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The Kingsley Case Again

IT WOULD be interesting if one could know how many people there are in Jackson county today who feel sorry for this man Kingsley, and vaguely wish something would turn up to prevent his hanging the last of this month.

AS A result what will be the dominant reaction in Jackson county a week from next Friday when the trap is sprung on this wretched youth drops, with a jerk, into eternity?

WE DON'T think so. We believe the dominant reaction will be one of horror, and regret that such things as hangings have to be.

WHICH obviously is all wrong. As long as capital punishment remains the law it should be enforced. But it should be enforced promptly, during the heat of passion when the blood is hot; never when the passions have died down when the blood is cool.

BUT the plain truth is that where the penalty is death, punishment has always been delayed, and we fear, always will be. The reason for this is plain. Our entire system of criminal procedure is based upon the assumption that when it comes to TAKING A LIFE of any individual, every safe guard imaginable should be thrown around him.

THIS was the case with Kingsley. It is the case with practically all murderers when capital punishment is demanded. But what a difference where capital punishment has been replaced by life imprisonment! In Michigan, Kansas, Minnesota, Maine and other "life imprisonment" states, a murderer is punished immediately—in a vast majority of cases, without even the delay and expense of a trial.

Which brings us to our final conclusion—one we have held for many years—namely: That life imprisonment (and by life imprisonment we mean imprisonment for LIFE) is not only a more civilized, more enlightened and more moral, but a MORE EFFECTIVE FORM OF PUNISHMENT than capital punishment ever has been or ever will be!

The Case of Joe Lillard

SO Happy Joe Lillard is out. The University's crack negro back is declared ineligible. Added to the original charge that he played semi-professional baseball, is the accusation that he played under an assumed name.

The second count may appear to be a little thing. But we agree with Commissioner Butler that it ISN'T.

If this young man maintained that he did NOT play professional baseball, but was only acting as chauffeur when he knew all the time that he DID play professional baseball under an assumed name, then he is entitled to no defense, and deserves no sympathy. He is neither an amateur nor a trustworthy character. It is better for Oregon and better for intercollegiate sports that he be dropped.

WE repeat, it is all a matter of the spirit. If, as we pointed out in our former comment on the case, Lillard, a poor colored boy, had played semi-professional baseball during his summer vacation, merely to provide funds for a college education where he was to be a bona fide student, then to have disqualified him on this charge alone, would have been unjust and absurd.

For such a strict interpretation of amateur standing would virtually confine participation in college athletics to the sons of wealthy or well-to-do parents, and not give the poor boy, of equal or superior athletic ability, a fair chance.

WE have no use for professionalism or commercialism in college athletics. We agree that the survival of intercollegiate sports depends upon the strict maintenance of the amateur spirit.

But we have never seen, and don't see now, WHY it is necessary to declare one athlete eligible and another ineligible when the only actual difference between them is that one has wealthy parents or relatives behind him, and the other HASN'T.

WE know, and everyone knows, there are other men on the Oregon team—other men on every COLLEGE TEAM IN THE COUNTRY—who were they NOT helped financially, could not play football and could not secure a college education.

It is, we again repeat, entirely a matter of spirit. And in each individual case, as in the case of Happy Joe Lillard, it seems to us the proper authorities can easily determine what that spirit is.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
What About That War? We're In The League Now Assorted Bad News. Some Good. Surprise For Prohibition.

What about the war in Asia? That is the important question for the world at large. The League of Nations asked us to come in. Every intelligent American knows what that means. It would mean taking the responsibility, paying bills.

P. S.—Since that was written, poor old Uncle Sam has been pushed into the quarrel. Going in is easy; how will he come out?

Can You Afford To Quit Golf? (Oregon Golfer)
The following editorial edited by C. C. Crow, is printed at the request of Don Clark, chairman of the Medford Golf club tournament committee.

When congress meets there will be much "queer" legislation proposed. No wonder the "best minds" that the secretary of agriculture describes as "the higher ups with cold feet" want to postpone the gathering of congress as long as possible.

Senator Borah will come sailing in from Idaho, proposing to make of silver real money at the ratio of 14 to 1. Heavy heads will shake when that is suggested.

And think of Senator Norris of Nebraska. He and his fellow progressives want the government to "recapture and control all public business, power companies, etc."

Two years ago a puffing, portly gentleman came into the office of a Portland physician and complained that he did not feel well. After a thorough examination the doctor said to him, "Take up golf."

Two more theatres are bombed in Chicago. A party of a labor war against the theater owners. Fifteen theaters have been bombed within two months, fortunately, without great damage.

There is also some good news, and the best of it today is that Dr. Bruening, German chancellor, wins in the reichstag and will continue at his post for six months longer. The various forces opposed to the German republic have failed, for the time being, a fortunate thing for Germany.

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However a system that risks the life of citizens, not responsible for labor troubles ought not to be profitable in the long run.

Sincere prohibitionists, working for "total abstinence, empty prisons and an end of crime," a few years ago, must be puzzled by today's crime statistics.

During the first eight months of this year, in New York state alone, five hundred and ninety four persons were killed, by shooting, cutting, stabbing and other methods. Property stolen in the eight months amounted to more than nine millions. And while the number of murders increased, the number of criminals arrested diminished.

Investigators tell the government that legalized beer would provide a government revenue of three hundred millions, an underestimate.

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Local betting on the election is light, with the Democrats waiting. New York odds of ten to eight on Wilson.

Local Republicans call on women to "stay by party of Lincoln, and close their ears to 'kept us out of war' demagogues. Messrs. read at campaign meeting. Democratic county chairman assures 'mothers your boys will never be cannon fodder, and don't let Wall St. bulldoze you.'"

Ed White of Climax spends the day in the city trading. Theda Bara in "Under Two Flags" at the Page.

Carl Tengwald's Ford is struck by an auto driven by C. E. Wilson, and Fred Collins runs into a team of mules on North Riverside, with and results for his car. The mule kicked the radiator beyond repairs.

Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church holds a straw vote, with the following results: Wilson 19, Hughes 1, Hanley (probi) 1.

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FLIGHT O' TIME
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
From the Files of The Mail Tribune

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Tuesday
Sunday collections in local churches to be given to the starving Syrians.

Wednesday
Lloyd Williamson has been elected president of the Loyal Rooters, and Laura Gates and Ercel Stewart, vice-presidents.

Thursday
Col. Roosevelt in speech at Boston, Mass. predicts "America will be in thick of the European war before it ends."

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Press Comment
FREE POWER STILL FAR OFF
The California-Oregon Power company lives in hopes of a happy re-orientation of sanity in Oregon. It has completed purchase of 1200 acres of privately owned land on its Grant site for power development on the Klamath river below Klamath Falls.

It seems the Prince of Wales prefers motoring to flying. Quite consistent. The Prince never has been air-minded.—Toppenth (Wash.) Review.

If the railroads cut rates, they'll lose business, and if they don't, they'll lose money, both of which amount to about the same thing.—Portland Evening Express.

It has got so now that almost any girl with a good job can get married.—Florida Times-Union.

ADVISE EVERYONE WITH GRAY HAIR TO USE LEA'S HAIR TONIC
Brings Back Youthful Color and Beauty and Makes One Look Younger
IT IS EASY TO USE AND WORKS LIKE MAGIC
My hair first began turning gray when I was only 25 years old and it made me seem much older than I was so I used several preparations but none were satisfactory until I tried Lea's Hair Tonic. It is positively wonderful. My hair is now as thick and as black as it ever was. I feel like a new man. I have gained weight and my hair is growing again. I feel like a new man. I have gained weight and my hair is growing again. I feel like a new man. I have gained weight and my hair is growing again.

It has got so now that almost any girl with a good job can get married.—Florida Times-Union.



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Advertisement for Larry Schade jewelry. Text includes 'NEXT TO CRATERIAN Larry Schade YOUR FAVORITE JEWELER SINCE 1918 Watch and Jewelry Repairing'.

Advertisement for Medford National Bank. Text includes 'ONCE IS ENOUGH', 'Pay your bills by check and you'll have proof they have been paid.', 'We Welcome All Accounts Large or Small Medford National Bank'.

Smudge Smoke

Some clouds that had been fleeced were in the sky Thursday. The C. Pheasant season opened Thursday, and hunters flocked to the fields, and were thicker than candidates for office.

Our Nipponese are pretty mad about the situation in Manchuria, but get yet are not mad enough to attack their motors and grab a rifle.

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Several big-bugs of the Erie road, were callers here Fri., and set up a lunch and the cigars to local shipper. All of whom were present.

Bill Coleman laid some wild honey on the editor's desk Tues.

Bill Bowerman, who used to play end for the high school, distinguished himself in a football game at Seattle, Wash., and showed his mettle. He ran 87 yards for a touchdown for Old Oregon, when it was needed most.