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THE MURRAY CASE.

There is law-making in the Murray verdict. A code as effective and authoritative as the law evolved by legislative enactment is the outgrowth of such incidents. Though unwritten, it is law, and is the product of civilization and man's growing conception of what is right and what wrong. It is the unconsciously created statute of that final arbiter and court, public opinion.

By it, seduction, under promise of marriage, stands condemned. Orlando Murray punished that offense with death, and a jury refuses to condemn his act. It refuses to permit him to be punished in any way, though he committed murder under the civil code when he slew the man who wronged his sister. It is only one more of a thousand verdicts of its kind, rendered since man started up the scale of civilization. It is only one further step in establishing the authority and majesty of the unwritten code. It is well, perhaps, because it is the only means of invoking a penalty to fit the crime. Juries would hardly hang the worst seducer, even were legislative statute provided. Some states provide capital punishment for rape but convictions are practically unknown because of the inborn sympathy of the men who sit in the jury box.

So, a brother with stern purpose, a cool head and a loaded revolver are of necessity the only means of reaching the low hounds who gamble on woman's honor and revel in woman's downfall. That is why there is an Orlando Murray, and why there is another solemn approval of the unwritten code.—Portland Journal.

School Director Chosen.

Perhaps the best—or worst—"cussed" man in Jackson County last Saturday was some Jacksonville court house attaché who made a certified copy of the assessment roll of Central Point school district, which document was used at the school election, held here on that day, for the guidance of the board in determining the qualifications of voters.

The election was made necessary by the resignation of H. Corum, former president of the board, who recently removed from the district, and had the weather man in the Oregonian tower at Portland given the people here any sort of a tip on what to expect in the way of temperature on that day it is probable that straw hats, palmleaf fans, shot guns and other hot weather paraphernalia would have been brought from their winter hiding places and put in commission.

The school laws provide that only those persons whose names appear on the county assessment roll are entitled to vote at a school election, and, by some sort of a blunder, the person who made the certified list for this occasion left off a large number of taxpayers' names.

Tyson Beall and Joe Hoagland had been chosen by the two factions as candidates for the important office, but when the meeting was called to order and the list was examined it was found that neither of their names appeared on the list. Things were immediately "doing" and one of the warmest times that ever stirred the usually placid surface of life in Central Point was inaugurated. After something of a talkfest the names of both candidates were withdrawn and those of Ben Beall and W. E. Price were substituted. The election then proceeded and resulted in the election of Price, the vote standing 32 to 53 in his favor.

After adjournment war clouds rolled threateningly across the horizon for several minutes, but the overwrought feelings of the crowd was finally reduced to normal by three several additional talkfests and the excitement abated without bloodshed or black eyes.

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