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## REPEATERS IN CRIME

Suppression of crime is viewed by one of our exchanges as follows: New theories are being continually advanced for the suppression of crime. Most of the proposals dodge the main issue, namely, swift and effective punishment for the criminal. Why so much sympathy is extended to the criminal class by courts, juries and feature story writers is hard to understand.

A survey in one of our large and comparatively well regulated cities, reveals that out of every 75 felonies committed, only one offender was ever punished. One paroled thirteen times, killed an officer. The "repeaters" are a large, serious factor in the whole situation and it was in an endeavor to improve this condition that the Baume's Laws were adopted by the state of New York. Under these laws the severity of a sentence is automatically increased for the second, third and fourth offenses, the fourth offense entailing life imprisonment.

It is an incontrovertible fact that crime becomes a "profession" in many cases. Prison records show that an offender is released only to be re-committed in many instances for a repetition of his first offense. Public life and property are constantly endangered by these "repeaters" criminals, and the tax payers are put to an enormous expense by endless trials and retrials.

When only a small percentage of those committing felonies are punished, and when there are countless records showing that a criminal is apprehended time after time for commission of like offenses, it is essential that in all states penalties such as imposed under the Baume's Laws, which aim to do away with the "repeater" class in the "crime profession," should be adopted.

"More tractors on the farms, the general use of tractors 24 hours a day, the tractor as a general utility tool, doing all of the work on the farm from plowing to cutting hay—these are some of the methods which are being used in North Dakota to cut farm production costs," says a feature article in the Fargo Forum. Throughout the country the manifold uses of the tractor are being increasingly understood and practiced. Farmers have found that it replaces old, inefficient machinery and methods and is a money, labor, and time-saver. It has probably met a more enthusiastic response than any agricultural invention since the cotton gin, to which it may be compared in importance.

Such demonic crimes as that at Los Angeles causes human blood to congeal in horror and humanity shudders at the thought of it. Stunned by the revolting details, the people rise as one in pursuit of the murderer, and the cry of vengeance is on every lip. And the populace will be appeased with the capture and the putting away of the arch fiend, but the family of the little victim will move on through their entire lives bearing a cross of sorrow which the execution of any capital punishment can neither alleviate or temper.

Paris, since the war, has a "Harlem" of its own, and a large negro population has poured in on the French capital, from America, Africa, Martinique and the French West Indies. The French are rapidly acquiring proficiency in the Charleston and the Black Bottom and the Montmartre section of the city has been upped quite a bit with the result that it will soon be hard to tell a Frenchman from a Yank in the matter of ballroom diversion.

Here's a holiday tip for Athena boy trappers: A Helena, Montana, fur dealer offers from \$29.50 to \$1 for coyote pelts, and from \$3.70 to 15 cents for muskrat. No kid would look out of place on the banks of the Wild Horse, wearing a Daniel Boone cap, carrying a bunch of steel-traps. Huh?

A seventy year old Missouri bride who wed an eighty year old groom the other day, said that there was but one rule to be enforced between the two. That was "when he gets mad I will keep my mouth shut; and when I get mad I hope he keeps his shut."

Adams and Athena always get along well together in an athletic way, score: Boys, Athena 18; Adams 15. Girls, Athena 36; Adams 11. Big crowd present.

An inventor offers the public an oil lamp that burns 94 per cent air. And right here we see where the oil industry has been given the air.

The Walla Walla Valley was most creditably covered by special holiday editions of the Milton Eagle and the Freewater Times which contained a vast amount of advertising matter of interest to the buying public of that district. Both editions bear the impress of superlative typography.

Lindy having conquered Mexico, "we" will swoop down on the Southern Americas to get acquainted with our Latin brothers. Lindy and his Spirit of St. Louis are great world mixers, and wherever they go they leave a good taste in the mouths of the people forever after.

With \$5000 to her credit in a bank, Miss Francis Middlesworth died of starvation at Jamesburg, N. J. Well did you ever? But then on reflection, we have heard of people starving to death without having so much as 30 cents in the bank.

Who was it that wrote "General Motors is all to the good?" He must have known what he was writing about, for the net earnings of that concern for the first half of 1927 amounted to only \$129,250,207!

Santa Claus is real, to the contrary notwithstanding. The head of every family is a real Santa Claus, and if you don't believe it, a little after the first month just ask dad. He knows.

Last year Yakima cider was found to have a 7 per cent alcoholic kick—this year chemists are on hand to solve the problems of de-kicking the cider.

When she had it bobbed she looked like a Pharaoh fashion plate; now that she is letting it grow, she resembles a queen of the Aztecs.

## FAME OF FARMER ALEX

Let those who rate undergraduate success in terms of athletic achievement, or the standings of universities and colleges in terms of winning football teams consider the case of Alex Cruickshank of Yamhill county and Oregon State college. Cruickshank has been officially recognized as the best junior farmer in the United States. The honor was given to him by a committee of experts at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition. The Yamhill youth, who is 19 years of age, won the Farm Journal National 4-H club leadership contest and the Moses silver trophy offered to the farm club boy of the United States who made the best showing in outstanding rural leadership. These honors are the greatest that have ever come to Oregon, as they place Alex Cruickshank in the position of national champion club member and club leader. Not only is he competent in mastering agriculture, but he is the most competent in imparting his knowledge to others.

Last Saturday a large group of distinguished men went to Alex's home to felicitate him. There was the governor of Oregon, the president of the college under the leadership of which he had pursued his club work and on which he reflects so much credit, and scores of other men well known for their achievements. They went to learn how Alex, this champion of junior farmer of the United States, does things. They lauded him and his achievements and told him how proud of him Oregon is.

Such fame never attended a football team or any gridiron hero. Alex Cruickshank's achievements are better for Oregon State than a national football championship; they speak more eloquently of the worth of the institution. Likewise they are better for Alex than membership on an All-American football team; for his achievements are of the kind that are

permanent and of the sort that build for American prosperity.

Alex Cruickshank's honors mean that he has attained specialized knowledge of farming; that he has mastered knowledge of the soils and of domestic animals; that he has learned the science of agriculture fully and deeply; that he is one of the young men of the nation who will advance the cause of agriculture.

The Yamhill county lad demonstrates that proper farming methods will pay. He challenges the thought that agriculture in America is on the way to ruin. Likewise he proves that he is a young man with purpose and courage and determination; and that American youth is not as decadent as some critics would have us believe.

And finally, the significance of Alex's achievements is that life's more lasting honors come from serving some useful purpose, from doing some work that greatly benefits mankind. In comparison with such awards, the fame that arises from gridiron or baseball diamond no matter how brilliant it may be, is ephemeral and tawdry.

## A CLEAN TRIUMPH

(Portland Telegram)

"Though the mills of the gods grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small." At last comes out in the grist the explanation of the peculiar conditions existing on the United States Shipping Board. We learn why it was that the straightforward efforts of Oregon and Washington interests to secure recognition on an equality with California firms, persistently and mysteriously failed. The cards were stacked against us.

Commissioner William S. Hill of South Dakota, whose inland mind is not immediately concerned with local problems of the Pacific Coast, was thrifflily bought by agents of the operators, Swayne and Hoyt. Commissioner Teller's association with Swayne and Hoyt goes back to the time of the discreditable "Sacramento" incident, when Swayne pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the neutrality laws, and his subordinate Bley was sent to McNeil Island for two years. Although Teller ostensibly ended his financial connection with Swayne and Hoyt before entering upon his duties with the Shipping Board, he has remained their man Friday, consistently working in their interests.

It is expected that these disclosures will result not only in the cancellation of the contract under which Swayne and Hoyt have been operating the "American-Australia-Orient" line, but in new proposals for selling the ships of the North Pacific lines. In all probability, the ships will now be offered for sale on terms which make them desirable to buy, and Oregon's clean and honest fight will finally win over the tactics of our opponents.

Throughout the whole unsavory business, the steadfast honesty and loyalty of Jefferson Myres, our own commissioner, stands out in fine relief. He has done his utmost for Portland and its commerce, without forgetting his larger responsibilities to the Nation. Oregon has reason to be proud of its representative and of this belated vindication of our just claims.

The way is now cleared for selling the ships on fair terms, requiring a reasonable guarantee of service and permitting the same interchange of ports allowed to the southern lines.

## HEALTH SEAL SALES

(Mrs. Herbert Thompson)

Seal Sales in Umatilla County 1928 amounted to \$1336. Help us increase this amount. These seals are sold on a sliding scale with a guaranty of not less than forty-five per cent of the proceeds to remain in the county and with the privilege of in-

creasing the percentage to as much as seventy per cent of our Sale per capita. To retain this amount we must sell nine or more seals per capita. Umatilla county rated with a population of 25000 by the State Board of Health but regardless of what settlement is made with the individual county's \$95.00 out of every dollars worth of seals stays in Oregon. To finance an educational program against tuberculosis, local county Health Associations use seal sale money to assist our own county health nurse, Miss Flannigan, in spreading and cultivating more public and individual responsibility in Public Health generally, and especially in that which tends to decrease tuberculosis among the people of our own county. We had sixteen deaths in Umatilla county in 1926 all of which might have been prevented if these people had in the past understood the fundamental laws of health. Not any of the money which comes into the Health Association is used for salaries for anyone. The nurse's salary and \$33 per month for maintenance is paid by the County Court. All members of the Health Association serve as volunteers. The car used by the Nurse is owned by the Association and all expenses for storage, upkeep, etc. are paid from the treasury of this Association. This county's share of the money resulting from the seal sale by the teachers, and pupils this year will be set apart and used to finance one definite tuberculosis project in the county during 1928. Those in charge of the seal sale this year urge that all families or individuals financial conditions permitting buy at least one dollars worth of seals. If every piece of mail, be it card, package or letter that leaves this county during December were to carry just one seal, Umatilla county could retain its seventy per cent.

## NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the matter of the Estate of Clarence Ogilvy, presumed to be dead.

Notice is hereby given by an order of the above entitled Court made and entered in the matter herein on the 18th day of December, 1927, the above entitled Court has found that the legal presumption of the death of the said Clarence Ogilvy is made out.

Notice is hereby further given that the said presumed decedent, if alive, or any other person for him, is required to produce to the Court within twelve weeks from the date of the last publication of this notice, satisfactory evidence of the continuance in life of said presumed decedent; and that if no such evidence is produced within said time the above entitled Court will proceed with the administration of the estate of the said presumed decedent.

This notice is published pursuant to an order made and entered by the above entitled Court in the above entitled matter on the 16th day of December, 1927, which said order directs that this notice shall be published for a period of two successive weeks in the Athena Press, a newspaper of general circulation as defined by Section 58, Oregon Laws, Watts & Prestbye, R. T. BROWN, Athena, Oregon, Clerk. Attys. for Petitioner. D23J6.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the matter of the Estate of William P. Willaby, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 7th day of January, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla county, Oregon, as the place, for the hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1927. HESTER WILLABY, Administratrix of the Estate of William P. Willaby, Deceased. Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. D9J6

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