not to trespass on their farms. This discourages the buying of licenses and threatens the income of the expensive "dukes" and commissions and deputies the legislature has been so fond of multiplying.

Last week was "fire prevention week," and a good drenching rain made it a success. Many people, however, would save themselves much loss and sorrow if they would have 52 fire prevention weeks a year, instead of 1. One-week-a-year fire prevention resembles one-day-a-week religion, which claims one day a week as the Lord's day and leaves the other six to the devil.

A \$22,000 contract has been let for a road from Reedsport to Brandy Bar. Lots of fellows in Oregon have been longing for a road to the latter place ever since the state went dry. What's in a name?

Philander C. Knox, diplomat and statesman, is dead, aged 68. He was a native of Brownsville, but not of Linn county. He was born in Brownsville, Pa.

### PUBLIC KISSING ON WANE

People of Asia Minor Change Age-Old Custom of Showing Affection, Esteem or Reverence.

Angora.—The age-old custom of men publicly kissing other men as a mark of affection, esteem or reverence, is passing in Asia Minor.

As in the French army, high officers or generals of the Turk nationalist army kiss men whom they decorate or wish to commend. Gen. Ismet Pasha, in reviewing infantry, often walks up to some stalwart soldier, slaps him on the shoulder and kisses him on both cheeks as a mark of public approval. The correspondent has seen a high officer kneel and kiss the hands of Gen. Mouhidine Bey, the former teacher of the younger officer.

But in general, as a custom of the people, of friends meeting and embracing after long separation, kissing is a thing of the past.

### Can't Read Letter.

Oxford, Ind.—Mrs. Josie Steele of this place, when the World war was in progress, knitted socks for the Red Cross. In one pair she inclosed a card with the inscription: "Knit by Mrs. Josie Steele, Oxford, Ind. Size 11." Recently she received a letter from Poland, written in the Polish language but addressed in English to "Knit by Mrs. Josie Steele, Size 11, Oxford, Ind., U. S. A." She has not found any one who can read the letter.

### \$490 Purse in Coal Wagon.

Greensburg, Pa.—For four days, a pocketbook containing \$490 was carried around the country attached to the running gear of a coal wagon belonging to Frank Shirey of Ligonier. The pocketbook was the property of John Gunter of this place, who laid it on the wagon while paying Shirey for a load of coal. Four days after the transaction Shirey discovered the purse while hitching up his team, and returned it to the owner.

Gunter had missed the money, but could not remember where he had laid it.

### Strange Beast.

Detroit, Mich.—A little animal, at first thought to be the "missing link," was captured recently in the wooded portion of Berkeley, Cal. It had a face like a man, a tall like that of a squirrel, hands resembling those of a human being and jabbered a distinctive lingo. It is about a foot tall and dark brown. University of California scientists will be asked to define its species.

### The Search for God.

The search for men for God has been an age-long search, throughout the centuries men have groped in darkness with the cry, "Show us God," the deepest hunger of the heart, and the deepest perplexity of the mind. When Phillips Brooks was called in to give some religious instruction to Helen Keller, spending her life in darkness and isolation, she greeted him with one sentence slowly spelled out. "Please tell me something that you know about God."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

### A Sense of Fitness.

Fogg remarks that the world won't seem quite right to him until "commencement" begins the college term instead of ending it.—Boston Transcript.

### They Must Help Themselves

(Wall Street Journal.)

All the money in the savings banks will not provide for the unemployed. If it were withdrawn and given them today, its withdrawal would cause more unemployment in other directions. There is no sudden cure. "There is no cure whatever which does not involve co-operation by the patient. He must change his habits. He must quit lying to himself about his standard of living. He must quit lying to his employer about his capabilities. He must quit lying about the work he turns out. Our public departments must quit encouraging him to lie. To tell the unemployed they can be helped by splitting the day's work between two applicants for employment is a cruel jest on consumer and producer alike.

### No Income Guaranteed

Since September 1, 1920, no railroad could receive what it did not earn. Since that time the railroads have failed to earn a 6-per-cent return by \$518,000,000 and have lost that sum forever.

A decrease in operating expenses sufficient to make possible a general reduction in rates can be secured only by further substantial reductions in railroad operating expenses—including the abolition of war-time rules and working conditions so that the amount of work per day of each railroad employe will be something near what it was before the war.

### RIGHT TIME TO CUT TIMBER

Disease and Insects Do Not Attack Wood Out of Doors During Winter Weather.

Timber cut in late fall and winter seasons more slowly and with less checking than during the warmer months, and when proper storage or handling is impracticable, winter cutting is best. Fungi and insects do not attack wood out of doors in cold weather, and by the time warm weather arrives the wood is partly seasoned and somewhat less susceptible to attack. It is for these reasons that winter cutting is advantageous, and not on account of smaller amount of moisture or sap in the wood in winter, as the popular belief has it. There is practically no difference in moisture content of green wood in winter and summer.

### MAKE LITTLE FARM REPAIRS

Hammer, Some Nails and Few Boards Will Work Wonders in Keeping Yard in Order.

A hammer, some nails and a few boards tacked up at odd moments will work wonders in keeping the fences, gates and sheds about the farm yard in good order. Why not charge the boys with keeping things in order and encourage them to do a little carpentry when farm work is slack? What boy is there who doesn't delight in using tools?

### Perdido River.

The Perdido river is a small river and bay on the western border of Florida, separating it from Alabama. The word is Spanish and means "lost."

The Women's Vigilant committee of San Francisco demands the permanent elimination of Arbuckle films from the stage on the ground that, irrespective of what may have been his conduct in the Rappe case, he has been shown to be an immoral character and should not be allowed on the screen.

### Oregon

The early morning sunbeams,  
The roses in full bloom,  
The jovial little breezes,  
To scatter sweet perfume,  
Will please the heart and comfort  
The traveler on his way  
Along our scenic highways  
Upon a pleasant day.

The great, tall firs and cedars,  
The oak and mistletoe,  
The scrub and vine and holly,  
All blend together so  
To please the eye and gladden  
The traveler on his way  
Along our scenic highways |  
Upon a pleasant day.

The snowcapped peaks of mountains  
The sparkling waterfalls,  
The deep ravines and gorges  
And all the rocky walls  
Will thrill the heart with pleasure  
Of the traveler on his way  
Along our scenic highways  
Upon a pleasant day.

The half has not been written,  
And the pen cannot describe  
The different scenes of beauty  
Along the mountain side.  
It all stands there in splendor,  
And the traveler's bound to say—  
"There is no place like Oregon,  
Upon a pleasant day."

G. R. Walker.