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TO REMEDY THE LAW'S DELAY.

One feature of President Taft's message will meet universal approval, namely, the recommendation of the appointment of a commission to simplify and expedite the administration of justice by a revision of laws and court methods.

It is one of the scandals of our time that any unscrupulous lawyer can so impede the course of justice as to delay punishment of criminals indefinitely and in many instances to enable them to escape penalties altogether.

A wealthy culprit can always stave off the execution of his sentence, no matter how strong are the evidences of guilt, while the case drags its weary way through court after court, and the chances are that at least one of the courts will construe some unimportant technicality that has nothing to do with the vital issues of the case, so as to make a new trial possible and the entire case be fought over again. This, combined with the fact that the culprit employs the best grade of legal talent, while the state usually secured, for the small remuneration that goes with the office, a poorer grade of legal ability for prosecution, increases the chances for escape for the criminal.

President Taft says: "The deplorable delays in the administration of civil and criminal law have received the attention of committees of the American Bar association and many state bar associations, as well as the considered thought of judges and jurists. In my judgment, a change in judicial procedure with a view to reducing its expense to private litigants in civil cases and facilitating the dispatch of business and final direction in both civil and criminal cases constitutes the greatest need in our American institutions. I do not doubt for one moment that much of the lawless violence and cruelty exhibited in lynchings are directly due to the uncertainties and injustice growing out of the delays in trials, judgments and the execution thereof by our courts. The procedure in the federal courts should furnish an example for the state courts. I therefore recommend legislation providing for the appointment by the president of a commission with authority to examine these laws and equity procedure of the federal courts of first instance, the law of appeals from these courts to the courts of appeals and to the supreme court and the costs imposed in such procedure on the private litigants and upon the public treasury and make recommendations with a view to simplifying and expediting the procedure as far as possible and making it a sinexpensive as may be to the litigant of little means."

ZELAYA GOVERNMENT DOOMED.

That the Zelaya government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central America in turmoil for years, is nearing an end is foreshadowed by the actions of congress and the administration. President Taft foreshadows the course of America as follows:

"It would be most unnecessary to rehearse here the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities and oppressions alleged to have been committed by the Zelayan government. Recently two Americans were put to death by order of President Zelaya himself. They were the organized force of a revolution which had continued many weeks and was in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war.

"At the date when this message is printed this government has terminated diplomatic relations with the Zelaya government, for reasons made public in a communication to the former Nicaraguan charge d'affaires, and is intending to take such steps as will be found most consistent with its dignity, its duty to American interests and its moral obligations to Central America and to civilization. It later may be necessary for me to bring this subject to the attention of congress in a special message."

Zelaya's reign will end as Castro's, in a hasty flight with the money stolen from the people, or by the assassination of the petty tyrant, a route taken by many another Central American dictator.

MAGAZINE TABLE AT THE LIBRARY

For the benefit of magazine lovers, the ladies of the library board have installed in the Medford library, a reading table with many of the popular current magazines.

Saturday nights, beginning December 11, the library will be open from 7 to 9 p. m. for those who wish to enjoy this department of the library. EMILY JANNEY, Librarian.

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF SENATOR BOURNE DEAD

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 7.—Henry Pearce, one of Providence's most prominent bankers, died Sunday night at his home here of organic trouble. He had been ill since August. Mr. Pearce's widow is a sister of Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, and, besides her, two children survive. Mr. Pearce was 72 years old.

FOLLY AS IT FLIES

Hadn't Much to Say.



Mrs. Rounder (3 a. m.)—Well, ah what have you to say?
Mr. Rounder (sleepily)—Goo' mornin'—hi—m' dear.

The Advance Guard.



Station Master-Porter-Clerk (to prospective passenger who is waiting on a bench line station for a train that is much overdue)—She'll be gettin' here now, sir. 'Tis the engine driver's little dog a-comin' down the line.

Not Quite So Bad.



Jack Fullback—Did you ever play football?
The Cowboy—No, but I once got caught in a drove of stampeded mules.

That Dog.



The Hobo—Mister, I found the dog your wife is advertisin' a reward uv \$5 for.
Mr. Grout—You did, eh?
The Hobo—Yes, an' if you don't gimme \$10 I'll take it back to her. See!

When Sarah Hugs.



When Sarah hugs, oh, merry me. She throws her arms out far apart! A joy bird flutters in your heart. For once in life you're sure on deck. She reaches twice around your neck. When Sarah hugs.

His Record.



Miss Pen—You see, I'd want to get a line on the habits of the man who was going to rule my heart.
Mr. Ruler—Well, I'm proud to say that I've always kept straight.

LAND OF NOD AN OLD FRIEND

Local Talent, However, Could Put it All Over the Traveling Company.

It much like meeting a friend of other days when the curtain went up on "The Land of Nod" at the Medford Monday evening. The same old lines which have delighted us so long were there and proved not to have lost all of their old charm. The house was well filled and the evening enjoyed for the most part. Now, that's enough on the show, so here's a tip:

Let's line up Medford's talent and we can "put it all over 'em."

First we will let Mrs. Hazelrigg play "Bonnie," the little stranger in a strange land; put Miss Palmer in as Jack of Hearts, Mrs. Burgess, Rory Bory Alice, and Miss Claremont the chorus girl. That takes care of the girls; and now for the boys: "Quiz" and "Art" can take care of April Fool and Rarebit; Ed Andrews can fill the bill as the Sandman. Walters can play "the man in the moon," and as Jim Stevens is coming back, we can run him in as "The Devil," and with a few embellishments the local players could teach the traveling company something of acting. X. Y. Z.

MEN MIX IN FIGHT BEFORE 2000 PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Two thousand on-lookers at the six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, were startled today by the report of a pistol shot behind the tier of boxes. Two men had started a fight and in the melee which ensued a man in the crowd was shot. The wounded man, whose injuries are not serious, is Christopher Brown, otherwise known as "Tug" Wilson, a pugilist. He says he was introduced in the fight between the men and does not know who shot him. Bert Keyes, a pugilist, formerly of Philadelphia, was taken into custody by the police. He denies having fired the shot.

COMMUNICATIONS.

On Fire Escapes.

To the Editor: It may not be known amongst hotel keepers generally that at the regular session of the Oregon legislature this year a law was passed requiring all hotels or lodging houses, more than two stories high, in the state of Oregon, to be provided with at least one fire escape of iron or other incombustible material on each exposed side of such hotel building, conveniently accessible from each room of such hotel building. The law further provides that all lodging houses and hotels shall be provided with mantle or steel rope not less than one-half inch in diameter and of sufficient length to reach the ground, knotted 12 inches apart, in every outside room used as a lodging room, except the rooms on the ground floor. The legislature did not fail to provide a penalty for failure to comply with the provisions of this act. It seems that every day persons operating hotels or lodging houses fail to comply with the provisions of this act constitutes a separate offense.

Chapter 37 of the session laws of 1909 sets forth in detail the provisions of this act.

Your correspondent takes this means of calling public attention to this law because the interests of public policy in our rapidly expanding cities and towns seems to require the enforcement of this law; and the recency of its passage leaves many in ignorance as to the existence of such a law.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

Upon a Peach.

To the Editor—Gentlemen: Here-with P. O. order for \$5, for which please continue sending me the Mail Tribune. I have enjoyed your paper very much; am a Medford and Rogue River valley booster, and expect to join you in the spring with view to orchard investment.

I attended the national apple show at Spokane, and wish to congratulate you on the sweepstakes prize, which you markedly deserved on display, quality and excellent pack on the Spitzbergs and the car of Newtowns from Ashland was also a dandy. The Yakima Spitzbergs made a fine display, but were not so rich in color and ran smaller in size than the Eagle Point Spitzbergs.

I particularly wish to congratulate you on the Mail Tribune. It is the "livest wire" for a small daily I have ever seen. It is decidedly metropolitan as well as decidedly cosmopolitan, and your patrons should appreciate the news service you are giving; and when it comes to loyalty to Rogue River valley the Mail Tribune is a "peach." Yours with best wishes, L. M. LEPPER. Whitefish, Mont.

INTEREST GROWING

Here is the standing of the contestants:

Carter Brandon	2458
Neil Harris	2410
Francis Keith	1730
Myrtle Davis	720
Myrtle Garnett	689
Willie Stinson	578
Leora Davis	519
Chas. Ray	335
Ray Reynolds	283
Elsa Snyder	275
Myrtle Rhodes	264
Harry Wortman	227
Rex Barker	131
Paul Russell	116
Browning Purdin	63
George Leonard	16
James Brophy	3

Thousands of coupons and duplicate sales tickets are out, and lots of time for the boys and girls to collect them. The contestant standing lowest has a chance to secure the automobile by getting out and hustling. People tell us that they are saving coupons for boys and girls but that no one comes to collect. We would suggest a house to house canvass for coupons and sales tickets. Ask the people to save the duplicate sales tickets for you, then call for them every few days.

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SWEEPING FRANCHISE GIVEN EASTERN CAPITALISTS

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 7.—It was announced today that at a meeting of the county commissioners yesterday the Montesano franchise was given to Eldridge Wheeler and his associates, granting them the privilege to operate an electric line over every public road in the county. Eastern capitalists are said to be behind the scheme.

The protests of many residents of the county were ignored. The decision in the matter of the franchise was reached at a secret session yesterday of the county commissioners but the news was not given out until later.

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