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WHO'S TO BLAME?

BECAUSE a 17-year-old school-
boy scorned her love, 14-year-
old girl schoolmate at Mountain
View California, last week, secured
a revolver, waylaid her recreant
lover, and in the quarrel that fol-
lowed shot him and wounded him
so severely that he is near death.

The attachment of the girl for
the boy was of at least a year's
standing. At the age of 13, there-
fore, when the girls of a few years
ago would have found outlet for
the instinctive affections of their
sex in caring for their dolls, this
modern miss developed a grand
passion.

She says herself that her
thoughts were of wifehood, a home,
mothering her small children; pure
and worthy thoughts, but not the
normal thoughts of a school girl
of 13.

What is the world coming to,
and who is to blame for it?

Is Irene Grandstedt an abnormal
exception, developed beyond her
years, or is she the logical product
of modern conditions; perhaps a
little further along the path that
the trend of the times marks out,
but a fair representative of how
modernity is training its children.

Psychologists, physiologists, phil-
osophers and sociologists will find
a fertile field for speculation and
theorization in the Mountain View
tragedy, and each will advance the
ideas of his particular cult.

But one observer, the principal
of the school that the boy and girl
attended, has placed the blame, and
it will pay all parents to weigh his
indictment carefully; for, in the
court of public opinion the burden
of proof is upon them.

Principal Heaster says the school
is not to blame for the tragedy.
He observed the unnatural interest
of the twain in each other, to the
exclusion of all natural associa-
tions with playmates, and tried to
break it up.

It had its inception, he says, in
a general fad among the pupils for
"spooning and petting parties." He
warred successfully against the
general condition but the particu-
lar attachment did not yield. And
the principal says the reason was
that his authority did not extend
beyond the school boundaries or
beyond school hours.

He did all that a teacher may do
and was successful up to a certain
point.

But I was powerless, he says, to
interfere further with the
chumming of the boy and girl.
Within school hours and school
limits their conduct was exem-
plary, and I had no jurisdiction
to follow the child into her home
or, inquisive as to her procedure
once she reached home.

I really wanted sincerely to
break up the childish love affair,
yet it seemed that I lacked the
means. It appeared to be more
the duty of the parents. The
child came to me with all her
school difficulties. It was in the
life outside of school that she
should have had some one whom
she trusted absolutely to reason
with her and show her the folly
of premature love.

The same conditions that are
transforming children elsewhere
into adults far too soon—adults, as
far as certain sorts of sophistica-
tion are concerned, without the
adult poise and developed intelli-
gence to govern and safeguard
them—are present in Klamath
Falls.

Blaming the school, the church
and the city administration is idle
folly; more, it is an attempted
evasion of responsibility that is
worse than foolish.

The remedy is in the home. The
teacher, the preacher and the pub-
lic official have each a responsibility,
and a weighty responsibility.
But the children are in this world
primarily by the will of the par-
ents, and the parents cannot shift
the major burden of responsibility
for their moral and physical de-
velopment.

JAIL LEVY BAN LIFTED

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This whole Court House contro-
versy has presented to the world the
most deplorable spectacle that can be
imagined affecting an American
community, but nothing so shameful
has yet occurred as the lawless de-
mand of the Klamath Development
company. A large majority of honest,
intelligent law abiding citizens were
induced by the Klamath Development
company to invest \$150,000.00 of
public monies belonging to the peo-
ple in improving a tract of valuable
land lying within the corporate lim-
its of the City of Klamath Falls.

By this proposed action the Klamath
Development company has, for more
than ten years, very thriftily
avoided payment of a very large
amount of city and county taxes and
is still avoiding payment.

Now by reason of vexatious litiga-
tion and obstructive tactics pursued
through the Courts, over which nei-
ther the people nor the County Court
have control, the Klamath Develop-
ment company suddenly declares a
violation of its contract and a seizure
and conversion to its own coffers of
\$150,000.00 of the peoples property
while the whole property and ques-
tions relating thereto are before the
Courts for adjudication.

Klamath County has a legal right
under its existing contract with the
Klamath Development company, to
the possession of Block 10, Hot
Springs Addition, and will maintain
that right until the Courts decree
otherwise.

In view of all the above plain facts
its moral right cannot be questioned
and we suggest the gross impropriety
of any appeal to morality by the
Klamath Development company in
this case.

We have taken due note of the
threat implied in Mr. Parker's letter,
that the Klamath Development com-
pany will not scruple to force an over-
burdened people to accept their will
and drop \$150,000.00 of their money
by piling up more infamous litigation
upon this County.

However, as it has already been
reminded that the Klamath Develop-
ment company has been furnishing
the money to prosecute the vexatious
suits now pending against the county
to force it to drop its \$150,000.00 in-
vestment in the Hot Springs Court
House, the Parker letter might pos-
sibly be construed as confirmation. If
such is the truth, the whole motive
of the Parker letter is laid bare—
another case of "high-finance."

The concluding paragraph of the
Parker letter is scarcely worth no-
tice except to denounce its insincer-
ity and rude attempt to mislead the
people. Nothing in the letter can be
construed as a promise on the part
of the Klamath Development com-
pany, the Fleischhackers or anyone
else, to present this property to any-
one for school purposes after the
County has been illegally deprived
of it.

The power does not rest with the
Fleishhackers to divert their grant
heretofore made to the County for
Court House purposes to a grant for
school purposes.

The insinuation in this balance is
so obscure and misleading that it is
hardly probable that any thinking
person will be misled by it. The peo-
ple of the whole county would have
something to say about having their
property used in the manner hinted
at, even in the offer were genuine
and sincere.

The present County Court accepts
full responsibility and takes up the
challenge of the Klamath Develop-
ment company. It was elected by two-
thirds of the people of the County to
complete the Hot Springs Court
House. It will keep its faith with
the people to the end. This Court in-
dividually and collectively is tired of
the burden imposed upon it and the
resulting unprincipled attacks made
upon it in the discharge of its duty
and the preservation of the rights of
the people of the County.

It recognizes only one dictator in
the discharge of its duty and that is
the majority of the qualified voters
of Klamath County. Their will is, and
of right must be, supreme and we
decline to take orders or to be influ-
enced in any manner by the threats
and abuse of the Klamath Develop-
ment company, their agents, servants,
bag-holders or abettors in what to
this Court seems an unprincipled and
unlawful attempt to cooly seize upon
and deprive the tax payers of Klamath
County of \$150,000.00 without
even a suggestion of compensation.

It is for the people to say. If it
is their will that their rights shall be
surrendered to the Klamath Develop-
ment company in a mistaken belief
that such action will settle the Court
House dispute and restore harmony,
then this Court must submit.

This sudden threat of the Klamath
Development company, to deprive the
people of their property rights in
Block 10, Hot Springs Addition,
makes the saving and protection of
their \$150,000.00 in that property a
vital issue.

The people of this county by their
vote on direct issue at the last elec-
tion—a vote that stood 2527 for and
1623 against—directed their County
Court to protest and save their equity
of \$150,000.00 in that Hot Springs
court house property.

The Klamath Development com-
pany may, therefore, be advised that
no such summary proceeding to dis-
possess the people of this County of
their property without compensation,
as is outlined in their Mr. Parker's
letter will be acquiesced in or tolerat-
ed by this Court.

This Court calls attention to the
higher duty it has to perform toward
the people of this County and which
it feels should never be forgotten and
that is the American Constitutional
right of the majority to rule.

That is the real issue in Klamath
County. As to which Court House and
property considerations are but side
issues.

"All government is, and of right
should be, by the consent of the gov-

erned." Shall that fundamental prin-
ciple of American liberty be denied to
the people of Klamath County?
It is for them to say.

R. H. BUNNELL, County Judge.
BURRELL SHORT, Comm.
ASA FORDYCE, Comm.



With a censor on the beach,
bathers think they are between the
devil and the deep blue sea.

How would you like to have the
pianist who played 44 hours and
30 minutes for a neighbor?

These air regulations ought to
start on hot air.

A movie star sends her hubby a
weekly check for a million kisses.
Wonder who cashes it for him?

Baldheaded men claim all their
baldness is on the surface.

It's easy to tell when summer
comes. Look for the funny names
of the new soft drinks.

Professors who say all red-head-
ed girls are bow-legged may be
right. But all bow-legged girls are
not red-headed.

Sometimes we think the only
thing Europe is out of is her head.

Any school boy can decline
"bonus," and the senate often acts
like a school boy.

The way of the trespasser is fine.
Bryan says he will live to see the
country dry, but others think he
started too soon.

Old Father Time is up to date.
He has thrown away his scythe and
bought a lawn mower.

A new political party is without
a name, but the others will soon
begin calling it some.

"Returned property is in its in-
fancy," says a banker. It does act
like.

Every week is clean-up week for
the bootleggers.

Every two minutes a divorce suit
is filed in this country. Thereby
proving that one is born every min-
ute.

People who live in glass houses
should not take saxophone lessons.

For every man who would like to
paint the town red there's one who
would like to paint it blue.

Luxuries are still so high we have
to go without necessities.
Our ex-soldiers report a serious
scarcity of ex-jobs.

A fisherman found \$10,000 on the
banks of the Potomac. Maybe that's
the dollar George threw across, with
the boat.

ROAD OPEN TO TOPSY

The road from this city to Topsy
is open for travel and a detour via
Dorris is unnecessary, according to
W. L. Frain, road superintendent.
Frain reports the road in fair con-
dition.

STAGE LEAVES BEND

Stage service between this city
and Bend was opened this morning
when G. A. Johnson of the Central
Auto service wired Fred Duke of
this city, manager of the concern,
that he had started for Klamath
Falls.

BOY BREAKS ARM

Fred Fisher, aged 10, son of
Peter Fisher, formerly of this city
but now residing at Malin, broke
both bones of his left arm when he
fell from a horse Saturday. He
was brought to this city for treat-
ment.

Green Feed Helps Chickens

Mineral elements in green feeds
seem to have a beneficial effect on
the growth of young chicks. It also
furnishes bulk to add to the more
concentrated feed. Lawn clippings,
finely chopped kale, cabbage leaves
or lettuce answers the purpose very
well. Feed the chicks all they will
eat of this material, even when they
are only a week old.

STAR OF FILM SHOW IN
QUEST OF OLD FURNITURE

Most girls like to go shopping and
buy pretty dresses and the thousand
and one things which delight the
feminine heart, but Betty Ross Clark,
who has one of the principal parts
in "At the Sign of the Jack o' Lan-
tern," had a task which was quite
unusual.

Instead of combing the shops for
the newest creations, Director Lloyd
Ingraham told her:

"I want you to find me enough old
furniture to fill three rooms," and
he described the rooms he wanted
furnished. "It must be the horse-hair
variety, slippery and shiny, and not
only look old, but be old, because it
can't look that way if it hasn't the
age."

So Betty fared forth on her quest.
She visited antique shops and modern
stores; she haunted auctions and
peered into the windows of ancient-
looking dwellings. But she could find
nothing. All of the stores had beau-
tiful up-to-date furniture, and the
homes, too, were filled with tasteful
and artistic tables, chairs and acces-
sories.

She was motoring in from the
country, after an unsuccessful day
when the radiator of the machine re-
quired water. She went into a farm-
yard to inquire if she might get some
from the well, and the hospitable
housewife invited her in to have a
glass of milk.

The screen star was ushered into
the best room, and threw up her
hands with a cry of delight. Before
her was a parlor fitted up exactly as
Director Ingraham had required.

Arrangements were made then and
there for using the furniture, and
Miss Clark went on her way rejoicing.
"At the Sign of the Jack o' Lan-
tern" will be seen at the Strand to-
night.

FARM POINTERS

Full Stand of Corn Best
Nothing is so sure to cut down
the yield of corn as a poor stand.
Few Oregon corn fields have 85
per cent of a stand at harvest time.
Corn should be check-rowed if the
land is weedy, otherwise it may be
drilled in.

Cows Need Soiling Crops

Plan now for the soiling crops
for the dairy cows, as there will
be a time this fall when supple-
mentary green feed will be needed.
A succession of plantings should
be arranged ten days to two weeks
apart, as this will keep a supply of
fresh green feed on hand at all
times.

Spotted Beetle Arrives

The western 12-spotted cucumber
beetle, one of the most destructive
and general feeders in the garden,
is making its appearance now. A
powder made of sifted wood ashes
one part, and arsenate of lead one

DOES SHE SMILE ENOUGH?

When she learns of the conven-
iences, she will be satisfied with
nothing but electricity in her
home.

Why do thousands use electricity—
When electric cleaners cost \$60.00 and
rooms 50c?

Electric Irons cost \$6.00 and fuel heated
cost 50c?

Automobiles \$400.00 to \$4,000.00, when
a horse and buggy costs \$600.00?

It's the SERVICE she gets; the
ease in accomplishing the every-
day tasks of life.

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part, dusted lightly over the young
plants will do much to protect them
from early injury. No one treat-
ment will suffice against this pest,
however. A well prepared seed bed
and an excess of planted seed are
measures of some value. The bee-
tles are particularly fond of beans
and squash, hence a few hills of
these scattered around form an ex-
cellent trap crop.

PEARL SEASON SHORTENED
PALETTE, Tahiti, April 1.—By
mail—Tahiti's annual pearl-diving
season probably will be shortened
this year because all of the pearls
taken in 1920 and 1921 have not
yet been marketed. It is estimated
that about 5,000,000 francs are tied
up in the 1920 shell, and that few
pearls will be sought until the
money is released.

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