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When the people of Idaho remove from their highest judicial bench the two judges who, overruling their associate, have made that court of three judges hold that judicial decisions are too sacred for public criticism they will deserve the grateful appreciation of the democracy of the whole country. There is a limited sense in which courts should be free from newspaper or mass meeting criticism. While judges are deliberating upon a case, that case should not be discussed in newspapers or on public rostrums lest the judge or judges prove weak enough to be improperly influenced thereby. But insofar as such decision may be regarded as an offense, it should be left to a grand jury and not to the criticized judges. A judge who is weak enough to be improperly influenced by public criticism or clamor, is too weak to be trusted with arbitrary power for the redress of his own grievances. Even the weakest judge is beyond danger of being improperly influenced in a case after he has decided it. To tolerate his resorting to contempt proceedings before himself for the criticism of a decision he has made, is to invest him with arbitrary powers of revenge. Criticism of a decision after it is made, is not an interference with the administration of justice. It is either just, in which case there should be no punishment at all; or it is an expression of opinion in good faith, in which case, be it just or not, its free expression is one of the necessities of free press and free speech; or it is a libel on the judge as a man, in which case its punishment should be in due course of legal procedure. Never should any official, legislator or executive or judge, be permitted to sit in judgment for the redress of his own injuries, or the satisfaction of his own anger.

Men of principle are not so numerous that one of them may pass out of human sight unnoticed, and Robert Commings was essentially a man of principle. To his apprehension there were natural laws in the moral universe—laws of cause and effect that operate with the certainty and precision of any natural law of matter; and to those laws, those principles of social life, he strove to conform. It is no light compliment, but a genuine tribute that the Peoria Star pays his memory when it describes him as a "singularly conscientious" man who "never had a thought of himself, but labored industriously for what he considered was the good of humanity."

President Taft has granted a pardon to H. H. Hendricks, convicted some few years ago for land fraud. No objection is made to Hendricks escaping from the penalty of his crime. Objection is made, however, to the reason assigned for the pardon, which was that he was innocent and the trial "unfair." This is the worst indictment against the courts we have yet heard and were it uttered by an orator on a soap box would almost be regarded as treason. We think that such courts should be under the control of the people and when Mr. Taft states they can not and do not give citizens fair and impartial trials they should be subject to the recall.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

There is something superb about the man or woman who steps forth, stands erect, takes an inventory of his or her own mental resources and then finds that he or she can face the whole world unafraid—something superb about the man or woman who dares to stand alone and who dares to speak the truth and who accepts without fear all the consequences. The man who thus develops of necessity all of his latent powers becomes stronger than he dreamed, and when his life work is finally complete he has written his name in the deeds that live for all time.

The lay of the Oregon hen has been the subject of much thought on the part of the regents of the Oregon Agricultural College and they will establish a model poultry farm at Corvallis. The average hen in the state lays about 50 eggs per year, while champion layers at the college have gone well past the 200 mark in a twelve-month. It is desired to develop a laying strain of poultry, and to sell the fowls and their eggs at a reason-

able price to farmers is the object aimed at in establishing the poultry ranch.

Large property holdings were represented by the farmers visiting the Oregon Agricultural College during Farmers' Week. One tract included 2,500 acres, one 1,080, one 950, one 880 and one 658 acres, while a score more ranged from 120 to 500 acres. The values ran well into five figures, some tracts being worth \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The parcels post may be hard on the express companies and they may lay off employees all over the country and reduce the wages of the others, but who cares. Uncle Sam's postmasters, clerks and carriers will work harder than ever, get gray hairs in the tangle of parcels post red tape, and take more cousin's from post office patrons, all for the same pay.

The failure of the American government to recognize the republic of China may not be, in fact, a coercive refusal to do so until China has come to an agreement on the six Power loan, but it has been a failure full of mystery for the citizen who is fond of the belief that his nation welcomes the progress of democracy.

Turkey, long opposed to any participation in its affairs by the great powers, is now very anxious for them to intervene in its affair with the Balkan allies and save them from the demands of the victors. The Turk, once scornful of the world, is now groveling for mercy.

It is a good thing for the farmers to remember that if there is any subject upon which special information is desired for winter study they can get books or bulletins by applying to the state experiment station or to the division of publications, Washington, D. C.

Corn canned in New York is retailed in Missouri, while Missouri corn is sold in New York. It is thus the can is tied to the consumer all over the land by the capitalist system.

### Tail of the Fiery Dragon.

One of the peculiarities of the ancient writers on natural history subjects was the implicit faith which they placed in the genuineness of the various basilisk and dragon stories which were told to them. Brunetto, for an instance to the point, relates with all soberness that "the basilisk is the king of serpents. He wears a white crest upon his head, and such is the almon dance of his venom that the air is poisoned wherever this dire reptile passes. Trees in which he makes his home exhale such a poisonous odor that birds in flying over are so overcome with it that they fall to the ground dead."

"The dragon," says the same author, "is the very largest of serpents and inhabits especially India and Ethiopia. When he flies out of the caverns in which he makes his home he furrows the air with such violence as to make it gleam with fire. His mouth is small, and he has not the power to inflict deadly wounds with his teeth. In his tail, however, his power lies, and with it he can instantly strangle the largest elephant."

### Southpaw Smokers.

With his left hand he took pipe and tobacco from his pocket, and with his right hand he felt for a match. He had none. His fellow idler at the other end of the park bench gave him a match and then let his own cigar go out in his astonishment at seeing his left handed neighbor light his pipe with his right hand.

"That's funny," said he. "You are just about the most confirmed left hander I ever met, yet for that little trick you use your right hand as if born to it."

"All left handed people do," was the reply. "Just think over the list of your smoking acquaintances and see if you ever knew one who lit his pipe with his left hand. I'll bet you didn't. I never did, and I have numbered among my pipe loving friends several men whose right hand seemed nearly helpless for everything else."—New York Press.

### Ye Bad Boyes In Church.

In Salem, in 1676, it was ordered by the town that "all ye boyes of ye towne are appointed to sitt upon three paire of stairs in ye meeting house, and William Lord is appointed to look after ye boyes upon ye pulpit stairs." In Stratford the tithing man was ordered to "watch over youths of disorderly carriage and see they behave themselves comely and use such raps and blows as is in his discretion meet." In Durham any misbehaving boy was punished publicly after the service was over. We would nowadays scarcely sent twenty or thirty active boys together in church if we wished them to be models of attention and dignified behavior, but after the boys' seats were removed from the pulpit stairs they were all turned in together in a "boys' pew" in the gallery. There was a boys' pew in Windsor, Conn., as late as 1845, and pretty noisy it usually was.

### An Incautious Critic.

Almost the last work that Sir Edwin Landseer was engaged on was a life sized picture of Nell Gwyn passing through an archway on a white palfrey. This picture, in which the horse alone was finished, was bought by one of the Rothschild family and given to Sir John Millais to complete. One morning a celebrated art critic called and was much impressed with his work. "Ah, to be sure," he said, going up close and examining a deerhound, which almost inhaled, in the foreground of the picture. "How easily one can recognize Landseer's dog! Wonderful, isn't it?" "Yes, it is wonderful," remarked Sir John, lighting another pipe. "I finished painting that

dog yesterday and have done the whole of it myself." That critic was sorry he spoke.

### Daniel Was a Worker.

Truly there were giants in colonial days. One Daniel Lenke of Salisbury, N. H., made during his lifetime and was paid for 1,000,000 shingles. During the years he was accomplishing this colossal work he cleared 200 acres of land, tapped for twenty years at least 600 maple trees, making sometimes 1,000 pounds of sugar a year. He could mow six acres a day, giving nine tons of hay. His strong, long arms cut a swath twelve feet wide. In his spare time he worked as a cooper, and he was a famous drum maker.

### A Secret Defined.

A secret is a thing which you communicate to one whom you can trust. He in turn tells it to somebody that he can trust, and that somebody reveals it to another somebody whom he can trust. And so it goes the rounds, but it is still a secret, although everybody knows it.

### Not to Blame.

Father (sternly)—Now, Sophia, something must be done to reduce your expenses. You are actually spending more than your allowance. Daughter—It isn't my fault, father. I've done my best to get you to increase it.—Brooklyn Life.

### His Company.

Her Father—I judge a man, sir, by the company he keeps.  
The Suitor—Then I'm all right, for I've been keeping company with your daughter for over two years.

### Good Intentions.

"He means well."  
"Maybe so, maybe so, but I fired him because he's too blamed willing to let it go at that."—Detroit Free Press.

A man should be upright, not be kept upright. Marcus Aurelius.

### Original.

"Was there anything original in his speech at the banquet?"  
"Well, he admitted that he knew he was to be called on."—Detroit Free Press.

### In Memory of John Henry Hiteman.

Our trothor dear has gone to rest,  
To dwell in mansions of the blest.  
We'll greet him in that golden strand,  
We'll meet him in the latter land.

There no sad tears will dim the eye,  
For nevermore we'll say "Goodbye."  
No sorrows blight that land so fair,  
And death can never enter there.

To meet kind faces we have lost,  
When we, ourselves, Death's stream have crossed;  
Oh! what a happy thought is this—  
To dwell with them in perfect bliss.

There is no home in all the land  
That can forestall stern Death's command;  
He takes the young, the mature, the gray,  
And lays each in his hall of clay.

Then let us, one and all, prepare  
To meet our loved ones over there,  
Where perfect love without alloy,  
Reigns in that land of peace and joy.  
Lizzie Mansfield.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Robert J. Boddy, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Jackson Nelson, administrator of the estate of Robert J. Boddy, deceased, has filed his final account and report and that the judge of the above entitled court has appointed Monday, the 17th day of February, A. D. 1913, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the time, and the County Courthouse at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place, where the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.  
Dated this 17th day of January, A. D. 1913. Jackson Nelson, Administrator.

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