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The editor of an exchange writes of the new times and manners: "When we were young people had colds, soaked their feet in hot water and got well. Now they have grippe, take quinine and feel sick all summer. Then they had sore throat, wrapped a piece of fat pork in an old sock, tied it around the neck at night and went to work the next morning. Now they have tonsillitis, a surgical operation and two weeks in the house. Then they had stomach ache and took castor oil and recovered. Now they have appendicitis, a week in the hospital, six feet due east and west and four feet perpendicular. Then they worked; they labor now. In those days they wore underclothes; now they wear lingerie. Then they went to a restaurant; now they go to a cafe. Then they broke a leg; now they fracture a limb. People went crazy then; they have brain storms now. Politicians paid hard cash for support; now they send Government garden seeds.

They must have had a hilariously good time of it over in Grant county. The Canyon City Blue Mountain Eagle says: It was proven Christmas eve in various portions of the county beyond a peradventure of a doubt that boozing and waltzing mix just about as harmoniously as cats and dogs. Nobody has any objection to boozing and nobody has any objection to waltzing, but not until the spider and the fly become chums and the lion chooses the lamb for his side-kicker can these two incompatible elements make a peaceful union. Waltzing is all right in its place, boozing is all right in its place, a torch is all right in its place, and giant powder is all right in its place; but when you come to put the torch and the powder together you get about the same result that you get when boozing and waltzing are mixed. Two-stepping and boozing are not so bad, as they go nicely together like water and oil, but the waltz is inseparable in booze and they always mix like his Satanic Nots and the Deedlogue.

Edward Hines, president of the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber company, which a Chicago dispatch pronounces "the largest combine in the world of its kind," is predicting cheap lumber, which, he asserts, will be obtained through cheapening the cost of manufacture by other methods than "at the expense of the country by reckless or wasteful lumbering methods." Mr. Hines gives a number of details of the new plans which his firm will bring about this remarkably pleasing condition. Among other improvements in methods he says, "we will utilize all the timber on the ground we cut over. We will not simply pick out the choice trees, leaving deadwood and brush to feed forest fires. We will clear the land so that, instead of being a worthless wilderness after it is cut over, it will be available for farming purposes."

Idle and inconsiderate persons take pleasure in putting freak addresses on letters, to test the ingenuity of the clerks in deciphering puzzles. The British postmaster-general has very properly given orders that government employes must not hereafter waste their time, which is public money, in trying to decipher intentional cryptograms.

Within a month after the proclamation of the new constitution, two hundred and sixty-five newspapers were established in Turkey. Now the experiment in free-government will not lack editors ready to tell how it should be carried on.

Somebody has made the interesting discovery that the blonde criminals outnumber the brunettes who go wrong. It may be, however, that the brunettes who bleach are counted as blondes.

That Pittsburg millionaire who is giving his money to the people whom he desires to have it, without making them wait till he dies, can hardly expect to be loudly applauded by the lawyers.

"The touch of a friend," remarks a Missouri contemporary, "may hurt more than the cut of an enemy." No doubt about it. Especially if the friend forgets the amount he touched you for.

Brouson Howard, the dramatist left an estate valued at more than \$10,000. Mr. Howard must have received some of the immense royalties referred to in the advance agent's notices.

A Chicago man is said to be afraid to inherit \$1,000,000. He should overcome his fears, for even when one has a million the ownership of an automobile is not compulsory.

"In proportion to its size," says the Pittsburg Dispatch, "a beetle is stronger than 100 horses." Still, there's no consolation in that for the man who is yearning for an automobile.

**OUR WATER HIGHWAYS**

The National Rivers and Harbors congress has adopted resolutions favoring:

1. A bond issue of \$500,000,000 for the improvement of our water highways;
2. Immediate prosecution of work already begun and the beginning of important new work;
3. Liberal appropriations for current contracts.

Speaker Cannon, the head of the group of men who control legislation in the house tells the congress that he does not favor the present issue of bonds. He objects on the score of economy. He wishes to do nothing hasty.

A well matured plan might well precede the voting of bonds. Yet Mr. Cannon cannot have failed to notice that Canada is spending upon new waterways a sum far greater in proportion to her resources than that proposed, and partly by so doing is diverting our Atlantic grain export trade to Montreal; that Prussia is spending on canals and rivers sums proportionally greater; that New York would be spending \$101,000,000 and probably much more on canals with popular approval.

German administration, the most scientific in the world, uses connecting waterways as the handmaids of railways, helping with their heavier work. Our ablest railroad men, like Mr. Hill, recognize the relation. It is impossible for our railroads to furnish within the next few years, the increased facilities the country needs.

The sum named is large, but the annual interest is little more than the cost of one of the great modern battleships. The increase in the cost of army,

navy and pensions between Mr. Roosevelt's first year as an elective president and the 1909 estimates is \$103,000,000. The mere growth of war costs in four wasteful years would pay the interest upon \$500,000,000 of water highway bonds, and leave \$22,000,000 for redemption.

Can there be any comparison in public usefulness between an extra hundred millions a year squandered on war and the same sum put annually into the development of water highway?—New York World.

**THE JURY SYSTEM.**

Hung juries, compromise verdicts, verdicts adverse to public clamor and verdicts apparently inconsistent with the facts upon which they are based excite criticism against a system, which like all human institutions is hampered by imperfections. To condemn the system from the verdict of a particular jury is like condemning a righteous life from some careless or inadvertent act or remark. Verdicts rendered by juries throughout the country, in the great aggregate, are in accordance with justice and right. Human conduct is incapable of being measured by a moral yard stick. Acts under a given state of circumstances may not be a crime in the code of morals or the statutes of law. In law as it applies to conduct, in ethics and in the affairs of man a mathematical precision is not obtainable. In this life, there are other things than pure reason, and they are the most potent of all. Love among families, sentiment among friends and patriotic impulses which impel men to heroic deeds are not explained in pure reason. Logic and law part company with sentiment. The law may point to a verdict of guilty, but sentiment, without law, without logic and without reason, returns a verdict in accordance with intuitive justice. The unwritten law is an inherent perception that springs from a sentiment which can not be circumscribed in words or incorporated in a statute. And so it is with verdicts of juries. The inexplicable, without consciousness of jurors, leads them to a verdict not contemplated in law. And yet, this is justice, founded on the inexpressible and based on the inherent perception of things. In the interpretation of law, human impulse is not considered, while in the deliberation of a jury it fashions their verdict. The tie which binds families, and to a less extent binds man to man is a potent factor, not only in the jury room, but where ever men may meet—Exchange.

**"THE FAITHFUL DOG."**

(From an argument made by George Graham Vest, date and place unknown, before a Missouri jury in a dog case.)

Gentlemen of the jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute, unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will lick the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies; and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but in alert watchfulness, turning to a true even unto death.

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