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SCREWING UP THE LAW

There is a growing need for, and pronounced endorsement from the public of a general screwing up of criminal laws in this country. The contrast between the procedure in action and penalty in the British criminal laws and the laws of the States is a wide one to say the least, and the contrast is still wider when severity of penalty is taken into consideration. Imagine the police departments of New York and Chicago protecting the public with no weapons except their police clubs! But that is the only arm the London police carry on their rounds. However, the London policeman is armed with the protection of a criminal code that has teeth in it, and those teeth are made to bite criminals of high and low degree. There are no favorites in the eye of British law. Over there it means life imprisonment for assaulting a policeman with intent to kill. The uniformed policeman of London has the softest and safest peace enforcement job in the world, for he carries the most powerful weapons in the world—the Englishman's fear of British law and his knowing that if he attacks a protector of that law, it means long imprisonment and maybe death. Contrast the above conditions with those prevailing at Chicago, for instance. We read where Mayor "Bill" Thompson has sent forth the edict to his police department that henceforth emergency and patrolling squads of officers using department automobiles will be deprived of the use of machine guns, retaining only their revolvers and sawed-off shotguns as defensive weapons. Perhaps this curtailment of police armament in Chicago is made on Mayor Bill's avowed purpose to drive the gangster bands from the windy city within sixty days. But whether he does so or not matters little in comparison of law effectiveness in the protection of the British public and the American public. British law throttles the gangster, while American law requires metropolitan policemen to be walking arsenals.

The Oregon Public Utility Information Bureau finds that 85 cents worth of electricity, used to get the hens up early and set them to work, increased the profits from one chicken pen \$9.65 in two months, according to the manager of a poultry farm in Kansas. The experiment was made with two pens, one of which was below the other in rate of egg production. When electric lights were used, the hens in the pen that had lagged in production caught up with and passed the production of the other pen. At the end of eight weeks the lighted pen had produced 1,158 eggs as against 905 eggs laid in the pen without lights. There was a difference of twenty-one dozen eggs in the two pens which meant a gain in revenue of \$10.50 with eggs selling at fifty cents a dozen. Electrical energy consumed in lighting the pen amounted to eight and one-half kilowatt-hours which cost eighty-five cents. The difference between cost and increased income was \$9.65 which represented the gain from the use of electricity.

United States engineers have reported that the proposed ocean-to-ocean canal in Nicaragua is impracticable. Now that the engineers will not find a job there, would it not be well for the government to put them to work finding a way to control the floods of the Mississippi? Why be eternally looking for something to do to assist commerce and shipping. Why not do something once in awhile for interior projects of the nation. Mississippi flood control should be as much a problem for government solution as was the construction of the Panama canal and its upkeep. Commerce is vastly concerned with its proposal to widen the canal since the Nicaragua cut has to be given up. But so are the owners of the thousands of inundated farms and homes in the South concerned whether the effort of reclamation is worth while, with the devastating erosive floods of the Mississippi left unchallenged. The flood situation of the South has developed into a government job, and the sooner it is completed, the better.

Mining efficiency in Russia is praised by a yankee expert—but then you know there are yankee experts who have sold mining machinery to the Russians and other yankee experts who have not. Take your choice.

After nearly fifty year's service on the Morning Oregonian, in capacities ranging from typesetter to general manager, C. A. Morden has retired. Many changes have taken place in

the Oregonian's advancement to the high standard of excellence it has attained in the ranks of American metropolitan newspapers during Mr. Morden's career, and he is satisfied to relinquish his position to Mr. Price, another capable director of the Oregonian.

We have noted all degrees of mentality, but it was left for a press agent to spring: "Richardson's trained dogs—Something new and novel is offered to vaudeville by Richardson's posing dogs. It is an act of almost superhuman canine intelligence!"

Aside from being beer drinkers, Germans have become a "sweet" nation. Gumdrops and beer have taken the place of beer and pretzels in the fatherland.

A Paris designer is mystified that women's figures, the same perfect thirty-sixes can look perfect thirty-two one year, and thirty-eights the next—how can they do it, how can they?

Always just in time, sufficient rainfall came this week to brighten growing grain fields and gardens in "the Athena country."

"Baldwin cabinet believed to be on its last legs," says a British newspaper; a cabinet as it were, as long as its legs last.

Athena To Aid Red Cross

As always the Red Cross stands ready to assist in the misfortunes of others and at this time reiterates its appeal to all for contributions to be sent to the sufferers of the Mississippi flood. No house to house canvases is being contemplated for Athena, but any who may wish to contribute may hand donations to Mrs. R. B. McEwen who has been appointed to look after the matter in this district.

Held to Wrench

The East Oregonian gives an account of the near drowning of Bill Switzer operator of the ferry at Umatilla, who with his deck hand was thrown into the Columbia river when a row boat capsized. Switzer kept a firm grip on a large monkey wrench he had in his hand, while he lost his wallet and other valuables.

Search Is Being Conducted for Murderer

Search for Edward C. Sickles, 27, murderer, who escaped from the Snohomish county jail at Everett early Sunday morning has centered in southwest Washington and northern Oregon.

A report was made at the sheriff's office at Longview that the fugitive had been seen by William Gilden, negro bootblack at Kelso, and officials believed that Sickles was heading south.

Police in Pacific coast states have been asked to take Sickles dead or alive if seen. At the time of the escape he was awaiting execution for the slaying of Percy Z. Brewster, town marshal of Sultan. The hanging was set for noon on May 13.

Konasek-Schultz

E. W. Konasek, formerly agent for the Northern Pacific Railway company at Athena, was married Monday at Pendleton to Miss Mary Schultz, of that city. The couple departed after the wedding ceremony on their honeymoon tour, which will take them to Chicago, Niagara Falls and New York City. Returning, they will be at home to their friends at 143 Locust street, Walla Walla, where Mr. Konasek is Northern Pacific agent.

Track Meet Results

Pendleton took first and McLaughlin second at the county track meet in Pendleton Saturday. Hermiston took third place by nosing Pilot Rock out by a half point. Hermiston scored 13 points, Pilot Rock 12½.

Rail Wage Dispute to be Arbitrated

Chicago. — Ending three weeks of negotiations for a wage increase, representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and Railway Trainmen signed an agreement with representatives of western railroads to submit their dispute to arbitration under the provisions of the railway labor act. The unions seek a 7½ per cent increase. The railroads have maintained it would cost them from \$11,000,000 to \$13,000,000 annually to meet the increase, which, they say, would not be warranted by earnings.

NOTICE OF REFEREE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY UPON PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as referee, under and pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, duly made and entered on the 7th day of April, 1927, in a partition suit then pending therein between William J. Kirk as plaintiff and Clara Josephine Kirk, defendant, will sell at public auction for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate of said plaintiff and of each of said defendants, of, in, and to the following described real estate, situate in Umatilla County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

The South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 28, and the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, all in Township 3 North of Range 35 E. W. M.

together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, said sale to be subject to the confirmation of this court.

That said sale will be made at the west door of the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, on the 16th day of May, 1927, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day. That the interest of said Clara Josephine Kirk in said real property is encumbered by a mortgage made on October 30th, 1924, by Roy A. Kirk, a single man, A. O. Kirk and Josephine Kirk, husband and wife, to Moses Taylor for the sum of \$6000 on said lands and other lands, which said mortgage was recorded on the first day of November, 1924 in Book 84 at page 150 of the mortgage records of Umatilla County, State of Oregon. That said mortgage will be paid to the extent of \$2500 as agreement between said Moses Taylor and said Clara Josephine Kirk, by the undersigned as referee, from the proceeds of the sale of the interest of the said Clara Josephine Kirk in said real property, and a release of said lands from the lien of said mortgages will be pro-

vided by the undersigned, as referee, and filed with the County Clerk of Umatilla County, State of Oregon. That said lands will be sold free and clear of all other encumbrances except that the purchaser will be required to pay the reasonable value of the summer fallow and cultivation done on said premises, up to the date of sale for 1927.

W. H. MORRISON.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of John E. Froome, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Laura Froome and J. W. Maloney have been appointed administrators of the estate of John E. Froome, deceased; that said John E. Froome was also known as John E. Froom. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them to said Laura Froome at Athena, Oregon, or to J. W. Maloney at Pendleton, Oregon, or to them at the law office of Will M. Peterson, attorney at law, Pendleton, Oregon, duly verified in the manner required by law, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 8th day of April, 1927.

LAURA FROOME,
J. W. MALONEY,
Administrators.

Will M. Peterson, George R. Lewis Attorneys for Administrators.A8M6.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Michael J. Ryan, deceased, has filed her final account and report in said estate with the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County; and that the Judge thereof has fixed Wednesday, the 8th day of June, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. as the time, and the County Court room in the courthouse at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

MARGARET RYAN

Administratrix of the Estate of Michael J. Ryan, deceased

Raley, Raley & Warner, Attorneys for Administratrix, Pendleton, Oregon.
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