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TAKES COURAGE TO WIN

We have received under a Brownsville postmark a partially legible carbon copy of an anony. mous communication setting forth resolutions alleged to have been adopted by the First Methodist church (somewhere) June 25, expressing sentiments, which we fully indorse, of horror of the Plainview murder, of sympathy with the bereaved and of detesta. tion for the outlaw liquor business from which the crime sprang.

The resolutions further have our sympathy and indorsement in stating that "the responsibility for the brutal assassination will test on the shoulders of the moonshiner and bootlegger and the advocate of 'personal liberty.'

The resolutions further call upon the officials of the county and state for the exercise of all their power for the enforcement of the Volstead act, and to this also the Enterprise says "amen."

But we cannot agree with the resolutions that 'this tragedy is the logical result of the propaginda industriously circulated through the press by the liquor interests for the purpose of breaking down the eighteenth amendmuch a libel upon the press as a statement that the churches are circulating such propaganda would be a libel upon the churches. There are ministers and even congregations denouncing the Volstead act. But they do not represent the bulk of the churches any more than a few newspapers which take the same stand represent the press of the country. The great majority of the newspapers of America, like the majority of the people, approve the Volstead law, and its opponents will not be able to break it down.

the way to secura enforcement of law is not by a cowardly inaction while ballyhooing about violations, but by personally taking up the laborious, inconvenient and sometimes dangerous task of securing evidence that can be used in court and placing it in the hands of the proper officials. Interfering with lawbreakers is often dangerous. Elder Healy and Sheriff Kendall did not shun such danger. Healy did not confine his efforts to preaching against the evil. He went where he was liable to be called upon according to law if the officer should need assistance or to be made a witness in case of a trial an I to become a target for the vengeance of a convict because of testimony he might give.

THE RAILROAD TANGLE

While the law's delays were dragging the Southern-Central Pacific unmerging suit along its slow length from 1914 to 1920, the country progressed and new laws were made which nullified old ones. Yet the supreme court plodded along, a la Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce. Learned judges decided for both sides of the case, but the last decision happened to be for unmerg- that it is likely to remain for many

The Southern Pacific about 1899 bought the stock of the Central Pathe stock of the two companies dead of earth. have operated them under the two names, the Southern Pacific leasing the Central's lines.

In 1890 the Sherman anti-trust land Journal. aw went into effect, and, despite Who cares which end, as long the constitutional provision that as he hange on?

no law impairing contracts shall be passed, those judges who happen to be in the majority have decreed that the two systems shall be separated. Like the case of the Siamese twins, nothing but surgery can fulfill that decree, and the operation may be fatal to one o both of the twins.

If the courts could untangle the mess so that the Union Pacific could run the line from Ogden to San Franicsco and the Southern Pacific that from Portland through California to the Gulf of Mexico, competitive operation would be possible. But sections of the system are owned by one company and others by the other, and to separate them would leave a lot of has been exploited in the news dis-

The court's 'untangling' de-

We have too blamed much law in this country and too little justice. And see how Harding's unruly schoolboys in the halls of congress are piling up law after law n an interminable tangle.

The Interstate Commerce commission will consider the Southern-Central Pacific question in October. It has been intimated that it is likely to throw the two systems together under one management, which to the uninjtiated looks like a way out of the legal muddle, for the law gives the commission power to take such action.

The state highway commission is, and always has been, a law-license. breaker. It has cared little what the law said as to location or method of construction or financing of highways. It has encouraged county courts to illegally divert pay? What a howl would go up money from market road and from private interests that are now ment." That language is as other funds and turn it over to the advocating a ship subsidy!-Portcommission. It is time that the commission be made to respect the law or be abolished entirely. - Dallas Itemizer.

Abolish it.

The lawmakers at the special session of the legislature piled an additional \$2,000,000 on our ex- bear in mind that you can Because, like Alexander, they could find no more worlds to conquer. They had taxed everything in the state all that it would bear. Where did the Linn county member of the ways and means committee exercise the retrenchmen and economy his friends tell us

The Lutheran synod at Salem demands full-kick wine for the sacrament and denounces the move to compel attendance of children at public schools. The members seem to think the eighteen hours of the day when public schools are not in session are not sufficient to teach dogma to their children.

The Enterprise can commend the state highway commission for once, at least. It refused to temporarily remove the speed limit for an auto race at Bend for the 4th, dispatches say. Autos kill enough people as it is. But what has the commission to do with the speed

Officials of Williamson county, Ill., report that "the situation is well under hand." This reminds one of the famous dispatch, after every living thing in Warsaw had been killed : "Order reigns in War-

An expert of the French wine commission has been investigating American prohibition and reports years. It is.

Not all cranks suffer obscurity. cific and paid the big debt due to Some attach college degree letters the government from the latter to their names and try to talk to actly the glasses you need. company. The common owners of the inhabitants of Mars or to the

> "Harding to hang onto Dougherty." To the bitter end?-Port-

SPIRITS AND SPIRITS

With the president and bis cabinet and his shipping board contemptuously defying the prohibition law and a mob, partially drunken, in the wild and wooly We have Ford tires at all state of Illinois murdering 33 strikebreaking miners in cold blood without an effort being made by local authorities to punish them, an I with a moonshiner a few miles from Halsey assassinating our sheriff and a minister for interfering with his illegal distillery, it is no stretch of the truth to say that there is a spirit of lawlessness nearer bome than Russia. The spirit of the still begets a spirit of Expert lawlessness and always did,

The mythical spirit of the dead HALSEY disconnections and no through patches, with Conan Doyle's "octoplasm'' and similar marvels as leading cards, until the news cree only tangles things worse than gatherers were keyed up to the point of setting forth in all seriousness a fake Paris dispatch to the effect that savants of the Sorbonne had witnessed materialization of the dead and that alleged phenomenon had become an established scientific fact.

Surely 'unclean spirits like frogs" have come forth, and they come into high places.

The easiest way out of the railroad unmerging would seem to be to ignore the court decisious, as the government does on shipboard.

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The races at the fair grounds will held at 5. A baseball game and other sports will be features. Local theaters have arranged special programs for the two days. The Globe has its announcement in our advertising columns.

In 1912 the Union Pacific would have bought from the Southern Pacific company the Central Pacific main line from Ogden to Sacramento had it not been for the California state railroad commission. As owner of the Sacramento line, via Benicia to Oakland, the Southern Pacific wished to grant the Union Pacific a lease of it for through trains. The state body

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THAT ANGEL

He Sang Like an Angel, but His Trip to the Country Was Long Remembered

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I AM SO glad you consented to stay over until Monday, auntle, for now you can hear our famous boy choir," Ethel had said at the breakfast table

that Sunday morning.
"Humph! I've heard of 'em," Ann
Wetherby had returned crisply, "but I never took much stock in 'em. A choir-made o' boys-just as if music could come from yellin', hootin' boys!".

An hour later at St. Mark's, the softly swelling music of the organ was sending curious little thrills tingling to Miss Wetherby's finger tips. Then faintly in the distance sounded the

first sweet notes of the processional. Ethel stirred slightly and threw a meaning glance at her aunt. The woman met the look unfinchingly. "Them ain't no boys!" she whis-

Nearer and nearer swelled the chorus until the leaders reached the open doors. Miss Wetherby gave one look at the white-robed singers, then she reached over and clutched Ethel's

"They be!-and in their nighties, too!" she added in a horrified whis-

One of the boys had a solo in the authem that morning, and as the clear, pure soprano rose higher and higher, Mies Wetherby gazed in undisguised awe at the young singer. She noted the soulful eyes uplifted devoutly, and the broad forehead framed in clustering brown curls. To Miss Wetherby it was the face of an

At dinner that day Miss Wetherby learned that the soloist was "Bobby Sawyer." She also learned that he was one of Ethel's "fresh-air" mission children, and that, as yet, there was

no place for him to go for a vacation. That angel child with the heavenly voice-and no one to take him in?" Miss Wetherby bethought herself of her own airy rooms and flowering meadows, and snapped her lips together with sudden determination.
"I'll take him!" she announced

tersely, and went home the next day to prepare for her expected guest. Early in the morning of the first Monday in July, Miss Wetherby added

the finishing touches to the dainty white bedroom upstairs. "Dear little soul-I hope he'll like it!" she murmured.

On the table in the corner were hymn books, the great red-and-gold family Bible, and a "Baxter's Saints" Rest"-the only reading matter suited to Miss Wetherby's conception of the mind behind those soulful orbs upraised in devout adoration.

Just before Ann started for the station Tommy Green came over to leave his pet dog, Rover, for Miss Wetherby's "fresh-air" boy to play

"Now, Thomas Green," remonstrated Ann severely, "you can take that dirty dog right home. I won't have him around. Besides, Robert Sawyer sin't the kind of a boy you be. He don't care fur sech things-I know he

don't."
Half ap hour later, Ann Wetherby,
her heart thumping loudly against
her heart thumping loudly against her ribs, anxiously scanned the passengers as they alighted at Slocumville station. There were not manyan old man, two girls, three or four women, and a small, dirty boy with a dirtier dog and a brown paper parcel

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