

THE WHIPPING POST AN EXTREME MEASURE

Women Prefer Intermediate Measures to the Present Extremes

Written for the Saturday Journal.) The whipping-post bill before the legislature is creating considerable comment and discussion throughout the state. Many families are becoming divided over its merits. The open endorsement of the governor has not made the matter any more palatable to those who do not like the state. It has rather increased discussion and warmed up the argument. The bill has some provisions which should be carefully weighed. Is it before the

legislature by an irresistible and overwhelming demand of the general public, is a question which may also cut some figure before the post becomes a fixture in Wilson avenue or Marion square. The bill is weak in some respects. Even those favoring the measure think some amendment necessary to make it just the thing. For instance, there is no promise to give the whipping master authority to hire a clerk to throw in the salt as he lays the lash. Then some one ought to carry off the victim after he is cat-tailed to a finish. If he happens to be a high-toned villain, of course he can have his carriage sent around after him, but if he be poor, the county will have to pay the express charges. So the matter of publicly whaling a fellow for thumping his wife has its graft in the way of spending more money just the same as any other bill created for the public. The educational feature will be the great similarity it will present to burning negroes down south, and will save northern people a trip to see how it is done. The bill is a sort of mild punishment for those who do not entirely kill their beloved. When they kill them dead the law is supposed to step in and hang them by the neck. If they only beat them half to death, then we shall whip on the backbones every man who leaves his job unfinished.

Here we have two extremes. The law will hang for killing and the whipping-post will punish for half killing. Now for a law which will suitably punish those who kill their wives by degrees. Women are dying all over the country by inches under brutal treatment, and this is all right in the eyes of the law. The law winks at this. But when the husband is kind enough to kill the poor, defenseless woman all at once, or do the job of half-killing quick, that she might recover and have a spell of enjoyment waiting for the next mauling, these fellows are to be publicly disgraced. The smooth-faced lords who go about the work daily twisting the thumb screws or taking a turn at the rack are to escape punishment. The cutting word, the insinuating remark, the ridicule, the deliberate lies, the systematic and studied method of killing by inches has no remedy under the law. We have a gallows on one side and a post on the other, while the bulk of the women, for whose especial protection this law was framed, pass between.

To reach this class of offenders should also be included in the provisions of this proposed legislation. While

no human being is entirely justified in remaining within the liability of such offenses, yet the questions involved in a successful and satisfactory termination of the difficulty are so varied according to the case, and of so little public importance, that it would seem reasonable to allow legislation of the two extremes rather than have no protective measure because of the moral technicality required by an intermediary measure. We have a remedy at law for killing by the bullet, but the garrote, the ridicule, the satire, the falsehood and all the avenues through which these agencies pass are not within reach of the laws governing our civil conduct. The law does not reach the more subtle and insidious devices practiced. To deny a man the right to criticize another is taking from him a right born in him. Yet this criticism may be more terrible in its effect than the blow of a club or the encounter of a bullet. The rights of a man are so closely mingled with the deadly effects of these practices that it is doubtful if we ever have a law which will fill this gap of a go-between remedy.

Since the measure is not demanded by the public at large, Oregon can wash its hands, as a people, from any embarrassing effects of the operation of the proposed law, and allow the ambitious legislature to shoulder the responsibility. FRED R. WATERS. January 26, 1905.

Bent Her Double.

"I knew no one for four weeks when I was sick with typhoid and kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Annie Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa., "and when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength, and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders. At J. C. Perry's drug store. Price, 50c.

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THE ONCE FAMOUS ACTRESS

Adelaide Ristori Celebrates
Her Eighty-eighth
Birthday

Rome, Jan. 28.—Tomorrow will be the 83d birthday of Adelaide Ristori, the famous Italian tragic actress, and she is already in receipt of a flood of congratulatory messages, many of them coming from America, where she achieved her greatest histrionic triumphs.

Ristori was born at Cividade, Italy, on January 29, 1822. After achieving fame in her native country she made her first appearance in Paris in 1855, winning popular favor and becoming a rival of the celebrated Rachel. Her subsequent receptions in other countries especially in America, were enthusiastic. Among her leading parts were Maria Stuart, Francesca da Rimini, Myrrha, Phaedra, Judith and Lady Macbeth. The last character she played in America with Edwin Booth. She retired from the stage a quarter of a century ago.

In private life Mme. Ristori is the Marchioness del Grillo. Her husband, to whom she was passionately devoted, died some years ago. The Marchioness is one of the most honored women in Rome. Her only son, Marquis Giorgio, has for years been one of Queen Margherita's gentlemen-in-waiting, the queen mother showing the utmost deference to his aged mother, going occasionally to see her and always distinguishing her by her notice when the two are in the same room. Mme. Ristori has also a daughter, Donna Branca, who is of quite exceptional beauty, and is her mother's stay and comfort, accompanying her everywhere.

The celebrated actress is now a little old woman, with pronounced features, sparkling eyes, and hair that is still abundant. Her hands, covered with magnificent rings and with silk mits, are as eloquent as ever, and as she uses them to emphasize her meaning, and her beautiful modulated voice rises and falls, one can realize even now, glimpses of where her power lay in the past.

Her daily life is simple in the extreme. She rises somewhat late, after a cup of coffee in bed, and, if the day is fine, goes for a drive in a closed carriage, together with Donna Bianca. She returns after an hour or two, has her grandchildren in to amuse her, and about noon they all have lunch together. After lunch she rests, and usually does not go out again. In the evening she seldom goes out, except to the theater, and there she is often to be seen, especially on first nights. She made a special effort when King Edward was in Rome last year, and went to the English embassy on purpose to be presented to his Majesty, whose father had been one of her most fervent admirers.

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BALL PARK GONE

The O. A. A. C. baseball park is a thing of the past, the fence, grandstands and bleachers have been torn down and are being carted away as old lumber and the fans are weeping many weeps for bygone days when they cheerfully dug up a bright and shining "half" for the privilege of sitting on a board watching the Raglans "soak the horse hide" and "chew the rag" with the umpire.

The demolishing of the park kills the last hope of the few ever faithful who have, for all of the talk to the contrary, been hoping against hope that Salem would have some baseball the coming season, but this move convinces even them that baseball is dead here for an indefinite period.

Amateur Cue Experts.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—All arrangements have been completed for the national class A amateur billiard tournament at the Chicago Athletic association next week. The tournament is to decide

the national amateur championship. A dozen of the best class A players in the country will take part, the field being more thoroughly representative than in any previous tournament. The entries include Frederick J. Poggenburg, of New York, the present champion; H. A. Wright and W. A. Sigourney, of San Francisco; Charles F. Conkling, of Chicago; Charles S. Schmitt, of Racine, Wis.; Martin Mullen, of Cleveland; and Wilson P. Foss, of New York, will not take part. This will make the tournament a more open affair than it would be otherwise, as at least half of the contestants are conceded a fair chance to win.

The Diamond Cure.

The latest news from Paris is that they have discovered a diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee of Vanleer, Tenn. "I had a cough for 14 years. Nothing helped me until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Unequaled quick cure for Throat and Lung Troubles. At J. C. Perry's drug store. Price 50c and \$1, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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