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WHERE ARE THE WEAK SPOTS?

Murder, fraud, kidnapping, theft, and possibly another heinous offense were committed by at least one person in the outrageous system of criminal action in the Marian Parker case at Los Angeles.

What shall a city, a county, and state or a nation do to prevent the repetition of such atrocities? Where are the weak spots in our boasted civilization that permits such conditions to exist? Are they in education, religion or in court procedure?

Why must California or any other community, large or small, be besmirched by the human element that kills and rapes and robs? Why must beautiful mountains, plains, valleys and oceans in all the earth yield their beauty and facility to shadow and harbor the base and vile human beings who have forgotten God? Why do the ocean's currents bring warmth, the roses sweet perfume, the valleys their verdure, and the sun its life-giving rays to perpetuate that portion of society which is low and depraved? The answer is that Nature does not. It is the mortal element that errs.

Has Chicago moved to Los Angeles? Leopold and Leob committed the "perfect" crime, and they STILL LIVE TO THINK OF IT! Now the "Fox" picks a 12-year-old school girl as his victim! Shall the plea of insanity go to shield those who are morally and legally guilty and responsible? Must generations to come be subjected to the criminally and hopelessly insane any more than the so-called moral agents;

Shall we coddle criminals? Shall we continue to send bouquets to bandits, erect monuments to Jesse James? Shall we continue to sign petitions for probation or to "get somebody out," and then spend more tax money and more human blood to "get somebody in!"

There is but one series of answers. Emotion has got to give way to common sense if this country is to rid itself of the criminal element. Something more has got to be put into the schools than algebra and football. Something more has got to be put into courts than laws that shield the guilty and juries that weep and permit sentiment to rule over sense. And something more has got to be put into the community as a whole than opportunities for licentious activity!

The Beaverton Enterprise, of course joins with others in wishing its readers and friends a bright, prosperous and happy New Year. Even a newspaper editor may have a poor way of expressing his appreciation of the many fine friendships formed, the many bits of cooperation received, and the occasional compliments of service performed.

A newspaper must of necessity depend a great deal upon the general public. More particularly, however, upon certain "strategic" points, or special sources of news and information. In the case of a daily newspaper, the reporters depend upon the police and sheriff's forces, court clerks, and all public and semi-public officials; on heads of organizations and societies, and innumerable other points of contact. With the weekly papers it is a case of similarity, except that the sources of information are less centralized.

The newspaper also depends upon the good-will of the public as well as on commercial patronage. It is this finer friendship that a wise newspaper publisher will cultivate. It is the cooperative efforts of civic organizations, newspapers and public-spirited citizens that make a town grow and develop. We do not mean that these organizations have to be all-inclusive or powerful in influence or in wealth in order to be vital forces in leading the community to better things. The same hold good in the case of the newspaper. But such examples of helpfulness and cooperation indeed may emanate from humble sources. Likewise, a man or woman may be public-spirited without being worth a hundred dollars. Kindness, goodwill, cheerfulness, optimism, cooperation, alertness, industry, thrift, charity and integrity employed and put to use in civic betterment may do more good than piling dollars into the public pot. Money makes the away.

Those who complain about hard times in the midst of plenty will do well to examine the mileage on their speedometers.

Life is either an endless chain or a vicious circle. One is always going to save money after he gets the thing he is now paying for paid for; and always going to buy something when he gets the money saved he is now saving up.

EVOLUTION OF COOKING IS SHOWN AT RAIL PAGENT

The Fair of the Iron Horse, the Centenary exhibition and pageant of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, held recently at Baltimore, Md., not only brought together the old and new in rail transportation, but also demonstrated primitive and modern cooking methods.

Just as the Tom Thumb locomotive of 1827 and the giants of today showed the evolution of the steam railroads, so did a group of Black-foot Indians and modern gas ranges show that the preparation of food has advanced through the ages.

These Indians camped at the exhibition, demonstrated cooking of the era in which their race was in its prime. Each group cooked in primitive fashion enough meat and corn for three or four people, while a short distance away modern and efficient "heavy duty" gas ranges were turning out thousands of pounds of well-cooked food for the cafeteria and restaurant that the visitors patronized.

In spite of the tremendous number of people attending the fair, 110,000 in a single day, with an average attendance of 65,000 a day, the restaurants filled all demands. Eleven

thousand meals were served in the restaurant one day, besides 7,000 or 8,000 at the various booths.

TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SHOWN BY GIRL'S GIFTS

"And a little child shall lead them"—Christ's message—emulated today by a sweet-faced 8-year-old girl, Dona Rae Howard, Beaverton, in a contribution of 500 pennies for little children not so fortunate as Dona Rae.

The little maid saves every penny that comes into the home of her parents, and every penny at Christmas time is converted into big round silver dollars, and when Santa Claus is packing his sacks and starting his trips down chimneys of homes of other fortunate little boys and girls, Dona Rae, accompanied by her mother, trails his shadow and deposits her big round silver dollars where she wants them to go.

Yesterday she came to The Telegram, an annual visit with her, and "here's \$5 for little girls and boys that need something from Santa Claus; and I have some more I'm taking over to the Salvation Army. It's such fun saving pennies. And you can save an awful lot of them

when you don't buy candy and things all year, and I like to count them and watch the pile grow," and the little purveyor of sunshine and gifts. "I think the girls and boys in the isolation hospital might like to have something this money will buy, and I wish you'd send it to them and wish them a Merry Christmas from Dona Rae."

She is a demure, slender little miss, bright blue eyes, and adored by her pretty young mother, who is a shining example of child training—Telegram.

And now it is Prince Henry that has dismounted from his horse in an unconventional manner. If the boys weren't royalty we'd begin to suspect they do it for the publicity that's in it.—Oregonian.

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