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The Editor Speaking

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day and declare "the law doesn't prevent crime, or punish it when caught."

Which, in other words, means that the real law itself—the people who should be standing behind it for their own protection—has broken down into an orgy of sentimental blab that can be stirred to a white heat over the cruelest and most fiendish of crimes. But, we suppose, if more people could use their heads for something more than a battering ram and a slaughter house for intelligence, this old world would not be such a difficult place to live in at times.

Why persons should cuss law and order in the same breath they complain that someone stole their horse is beyond us. If a man murders a stranger, some people yell for clemency and mercy. "It ain't right to take a man's life on the gallows," they scream. "Punishment won't correct crime." Yet, if a member of their family should accidentally get run down and killed by an automobile, half the time they are out for blood and think the motorist, who might have been entirely free of blame, should be strung to the nearest telephone pole. They want traffic stopped, cars abolished and jail sentences on all their enemies.

The wisecrack who said "consistency, thou art indeed a jewel!" certainly said a mouthful. He knew something about human nature and its peculiar traits in promoting the very thing it always is fighting. For thousands of years man has been battling war, greed, poverty and extreme riches, yet every circuit this old earth takes around the sun finds us with more of it and more ways of bothering ourselves. Day by day implements of war increase in number. Hourly we invent new doodads which increase our desire for wealth. Steadily we invent machines which increase the chances of the owners to become fabulously rich while others are deprived of the few shekels they already may have.

Yet we go on boasting of our civilization, our education and intelligence. We have set up expensive agencies to combat crime, war, poverty and greed. But at the same time we strengthen, unintentionally, the very evils we seek to combat. Thinking to spread a little of the milk of human kindness when a murderer is caught and identified, we unthinkingly plant a dozen seeds for more murder. We are so near-sighted that we believe if mercy is shown a trapped killer, that mercy will grow and spread, and presto, murder will die out! We guess the crime record of the United States—the worst in the world—will answer that one.

If the removal of one man from existence will prevent several murders, why under heaven should we lack the nerve and will power to perform the disagreeable task? Are we such willy-nillies that we will sit idly by and watch people go down time after time at the hands of some killer, crazed or not? And then, when we catch one of the murderers red-handed, permit a lot of sob-stories to make us forget the terror and injustice of crime?

Looks a bit as though we are just that foolish. It is our opinion that mere identification of the killer and the determination of his crime should be the only matters left to the discretion of a jury when a murderer comes to trial. Of course, fundamentally, that is all that is supposed to be before the court today, but we all know how many legal technicalities and loopholes have been left for defense counsels to crawl through. So many other things enter into the case that the mere fact a man may have fed a hungry bum 30 years before may keep him from the gallows.



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If it can be clearly shown that a murder was committed, and that the prisoner at bar is the murderer, we believe that should end the matter, with the rope as the next and only move.

We predict, until that day comes, murders will continue to increase in number and heinousness. It is known—and probably in court by this time—that Prescott was murdered and that Llewellyn A. Banks committed the crime. It would be hard for anyone to convince us that he is not deserving of capital punishment. And if he isn't deserving of the extreme penalty, the benefits to society thereby would still justify it. Not only would a cold blooded murderer be removed forever, but further propagation of his traits would be prevented. But greatest of all, other possible murderers would see themselves as they could easily be should they take the life of another.

For if there's one thing a cowardly murderer doesn't like, it's turn about in snuffing out life. They don't mind so much stepping over the cold, lifeless body of their victims, but the mere thought of someone stepping over THEM keeps them awake all night in their cells. Fear happens to be one of the most powerful influences controlling the lives of criminals. If it is not fear of having to work for what they get, it is fear of being caught, punished or killed. We believe the state should avail itself of the machinery it already has provided for using this fear to combat crime.

Of course, we have no idea at this date just what will happen in Eugene. Banks may be hanged, sentenced for life with the possibility of a pardon later, or freed on the spot. But the one thing we have attempted to point out is the fact that it is not just a man and his wife on trial in Eugene. It is a principle. The outcome of the trial may mean the difference between stamping out anarchy and syndicalism in Jackson county, or it may mean adding strength and confidence to the ranks of those who would overthrow the county government here and drive out honest officials and replace them with crooked, scheming, ignorant tools.

Aw, what's the use. We realize a little country editor can't have much influence in correcting the evils of the world, but you can't blame him for trying. And if our efforts today receive no more attention than our warning that murder would be committed in Jackson county did a few months ago, we guess worth of this column will be about nil, or less. In our plea to punish the ones caught, we have in mind the fact that others, still active in the field, might be cautioned and harnessed thereby.

While we have one anarchist and revolutionist on trial for his life

we are blindly permitting another, of the same type and character, to rearrange the stage for a duplication of the crime—or worse. How Earl Fehl could howl "persecution" if he were placed on trial for committing murder!

Imagine, if you can, a county judge, sworn to uphold government and law, recommending to readers of his newspaper that they REFUSE TO PAY THEIR TAXES! Can you tie that? Yet your "duly elected and qualified" county judge, Earl Fehl, is doing just that very thing in open print. If Jackson county can't read his character easily and plainly enough by now, we believe it is coming to it just exactly what is in the offing—more crime, scandal, bulldozing and armed demonstrations.

Lord help us. We don't know which tries our patience the greater, the anarchistic revolutionists running rampant about the county furthering dissension and strife, or the upstanding citizens who let them do it. It's a hard nut to crack, and we don't know but what the thought is an index to the whole situation—we mean, in other words, just a lousy "aw, nuts!"

We feel very apologetic that we have devoted almost this entire column again to politics. But, like the mother who forced castor oil down her pride and joy, "it's because castor oil is needed." At least, we can't see where a little stirring up in time won't save nine lives when all hell pops loose, as is bound to happen if things keep on as they are today.

Famous Last Words: The jury hanged itself instead of the defendant.

High School News

We seem to have a real baseball nine this year. Last week we made two smashing victories over Gold Hill and Talent. That makes four games won out of the five that have been played.

Seen on the school grounds: Some of the young freshman boys walking on the damp baseball diamond and tennis courts, trying to make them resemble relief maps.

Chuck Ward trying to beat Bud's time. We are wondering if he can do it.

Connie Combest drowning his sorrows of a past love affair in the company of Bunny Arnold.

Since it is spring and all the flowers are in bloom, school is dismissed at 3:30 o'clock for all students who have passing grades and no incompletes. We are glad to

Motorist Manuals To Be Given Out At Miner Office

An indication of the great interest Oregon motorists are showing in the renewal of their drivers' licenses and in the savings accomplished by registration prior to June 9, is the increasing demand for free copies of the Oregon motorist's manual.

"Every possible effort is being made to simplify the procedure necessary under the existing law to obtain a renewal license," declares Secretary Hoss. "After a study of the Motorist's manual, the applicant should be able to complete the written quiz and the visual acuity tests in approximately 20 minutes. Driving tests are not required on renewals unless the applicant is 70 years of age, or older, or is physically impaired," Mr. Hoss points out.

Only five weeks remain before the new motor vehicle laws become effective, at which time the drivers' licenses will sell for twice the present price. The fee under the new enactment will be \$1. as against 50 cents now being charged. Motorists must have their licenses renewed, if issued to them prior to July 1, 1931, or forfeit their driving privileges.

Those drivers wishing to study the questions and answers in the Motorist's manual before taking the exams can obtain free copies of the booklet by writing directly to Secretary Hoss, calling at the county sheriff's office or at Miner headquarters in Jacksonville, the Nugget confectionery.

FARM ELECTRICITY AIDS IN THWARTING THIEVES

The shotgun and the dog are giving way to outdoor lighting systems and electric burglar alarms as protection against petty thieves and night prowlers who cause such heavy losses of farm property each year. The agricultural engineering department at Oregon State college finds a strong demand for an alarm or protection system which is cheap and effective in reducing this farm hazard.

Yard and flood lighting systems, with a control switch at the owner's bedside, often prove valuable in frightening away night prowlers. One well-known Oregon woman uses a 100-watt bulb, backed by a powerful reflector, fastened high on the windmill. Another Oregon farmer goes still further and has mounted on his house a large searchlight similar to an auto headlight. From inside the house he not only can turn on the light but can also turn the rays in any direction. Many farm women can reach out from their bed-sides and make the electric lights gleam in the poultry house.

Taxes are due on a certain date—but death doesn't notify you.

The hard part is to help the farmer without helping him to keep on raising the surplus that ruins him.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County
In the Matter of the Estate of William Wright Scott, Deceased.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed May 20th, 1933, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the county court room in the court house in Medford, Jackson county, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement thereof.

BERT DUNCAN, Executor.
(Apr 21, 28, May 5, 12)

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Scott, Deceased.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed May 20, 1933, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., in the county court room in the court house in Medford, Jackson county, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement thereof.
C. G. DUNCAN, Administrator.
(Apr 21, 28, May 5, 12)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an execution on foreclosure duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 25th day of April, 1933, in a certain action therein, wherein Ralph G. Bardwell, as the Administrator of the Estate of Charles M. English, deceased as plaintiff, recovered judgment against Walter H. Jones, individually and as Administrator of the estate of Tolita M. Jones, the defendant, for the sum of fifteen hundred and no/100 (\$1500.00) dollars, with interest thereon at 8% per annum from January 20th, 1931, with costs and disbursements taxed at twenty and 60/100 (\$20.60) dollars, and the further sum of one hundred thirty-five and no/100 (\$135.00) dollars, as attorney's fees, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 22nd day of April, 1933.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the terms of the said execution, I will on the 3rd day of June, 1933, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.,

at the front door of the courthouse in the city of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, together with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the said defendant, Walter H. Jones, individually and as Administrator of the estate and the sole and only heir at law and next of kin of Tolita M. Jones, deceased, and Jessie Jones, his wife, R. E. Swan and Maud M. Swan husband and wife, Mabel S. Jones, Southern Oregon Credit Bureau, an Oregon Corporation, Clyde A. Melvin, R. S. Smith and American Fruit Growers, Inc., a Delaware corporation, had on the 20th day of January, 1931, or now have in and to the following described property, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at the 1/4 section corner between Sections 19 and 30, Township 36 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, thence south 0 degrees, 27', east 450 feet, north 89 degrees 37', east 885.2 feet north 595.36 feet; thence north 78 degrees 54', west 153.4 feet; thence south 42 degrees 01', west 243.6 feet; thence north 89 degrees 59', west 570 feet to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres of land, more or less, said tract of land being the west 10 acres or Tract No. 89 of the Rogue Lands Irrigated Orchard Tracts in Jackson County, Oregon.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated this 27th day of April, 1933.
GORDON L. SCHERMERHORN
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon
By OLGA E. ANDERSON,
Deputy.

WALTER J. OLSMSEID,
Sheriff Pro Tem of Jackson County, Oregon.
By OLGA E. ANDERSON,
Deputy.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the County of Jackson in and for the State of Oregon

In the Matter of the Estate of William Cameron, Deceased.

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Wilber W. Cameron, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of the above named decedent has filed in the above entitled court and matter his final account and report of the administration of said estate and said court by an order duly made, given and entered therein has fixed June 3, 1933, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the court room of said court at the Jackson County courthouse at Medford in Jackson county, state of Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing and settlement of any and all objections that may be made to said final account and report or to any item thereof.

Dated and first published May 5, 1933.

WILBER W. CAMERON
Administrator.

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