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A TIMELY AND SENSIBLE EXPRESSION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, IN WHICH THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM CRIMES ARE CONSIDERED.

Among the intelligent partisans the controversy over capital punishment is deepening the channel of moral thought and responsibility. Among the superficial, there is a great deal of twaddle exchanged through the generous press. The people have spoken, but the minority are not yet satisfied. That's a limelight finish, a glorious extinction, a rare specimen of courage, but since it is liable to be a long time before the two extremes of temperance may settle their own contention, hadn't we better take things a little more moderate?

The rights of the minority are conceded, the faults of the popular vote well understood, responsibility and vindictive penalty rub some tender spots, but, are we to settle this controversy by hammering the heart-strings of our sympathy for the condemned alone? Have we entirely for-

gotten the victims of these unfortunate men? It seems so.

We have listened long and patiently to various arguments. In the barroom we hear the yeggman's side of capital punishment from a sociological point of view. In the club we hear the views of some whose stomachs have never been empty, and whose hands have never been cold. On the street we hear the chatter of the curbstone tatter.

In the press we hear followers of the lowly Nazarene argue pro and con, and both in the name of God. As a climax, we have the letter from a Southern Oregon woman who desires that she might be hung instead of the condemned. At least, she asks that a delay of six months be allowed for the men to "get right with God." Just how she arrived at the element of time in this matter, is unexplained. The somewhat worn view of theology that an eleventh hour repentance is sufficient, is evidently disputed by this woman. The objection to a momentary confession over the trap is that we do not give the individual an opportunity to prove his sincerity. Many worthy people spend an entire lifetime "getting right with God," and then generally sleep with one eye open. Perhaps, in the course of further discussion, some iconoclast will explain just what it is meant by that expression. Some believe it can be accomplished in a single minute, some that it takes six months, but we all know from experience that we are sailing this short voyage on the ship "Compromise," under a flag of truce. We spread our sails to the winds of Hope.

In addition to general discussion, we are regaled with haubling pictures of execution scenes, more suitable for editions "De Luxe" of the Old Slewth library. We see the messenger, with the pardon in his teeth, dashing on horseback through the prison, up the scaffold and down through the trap in time to save an innocent man. All this and more. In short the general tendency is to concentrate sympathy for the condemned man, regardless of all other circumstances surrounding his particular case.

Individuals give up certain personal

liberties for the general protection of society. When this protection has been questioned by open crime, all agree in a penalty. The contention over capital punishment is not so much one of penalty, as one of what kind of penalty. Society has ordained the extreme limit in some cases. If you base the penalty upon the nature of the crime, we find that the most extreme punishment is frequently inadequate.

Capital punishment is as far as we can go in the line of penalty. We believe the nearest we can come to an adequate remedy in the case of the lonely widow of Philomath is to exact "an eye for an eye." In this society pleases the theologians who are strong on the Old Testament. But, along comes another phase. The barbarous penalty excites sympathy, questions the right of society, raps our moral consciousness with the teaching of Him, whom, upon every other question of moral conduct, we do not dispute. The mass of people who oscillate in the middle space between the decided partisans are in a serious quandary. The Bible, from which, it is said, you can prove everything, in the hands of some interpreters in this present discussion, doesn't prove anything. Apparently it supports either contention.

To argue against capital punishment is easy. To argue for it is like arguing for Intemperance. Advertising in a newspaper is the only thing we know of that admits of no argument. If some of the prolific writers who are brimming over with sympathy for the condemned were to have seen the home of the Hill family, near Portland, who were exterminated with an axe, or had seen the details of the case of the widow of Philomath, perhaps they might look for a moment at the other side of the question. Their ready pens would go poverty-stricken seeking for an adequate description. The gentility of the law prescribes every precaution against undue external brutality attending an execution, while the crime for which it demands retribution enacted with impunity every degree of human brutality. One is constrained to ask, why are the pages of human kindness so dry for the victims

and so wet for the violators? The horrors of the prison chamber on the 13th of December will not begin to compare with the horrors of the Hill home, and the shanty of the widow of Philomath.

Capital punishment may not be right in theory or practice, it being a palpable species of vengeance, but it being not within human wisdom and province to adequately punish or provide reparation, shall we not, in the discharge of the existing laws, in the deluge of sympathy for the condemned, at least reserve one tear for the memory of the victims?

FRED R. WATERS.

A Fine Job for the Ex-School Superintendents

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that a chief of field service in rural education is to be appointed, and has written to educational officers and others throughout the country, asking for recommendations for persons fitted for the work.

A letter from the commission has been received at the office of State Superintendent Alderman, and is being given attention by him. The office will pay a salary of \$1000 a year. The duties of the official will be to supervise the collection of information respecting the condition of rural schools in the United States and in foreign countries, and in the furnishing of information and advice to education officers in the United States for the betterment of rural schools. No regular examination will be given candidates for the position. It will be required that they have at least 3 years' experience as superintendent of schools, and, though no special examination will be given, the candidates will be judged according to their knowledge of the following subjects: General education and training, 15 per cent; special training in theory and practice of education, 15 per cent; evidence of special knowledge of rural school problems, 20 per cent; practical experience, 40 per cent; publication, 10 per cent.

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A Battle Follows the Strike

TWO RAILROAD DETECTIVES ARE KILLED AND 12 ARE WOUNDED, FIVE OF THEM SERIOUSLY—STRIKE-BREAKERS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 12.—Several hundred striking employes of the New York, Susquehanna & Western railroad ambushed under the passade overlooking the Hudson river, opened fire on a boat load of strike-breakers landing at coal docks at Edgewater yesterday. In a pitched battle which followed, two railroad detectives were killed and 12 men wounded.

A telegram requesting that the militia be called to quell the disorder was sent to the acting governor of New Jersey by General Superintendent Stone of the Erie railroad. Mr. Stone escaped a storm of bullets fired by strikers as he was seeking shelter in a building.

The men killed were: Andrew J. Graw, 28, of Binghamton, N. Y., captain of detectives. Clarence Mallory, 45, one of Graw's men.

The wounded included: John D. Ryerson, of Jersey City, lieutenant of detectives; William King, William A. Woods, Frank A. Brown and William Hicks.

All Wounded Men Detectives.

All these men, like Captain Graw and Mallory, were doing private detective work for the Erie railroad.

Hicks is in a hospital wounded 23 times. Brown and Woods were shot through the head, Ryerson in the back and chest, and King in the right ear.

The men, hiding behind eiffs and trees, waited until a scow had discharged its cargo of men brought to take the strikers' places. A volley of blank cartridges did not frighten the strike-breakers, who pushed forward toward the railroad tracks on the coal wharf.

The men in ambush then left their hiding places and, firing real bullets, attempted to swarm out on the wharf. They were met by the private detectives, who, unarmed, except for clubs, engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle.

Shots Sweep Officers Aside.

A fusillade of shots brushed the officers aside, and they fled for safety, except the mortally wounded Graw and Mallory. The strike-breakers, under a fire of bullets, fled along the shore of the Hudson, and concealed themselves in the woods of the passades.

Three hundred employes, foreigners, of the Susquehanna, which the Erie controls, quit work Monday, demanding a wage increase of five cents an hour. Officials of the railroad would not grant the increase.

Mayor Leads Deputies.

Mayor Calahan, of Edgewater, took personal charge of the situation last night. Leading a force of half a hundred deputy sheriffs, he visited the coal docks, prepared to give battle if the strikers made trouble. A search of the wood yard made, but no one carrying arms was found.

The identity of the men who did the shooting is known, according to the authorities and the Edgewater police. Ten men and a posse of citizens have begun a search of the foreign settlement. Officials say strike-breakers will be put to work tomorrow morning.

The names of several more injured men were learned later at the hospital.

William Ghah, inspector of detectives, is in a critical condition with wounds in the head and face. One of his eyes is removed. John Leslar and John Lewis, detectives, were shot in the body and legs.

POLLY OF THE CIRCUS AT THE GRAND LAST NIGHT

"Polly of the Circus" was only a fair horse at the Grand last night but it was a splendid play, strongly presented, and should have played to a full house. The circus scene was especially realistic, convincing that it had to be presented in so small a space as a theatre stage and Miss St. Leon is certainly a fine rider. Few actresses could take the part of a circus manager with the ease and grace of Polly. They were many certain acts, and they were deserved.

LESS BOWEL TROUBLE IN SALEM

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L. J. Chapin, farm management expert, who has offices at the Board of Trade, has made arrangements to carry on a series of fertilizing experiments on farms adjacent to Salem. One set of experiments will be operated on the asylum farm, which Mr. Chapin considers one of the most promising tracts in the valley.

A 600-acre farm in the Waldo hills and another farm of 70 acres in another section of the valley have been selected for other experiments in fertilization. Officials of the Board of Trade say that the wisdom of the organization in procuring Mr. Chapin as farm management expert to work with the board has been proven. Several instances are mentioned in which Mr. Chapin has worked with farmers with the result that the latter will profit

largely by the co-operation in the field of next year's crops.

Mr. Chapin will spend January in the East. A national convention of farm management experts is to be held in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Chapin expects to attend. Other conventions will be visited by him on the trip. Next week Mr. Chapin will go to Corvallis to attend the short course for farmers.

May Be Serious.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11.—"My God, send the militia and save a wholesale slaughter of human life."

This message was received here today from the town of Jay, Delaware county, Okla., following a report from New Jay that a mob has seized the court house in the war between the two towns to obtain the county seat.

Immediately after the above message was received the wire broke. It is feared that serious trouble may result.

There is nothing better than marriage for bringing out all the temper there is in red hair.

Did You Spend All Day Monday Over a Wash Tub?

One day each week the family wash demands the time of the housekeeper.

That is if she still clings to the old way. But if she is ahead of the times and sends the wash to us, wash day means the same as any other.

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What Shall a Man Drink?

A question much in the public mind nowadays is "What shall a man drink?" Or rather, what may he drink? "Water," you say, "of course." But the purity of our water supply is the problem in every large city. As an old proverb puts it: "God defend me from the still water, and I'll keep myself from the rough." Quite recently the people of New York have been warned against the water by the head of the Health Department, and have been urged to boil it before drinking. Have you ever thought of the enormous cost and labor this would involve, if it were carried into general practice? The fuel, the implements, the lifting, fetching, the serving and replenishing on every floor of every tenement; in every restaurant and office; in public places and drinking fountains. Truly it is a "counsel of perfection," which is practically hopeless.

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