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**Defect in America's Criminal Law.**

The Charles W. Nordstrom case that ended in Seattle, in the punishment of the murderer, was one of the most remarkable criminal contests in the history of American jurisprudence. It was surpassed only in the length of time that elapsed between the commission of the crime and the end of it all by the once famous Kring case in St. Louis. It was of national interest, because it showed how a shrewd lawyer could, for years on years, by what is regarded as perfectly legitimate chicanery, prevent the carrying out of what was confessed to have been a perfectly just sentence.

The two cases, the Kring and the Nordstrom, show where multiplicity of courts and facilities of appeals may be used effectively to stave off justice. This is a matter that the American Bar association and other legal organizations could well afford to devote lengthy and serious consideration to, for there is no question that such permissible proceedings have done more than all the mouthings of demagogues to weaken respect for the law as at present laxly administered, seemingly almost exclusively for the criminal.

It is all very well to throw every possible safeguard about a man accused of a crime, but, in the Nordstrom case the throwing of these safeguards about a man has to nearly resembled a lamentable parody on justice. As the governor of the state of Washington well and truly said of this very case, it is just such making of mockery of justice that has been provoking of lynch law.

In England and on the continent of Europe, where justice's sword is not tied up by threads of technicalities, lynchings are utterly unknown. This is not because the people of the old world are more phlegmatic or more indifferent to crime than those of this county, but simply because they know that there will be moderately swift justice and the law will not be hampered by technicalities of every kind. If the people of America could have equal assurance, lynching, except in parts of the South, would be virtually unknown.

The criminal has the right to reasonable protection against overhasty justice, but he has no right to make the law a parody. The public against which he has offended also has rights and these rights should be paramount. The fewer there shall be of such cases as the Kring and the Nordstrom the better it will be for the United States. The sooner there shall be reform such as shall prevent shrewd lawyers from thwarting justice for years and years, the sooner there will be assurance that the days of mob savagery shall pass away forever.

**Caring For the Forests.**

The American Forestry association, in session at Denver, may be expected to make some practical suggestions in regard to caring for the forests on the public domain, but it is by no means assured that any recommendations the association shall make will be effective in bringing about legislation for remedying existing abuses and improving forest conditions. It has been found extremely difficult to get congress to give to this matter the attention its importance merits. There is a mass of laws on the subject, but as the secretary of the interior pointed out in his last annual report, most of them were undesirable and to a great extent conflicting yet repeated appeals to congress to enact proper laws, especially in regard to public forests on unreserved lands, have failed to accomplish all that is necessary for the proper and adequate care of the public forests.

Referring to the fact that one man recently filed scrip on 2,000 acres of fine timber at the Sacramento land office, the San Francisco Call says that the federal government should withdraw a forest land still on the public domain from entry and private ownership. It

declares that enough has passed now by patent to materially deplete the timbered area of the country "and not another acre should pass out of the government control until the law regulates its use so as to preserve it as forest land and forfeit the patent for violation of the regulations." The Call urges that henceforth every man who buys timber land should be subject to official and expert oversight in harvesting the merchantable timber. That paper notes the destructive forest fires in California this summer as showing the dire need of doing something to preserve, protect and care for the timber that is left.

This is one phase of the matter and perhaps the more important one, but there are other abuses that need correction and to which it is presumed the American Forestry association will give its attention. The conservation of the national forests and the protection of timber on the reserved as well as the unreserved lands is much more effectively done now than formerly and with such further modifications in forestry legislation as has been demonstrated by experience to be necessary our public timber lands can be as well cared for as are those of European countries whose government give constant and most careful attention to forest preservation. The progress to the attainment of the existing policy in this matter has been slow and more remains to be done before we shall have a thought and adequate system, but there is no doubt that it will come in time.

**The North Yamhill Reporter says:**

The Tillamook Herald is advocating the name of J. W. Maxwell as the Tillamook County candidate for Oregon's next Governor. We do not know whether Brother Watson is perpetrating a good joke on Mr. Maxwell somewhat on a par with the election of Prof. Garrigus, several years ago, by the "Third House of the Oregon Legislature, to the United States Senate," all for the edification of his fellow Tillamookers, or whether Brother Watson has really become somewhat demented. If the republicans of Tillamook County are really in earnest about wanting a gubernatorial candidate they will make no mistake if they advance the name of Hon. B. L. Eddy.

We give the Record credit for its good judgment, and, unlike Bro. Watson, it is not toadying to or boosting a person who is intellectually disqualified. The Headlight is of the opinion that it is not wise to connect Mr. Eddy's name as an aspirant for gubernatorial honors, for the reason, we think, it is premature to do so, although no one could question his ability and integrity to fill the office with honor to himself and a credit to the state. Mr. Eddy will get there, or somewhere else, at the proper time and when conditions are ripe for his elevation.

A. B. Hammond has purchased another 50,000 acres of timber lands in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. Mr. Hammond and his friends now own a majority of the best timber in the region drained by the Santiam, the Trask, the Wilson and the Nehalem Rivers. They are gradually closing in on all of these magnificent belts of timber which they desire, and when they have secured all they want, we may then look to see the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad extended to an Eastern trunk line connection, and to see the road built from the foot of the Cascade Mountains to Astoria through Salem, and tapping the timber belts of Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. Even old men now living will see that consummation.—Salem Statesman.

John McIntosh, Swedish Minister at Seaside, was in the city this week looking for a cook for Bremner's camp. They had a cook named Murphy who claimed to have cooked for 700 Indians in Texas and cooked a moos and a bear on the same stove at the same time. The moose was fed to the Indians and the bear was used for kinking up the vacant places, just as pie or pudding is used at Astoria restaurants. Bremner only has 20 men working in the camp and when Murphy told that story they lost their appetites and Bremner had to discharge the cook as the men threatened to go on a strike.—Astoria Herald.

"Greater New York" comes high. The city budget of taxation for the coming fiscal year is \$98,096,413. Notwithstanding an increase of one-third in the assessed valuation of property, the tax rate has been largely increased.

**BOULDER CREEK.**

Mr. Nicklans and son Johnny went out to Sheridan, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Borba returned last week, after a trip to the Grande Ronde store.

Sam Lucas and Will Ray came in from the valley last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Grace Chopard, Mrs. Lida Brady and Miss Edna Gatchell spent the day with Mrs. Grace Smith, Thursday.

We are all widows and orphans here on Boulder, and we're having a high old lonesome of it, too.

Mrs. Maggie Nicklans and daughter, Ida, and her sons Tommie and Herman, came down from Hebo last Friday for a short visit with friends in this neighborhood.

The cheese factory is closed and we understand that Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will soon move back to Beaver.

Mrs. Chopard had the pleasure of entertaining a few friends at dinner Sunday. The party included Mrs. Grace Smith and children, Mrs. Lida Brady and son Lloyd and Miss Ida Nicklans.

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F. Winchin, Dundee, Or., discharging ear, cured.

Rev. J. E. Coenour, Portland, Or., skin diseases, cured.

J. E. Taylor, Pendleton, Or., stricture, cured years ago.

Mrs. G. Karg, Leland, Or., sciatic rheumatism, restored.

Miss Maggie Synhoest, La Grand, Or., cross-eye, cured.

Isaac Thompson, La Center, Wash., deafness, cured in five minutes.

Mrs. E. A. Patee, Albany, Or., ovarian and womb trouble, cured.

Mrs. Martha Daily, Gardner, Or., salt rheum for 25 years, cured.

J. S. Jennings, Sellwood, Or., eczema or skin disease, 15 years, cured.

Miss V. M. Klinker, Spokane, Wash., skin and face eruption, cured.

Rev. N. Doane, D. D., Dean of Portland University, deafness, restored.

Henry Von Helms, Sandy, Or., cancer of nose and catarrh, cured.

Adolph Wunder, 394 Morris St., Portland, total deafness, cured in 20 minutes.

W. W. Thompson, Vancouver, Wash., an enormous hydrocele, cured, 8 years ago.

Mrs. J. J. Anderson, 295 Crosby St., East Portland, rheumatism, restored to health.

Mrs. T. B. Hartfield's boy, 214 11th streets, Portland, discharging ear and deafness, cured.

Mrs. J. Ellis, 325 Clay street, Portland, Or., deafness and diseases peculiar to her sex, cured.

R. C. Cook, Portland, stricture of the urethra, cured after five doctors failed to cure him.

Chas. B. McCracken, Dalles, Or., consumption, catarrh and bronchitis, restored to health.

Wm. A. Hall, Astoria, Or., discharging ear 20 years, scarlet fever, cured 10 years ago.

Captain Parker, proprietor Parker Hotel, Astoria, catarrh for years, cured 5 years ago.

E. Tice, Summerville, Or., pain in the head from sunstroke, cured and gained 10 pounds.

The Dr. Darrin will be in Astoria at Occident Hotel, September 5th to October 12th.

Dick Crocker of Wantage, has kindly consented to cross the ocean and fix up the political affairs of his province, commonly known as Greater New York. The news is joyfully welcomed by his yassals.

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