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The Days Of Brutality

IF YOU have numbered among your ancestors an old-time sailingship mate—a "bucko mate" of the old days—it might be well for you to go out to the cemetery and have a look at his grave. The chances are that he has recently turned over in it.

The reason for this lies in an obscure little news item that may have escaped your attention altogether; a story telling how the United States supreme court the other day upheld the award of \$12,000 to a sailor, who had sued the steamship company that employed him because a petty officer knocked him down with a monkey wrench.

This sailor was struck and floored because he was late in coming on watch. He sued and won his \$12,000; the company appealed the case, claiming that the occurrence was simply a brawl common among seamen and not a thing for which the company could be held liable. The supreme court turned the appeal down, and the sailor will get his money.

So, we repeat—the graves of the old-time mates of the days of square sail had better be inspected. For if there is anything on earth that would make one of those old ruffians turn over in his last resting place it would be the news that a ship's officer can no longer knock down a sailor at will.

Our old traditions seem to be passing fast. None was ever better entrenched than this tradition of brutality at sea. While American sailing ships were winning fame for speed and seaworthiness all over the world, they were also becoming notorious among sailors everywhere for abuse and hard treatment. It was common to speak of an American ship as a "hell wagon." To discipline a crew with fists, belaying pins and sea boots, all applied freely where they would do the most good, was known as giving them "Yankee music."

This brutality was closely interwoven with the American record at sea. A man who shipped before the mast in an American ship, especially in the latter days of sail, when expenses were pared to the bone, crews were small and crimps shanghaied the witless dregs of the waterfront to serve as able seamen, expected to be kicked and walloped. The prime function of the mate was to rule with an iron hand, and he generally did it with a whole-souled earnestness.

There was one tradition whose passing no one need lament. The American sailor today gets decent quarters, decent food, decent pay and decent treatment. His officers have no greater privileges than the foremen in industrial plants ashore, which is as it should be. If a sailor is struck he can get damages. The hard-boiled era of "the glorious days of sail" has died forever, and it is a good thing.

But—can you imagine what one of those old "bucko mates" would say about this little lawsuit?

Foods For A Traveler

A RECENT United Press dispatch from New York presents some interesting statistics on sectional preferences in food in the United States.

Corned beef hash, it develops, is New York's most popular restaurant dish. Philadelphia's favorite is, of course, scrapple. New Orleans diners like their food highly seasoned. In the middle west the reverse is true. Minnesota goes for steaks in a big way. California is extremely fond of salads. Boston baked beans are popular everywhere, although the eating of them has become a Saturday night ritual nowhere but in their native city.

Travelers often complain that American cooking is too standardized; but there are still sectional preferences and local favorites. The traveler who takes pains to inquire about these local dishes and ask for them can still enjoy considerable variety as he goes about the country.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

CHARLIE CHAPLIN THE BEST
Smart Set Magazine: Harry Carr, veteran film writer and executive, reviews his fifteen years in Hollywood and delivers a few interesting opinions. Says he:

"The best picture I have ever seen was 'The Birth of a Nation.' It had the best theme, the most stirring action, and the most dramatic situations.

"The greatest artist in Hollywood is Charlie Chaplin. He is by long odds the greatest artist in any of the seven arts of his generation.

"The one star who has kept his head and preserved his independence is Harold Lloyd.

"The most consistently good actor is Jean Harlow.

"The most striking personality is Von Stroheim.

"The luckiest—and sweetest—is C. Coleman Moore. The luckiest is Dorothy Mackall. The soundest mentally is Louise Fazenda's. The most beautiful star is Florence Vidor. The

most temperamental personality is Jettie Goudal.
"And the most thoroughly disillusioned is—the writer."

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS

New York Sun: A workman in a hazardous trade quits work and goes home—to face fresh hazards. Last year there were 4,000,000 accidents in the home, 24,000 of them fatal. Falls are responsible for nearly half of all domestic accidents—falls on floors, over objects, off ladders, against tables, in bathtubs. The secretary of the Pennsylvania department of health has drawn up a list of precautions to be taken at home:

Do not start a fire with gasoline or kerosene.

Do not attempt gymnastic stunts in the home—such as standing on ladders, chairs and window sills—unless you have a firm foundation or are otherwise protected from falling.

Keep your medicine chest

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Criminal Changes Suggest Laws Speed Action Save Money

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SALEM, Ore., June 7, (UP)—

Oregon's criminal code will be given a thorough overhaul at the next session of the state legislature when several revolutionary measures designed to correct present abuses of the code and reduce time and expense in criminal court procedure will be introduced by members of the bar and the Oregon judicial council.

INCLUDED among the several recommendations to be made by the council are two highly important ones which will aid greatly in bringing this state's criminal code up to modern times, according to Chief Justice Coshaw of the state supreme court.

Plan Insane Law
THE FIRST of these is the recommendation that persons convicted of crimes on plea of insanity be sentenced to serve at least three years in an insane asylum without the privilege of obtaining freedom before that time on habeas corpus proceedings.

"SOME DOUBT exists as to the constitutionality of this measure," said Justice Coshaw. "The constitution provides that the right of habeas corpus shall never be suspended unless in case of invasion or rebellion, but in my opinion that provision applies only to general suspension of habeas corpus, not to individual cases."

Would Correct Abuse
"ENACTMENT of such a law would largely correct the abuse of the insanity plea because it would be mandatory upon the presiding judge in a case where the insanity plea is made, to sentence the defendant to not less than three years in a lunatic asylum with no hope of obtaining his freedom for three years if the man is held insane. Persons charged with crime would think twice before entering such a plea and much would be done to restore confidence in justice," he said.

AN EQUALLY important recommendation which Chief Justice Coshaw hopes the legislature will adopt is the proposal to amend the criminal code to allow the insanity plea to be charged with crime the right to waive trial by jury and present his case directly to the court, if he so desires, except in such cases where the penalty is death or life imprisonment.

Would Follow U. S. Act
CONGRESS this week passed a similar measure governing cases in federal courts and this state should follow immediately with like legislation covering cases in county and state courts, Judge Coshaw said.

IN MANY instances, a person charged with crime in a small community or in a case where public excitement is intense, would much rather present his case to the judgment of a judge rather than the passion, prejudice or caprice of a jury," he said, "and he should be granted the privilege if he desires it."

Modernize Law
"ENACTMENT of a law allowing waiver of a jury trial would be a long stride forward in bringing Oregon's criminal code up to modern times. Much of our law today is based on old English law, and the right to waive a jury trial was denied in olden times in England as protection against royalist jurists, but the courts today are of and for the people and there is no reason why a defendant should not be permitted to plead his case directly before the judge."

A PREHENSIVE measure like this would represent a huge saving in court expense to the people and would do much to speed up legal machinery in the courts," he said.

SEVERAL other recommendations for changes in the present criminal code will also be made.

Inaccessible to children, and never take any medicine yourself from a bottle in the dark.

Do not start your motor car in a closed garage.
Do not point a gun at anyone, even though you are sure "it isn't loaded."

Use reasonable care and caution in performing your daily chores or duties.

Every housekeeper or household should be able to add at least one specific "don't" to this list. Rugs, can openers, wind-downs, pictures, doors in the dark—these and a hundred other potential sources of danger surround everybody who is housed.

MAIN STREET

Los Angeles Times: Ever since Sinclair Lewis put the narrow Main street of his home town—or, at least, one he knew mighty well—between the covers of a widely read book, Americans have been wont to sniff at the mention of the hick town, because of its homeliness, its lack of excitement and provincialism. But just the same, another American has risen to make a few remarks about a town small and plain—and he stated that he found therein all the influences for the formation of character such as make a man a good citizen—all within the narrow confines of a small town. His name? Herbert Hoover, first citizen of our country—in tribute, as was his predecessor, Mr. Coolidge, to the "Main street" of his youth.

The fastest dog, the greyhound, may reach a speed of 35 miles an hour. The fastest any man has run 100 yards so far is at the speed of a little more than 21 miles an hour.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"I should like to be known as a former president who tries to mind his own business."—Calvin Coolidge.

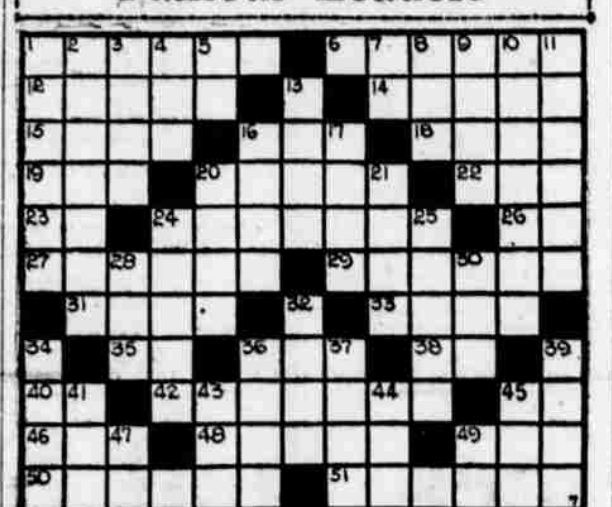
"Every man who does not do his best counts the unpardonable sin."—William Lyon Phelps.

"I have been through five business depressions. They all act alike. The man who, if business fell off 66 per cent increased their selling effort 75 per cent, managed to pull through, as if there was no depression, and the efforts of such men tend to shorten the periods of depression."—Thomas A. Edison.

"America is rebuilt every 40 years."—A. E. Dickson, president of a national limousine company.

"He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father's wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father's care."—William Penn.

Famous Leaders



HORIZONTAL 40 Above.
1 Famous.
2 Saxon king.
3 Treeless plain in Russia.
4 Not a skeleton.
5 To set into.
6 To hit a ball.
7 To challenge.
8 Rubber tree.
9 Boat parts.
10 Chum.
11 Seventh tone.
12 Tiny spine.
13 To exist.
14 Related maternally.
15 Mutiny.
16 Decision.
17 Fruit.
18 Mister.
19 Snaky fish.
20 To accomplish.

VERTICAL 10 Biblical fable.
11 Shoeless hole.
12 Quarter.
13 Secular.
14 To blot.
15 Roasting rod.
16 Conator.
17 Disturb.
18 To elude.
19 Branch.
20 Indian tribe.
21 To negative.
22 Thickened part of milk.
23 To merit.
24 Musical instrument.
25 Child's toy.
26 Fine grass.
27 One and one.
28 To soak flax.
29 Bag.
30 Measure.
31 Note in scale.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
ACROSS: 1. FRODO, 2. LAR, 3. ARTA, 4. GAVE, 5. TAP, 6. WANT, 7. URGENT, 8. SPADES, 9. SLEIGH, 10. HAVEN, 11. ORKNEY, 12. EDGES, 13. NE, 14. U, 15. TIMINGS, 16. P, 17. TALE, 18. NOR, 19. TAME, 20. EVER, 21. FIRE, 22. OWEN, 23. DEEM, 24. RET, 25. PANT.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

W. Frank Arant and Charlie Anderson, while traveling on the road between Dairy and Ely yesterday afternoon, came very nearly being seriously injured during the electric storm. While in the act of climbing into the buggy after a conversation with a farmer, a bolt of lightning struck a tree near by, stunning Mr. Anderson and striking Mr. Arant on the left arm. The streak of lightning caused Mr. Anderson to fall to his knees in a half dazed condition. Mr. Arant said, "Had we stopped where we first halted our team we might have received injuries which would have proved fatal."

The tree was shattered up considerably peeling the bark in a circular path from the tip to its base. The team was uninjured.

There is in the county jail here a man giving his name as Frank Murphy, with many aliases, the chief of which is Gowan or McGowan, and he is held on requisition from Ellensburg, Wash., on a presumed charge of forgery committed in the fall of 1910. The prisoner is absolutely reticent, saying that he is not going on the witness stand. The presumption is that while the charge of forgery is alleged in the telegrams received by Sheriff Barnes, and Constable Schallcock, may be the genuine cause of seeking for Gowan, that the secretiveness which has been urged by the Washington and California state officials import something more serious, and the possibility of a heavy reward for his capture.

A wire has just been received from Washington saying that a man is on his way here to identify Gowan, and that no one he allowed to communicate with the prisoner, the last stipulation being of vital importance.

Society in the Village
Chautauqua has filled the week with music and lectures. Education and diversions have walked hand in hand, and while society has sipped at the one and smiled at the other, the allurements of cards, tea and dancing have lain mostly in abeyance.

LONDON—Sidney Fox, recently executed for the murder of his mother, got a lucky break. The day after he paid with his life, he was cited to appear as a correspondent in a divorce suit. At least he was spared the scandal of a divorce suit even though he did suffer the penalty of death for murder.

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Teachers Take Out Marriage Licenses

Following the closing of school a vacation arrives not only for pupils but also for the teachers and vacations seem to allow the teachers time to think of things other than school for in the past two days six teachers have been included in the list of those taking out marriage licenses for June weddings. Three were included in the list Thursday and three more announced intentions yesterday.

Edna Bennett, 42, teacher and Jesse Kinchels Reno, 45, engineer; Lottie Kiezer, 32, teacher, and William H. McMillan, 32, truck driver; Clara Jarvis, 27, teacher, and Thomas F. Thorne, 31, confectioner, were the couples taking out licenses yesterday in which teachers were involved.

A license was also granted to George E. Hougden, 42, salesman, and Faith Williams, 31, clerk. Mr. Hougden, formerly an official in the Klamath Falls post office, is now part owner of the Klamath Printing company.

GRADUATES ENTERTAINED
The Klamath Business College entertained their graduates at dinner at the Hotel Willard on Thursday evening. Those who graduated at this time are Douglas Wallace Pence, Joyce Bisford, Marguerite Crank, Jennie Neat, Pearl Mathers, Gladys Hall, and Annie Colson. All of these graduates are already employed in the offices of business men in Klamath Falls.

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Shop Lifter Is Given Five Years

Hurley Hamilton was yesterday sentenced to not to exceed five years in the state penitentiary and Frank Pitman was sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary and was then paroled, by Circuit Judge W. M. Duncan in circuit court here.

Each of the men waived preliminary hearings, indictment by the grand jury, time for sentencing and each pleaded guilty to charges of robbery in a store, commonly called "shop-lifting."

The pair were arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Low and Burns representative Klock after they had taken merchandise from the Fife and Amick store in this city. The merchandise was recovered.

The pair were also identified by Sam Ackerman as the pair who held him up last Saturday night at the Crescent Avenue canal bridge and after hitting him with the butt end of a revolver attempted to rob him.

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