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CONCERNING ANARCHY.

JUST where law ceases and anarchy begins is one of the things that has never been accurately measured and marked. The boundaries between law and lawlessness are vague, shadowy and undefined, and they have been made more so for years past by the big corporations in their dealings with both the government and the people. Relying on the immunity from imprisonment their incorporeal condition gave them, the corporate bodies took all kinds of chances in violating laws and overriding justice.

If caught with the goods, if their operations were by some chance declared unlawful, the only punishment possible under the law was a fine, and this was no deterrent no punishment at all. It was instead a temptation to stretch the laws on all occasions to their limit, and if perchance they were stretched beyond the breaking point, a fine settled the affair. If the corporation got away with its scheme it was ahead, if it did not, a fine trifling to it, ended the matter. In other words they had everything to gain by stretching the law to the limit and even breaking it and nothing to lose. The fine as a punishment, and the fine only, was a premium on dishonesty.

It might be thought this has nothing to do with anarchy, but has it not? What is anarchy, anyway? In its strict definition, and as it is usually understood, it is the "absence of all law, chaos so far as government is concerned." With this as the definition, the big corporations were not anarchists, for they want above all things a strong government that can and will protect them, but they want to defy the law, and to have no law that can reach them. They might be called qualified anarchists. If mobs were permitted to plunder the rich at will, if they were permitted to take the property of others by force, and without consideration, and without being punished by the government, it would fill the popular conception of anarchy. This in the condition now prevailing in Mexico, where, the dispatches yesterday told us the rebel general, Villa, has issued a decree in which he accuses the Terrazas and the Creel brothers; the Rockefeller and Morgans of Mexico, of "withholding taxation and of fomenting the treachery of Orozco and Huerta."

Luis Terrazas is the richest man in Mexico, and as he owns two thirds of the state of Chihuahua, he is one of the largest land owners in the world. The Creels are his nephews and are second only to him in wealth in Mexico.

Villa has declared all their lands forfeited and has confiscated all their personal property consisting of banks, thousands of cattle, mines, homes and in fact all their belongings situated in Mexico. Villa announces that if the rebellion succeeds neither the Terrazas nor the Creels will be allowed any indemnity for their property, and on top of this he orders that all contracts made by any of these people since February 18, 1913, be declared absolutely void. He also states that this vast property shall be given to the widows and orphans produced by the bloodshed in Mexico. At least, the Terrazas and the Creels will admit this.

How did the Terrazas and the Creels get the property? How does any man accumulate hundreds of millions of dollars? Can it be done in legitimate trade or in any honest manner? If not, did, or did not the gathering of this vast wealth by these people vary in anyway from that adopted and used by Villa in taking it away from them? He took their property because the rebellion, putting him at the head of an armed force, put him in a position where he could do so, and they could not prevent it.

They accumulated the same property because wealth and combination put them in a position to take it, and those from whom it was taken were powerless to prevent it. One anarchist was backed by the power of numbers, the other by the power of money. One gathered just as Standard Oil in this country has gathered in small amounts from the entire populace, and hoarded for itself, the other took what was thus gathered and says it shall be returned to those left widows and orphans in the dreadful holocaust that was caused largely by the greed of the Terrazas and the Creels, and their class.

If the confiscating of this wealth by Villa is anarchy, what was the original gathering of it by these men from whom it was taken? What is the difference between taking, practically by force, a little from every citizen of a country for the benefit of one person, and the taking from one person for the benefit of all? Which is anarchy? Which is not?

We must confess that to us there is a difference only in degree; hardly that, in execution would be the better expression. To the financial, the meticulous who calculate to the niceties of metaphysics, this idea may seem monstrous, but in a broad view of the matter it is to us six of one and half dozen of the other, and as to the results in either case, could they be followed up and the sorrow and desolation, the suffering and death sequent to each be compared, the sudden and drastic methods of Villa would appear no worse, and probably not so bad as the slow and insidious methods of the big, intangible, incorporeal individuals, the children of law, who despise their parents, and who like any other parasites destroy that which gave them life.

CORVALLIS AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

CORVALLIS is again to the front with a slap at the cost of high living. Last Easter the Corvallis women took a shot at Mr. High Cost of Living and refused to purchase headgear costing more than seven plunks per headgear. Then hen "C542" hit the bulls eye, so to speak, in Mr. H. C. O. L.'s anatomy by laying 291 eggs in a year. Not satisfied with this another hen also claiming Corvallis as her residence went Mrs. "C543" some better, and laid 303 eggs in 365 days. This was Mrs. Hen "C521." Now comes another Corvallis boomer and H. C. O. L. enemy, a lady hog belonging to E. A. Mitchell, and produces at one sitting, or hatching or whatever it was, sixteen little pink-nosed piglets. The mother was of one of the first families in Swindon, being a descendant of the famous French family of Duroc whose American branch was started by Emile de Maupassant Duroc, who came over in the first cabin of the Mayflower and settled in New Jersey. The American branch of the family has since been known as "Duroc-Jersey" and has been prominent in American affairs, being inter-married with the Armour, Cudaby, Smith and Morris families, and ranking at the top especially in Chicago's social circles. The Corvallis Mrs. Duroc-Jersey, is evidently of democratic tendencies and an admirer of the great Nebraskan who made

LADD & BUSH, Bankers

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the "crime of 1872" notorious, as she voiced her "16 to 1" sentiments to some purpose.

With this addition to Corvallis' stunts it is respectfully but urgently requested that Corvallis take a rest until the balance of the communities in the state get a chance and make an effort to catch up with the record Corvallis now holds unchallenged, as the only unwhipped opponent that has ever faced Mr. H. C. O. L. and gave him a knock-out blow.

SPORTS

YELLOW JACKETS TO PLAY FAST TEAM HERE

Christian Bros. One of Best in Portland and There Will Be Interesting Contest Friday.

EDDIE TALLMAN OUT AS RESULT OF AN INJURY

Team Would Have Been in Better Shape Than Usual Had Accident Not Happened at High.

Friday evening two fast basketball games will be played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The first game will be called at 8 p. m.; second at 9 p. m., giving the fans two hours of excitement for the small sum of 25 cents.

Basketball is one of the most exciting games played on account of its being played so fast and on a small space and while it is not patronized as much as baseball or football, the game is gaining rapidly in popularity. From present indications the season of 1913-14 will be the greatest success in Salem on record. The Yellow Jackets, without doubt, make up the fastest basketball team that ever represented the Cherry City and Manager Baker has succeeded so far in staging games which proved to be close and exceptionally interesting. As in baseball Baker has proven that he is out to give the fans their money's worth and then some. Not content with staging one good game for 25 cents, he is now staging two good games for the price of one, and the games this Friday evening will be no exception to the rule.

Will Play Reserves.

The Chemawa Indians will play the Yellow Jacket Reserves at 8 p. m., and inasmuch as they always have a fast team and the Reserves will be strengthened considerably over last week, this game should be fast and furious.

The big game of the evening will be between the Yellow Jackets and Christian Bros. College, of Portland, at 9 p. m. The Portlanders have a fine record to date and in past seasons have been one of the very best teams out of Portland and the Yellow Jackets in the past two games have proven themselves worthy of support. Had Forward Eddie Tallman not been injured in a practice game at the high school last evening, the team would have been in much better shape than usual. Coach Gingrich has several good men to fill in with and the team hopes to sting the Collegians more decisively than any of the past victims to show that they will be ready to defend their honor in the second big game of the season on New Year's night against the strong Silver-ton Club at Salem.

DOANE ELECTED HEAD OF UNIVERSITY TEAM

At the annual football banquet, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bishop, last evening, Emory Doane, halfback, was chosen captain of the Willamette University football team. Doane graduates next year. He made a good record this season. Besides the football squad Corps, Vandervert, Flegel, Lund, Teeters, Knutson, Bolt, Turkison, P. Homan, Ferris, Doane, Pfaffo, Sparks, Pepper, Booth, Rowland, Dunlop, those present included Chauncey Bishop, host of the evening; Dr. G. J. Sweetland, coach; Merwin Paget, manager; O. P. Bishop and 4-year-old Robert Bishop.

Chauncey Bishop was toastmaster and everyone present had something to say. As the team was undefeated during the season, and gained the intercollegiate championship, there was naturally a great jollification.

The rooms were appropriately decorated with the university colors. The menu cards bore a picture of Dr. Sweetland, the coach, and recorded the scores of the games played this year.

WILSON IMPROVING.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The cold which kept President Wilson confined to the White House for more than a week continued to improve today. It was announced, however, that the president would not visit the executive offices until next week. In the meantime attending to routine duties in his office at the White House.

STATE FAIR FIGURES ARE VERY PLEASING

When the 1913 state fair books were closed yesterday by the board, it was found that, besides canceling a \$1000 loan and paying off some of the old debts that were incurred in holding the fair in 1912 during an unfortunate week of inclement weather, the state fair finances are in better standing at the present time than they have ever been before for many years. The books show that there is a balance left from the 1913 season amounting to \$4286.46.

With these encouraging figures on the gain side of the cash book, Oregon's largest annual show promises to grow with rapid strides in the future. A fine \$60,000 brick structure for the grounds is being planned at the present time by State Architect Knighton. This structure will take the place of the old pavilion, and will be an addition to the general appearance and service at the fair grounds, which has been sadly needed for the past ten years. The building will be ready for the 1914 fair.

GOOD VAUDEVILLE WITH BEST PICTURES ALWAYS FAVORED BY SALEM PUBLIC

In this week's Saturday Evening Post, on page 1, is told the story of the Mutual Movies, the home of good shows. It tells why Mutual pictures are invariably the best. You should read this page and then come to the Bligh theatre, where these pictures are shown exclusively in Salem, and see and judge for yourself.

In addition to the unusually good pictures shown yesterday and which appear for the last time today, the Bligh audiences are enjoying immensely the clever work of the Cagwins, in their laughable, well-acted skit.

Jack Conway, the noted Irish monologist, is well worth hearing in his clever stories and recitations. He belongs to the real school of Irish comedians, and off the stage gets off as many impromptu jokes as he does on the stage. By all means hear him and bring the wife and kiddies.

"TADS" FAMOUS DAFFYDILS AS SCARF PINS

"Bull" Durham Week Is Being Celebrated in Salem by Attractive Gift Scheme.

C. B. Hardy, of the Tobacco Company of California, is in Salem this week, advertising the famous old "Bull" Durham Tobacco.

This week at tobacco dealers all over town, every purchaser of a 5c bag of "Bull" Durham is being presented with a gold-plated Daffydil Scarf Pin. These pins are an absolute novelty. Every reader of Tad's Daffydils, which appear in the papers all over the country, will be delighted to secure one. They are at the same time an amusing and attractive ornament, and in connection with the sale of "Bull" Durham tobacco should prove particularly attractive to local smokers.

"Do you know," said Mr. Hardy to a reporter, "that Bull Durham is the most extensively handled article in the world. Sounds pretty big, doesn't it and yet it is a fact. More than 600,000 dealers handle 'Bull' Durham in the United States alone."

"You might think that salt, or sugar or flour was more extensively sold than 'Bull,' but such is not the case. Salt and other products are sold only by grocers, of which there are perhaps a quarter of a million in this country. 'Bull' Durham is sold by nearly all grocers, and by tobacco stores, restaurants, news stands and other places, so that the total sums up above 600,000."

"Last year the total sales of this famous tobacco was 352,000,000 sacks nearly a million for every day on the calendar. It is the 'universal' luxury being smoked by every class, from college professor or millionaire to the cowboy on the plains. It is a regular ration in the army and navy, and a bag of 'Bull' sticking out of a sailor's blouse or the soldier's khaki shirt is a familiar sight."

"Better buy a 'bag of Bull' at your dealer's this week, and get one of the Daffydil Pins."

DAVIS RESIGNS.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 18.—The resignation of J. M. Davis as general superintendent of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters in Reno, was announced today. Davis said he expected to leave soon for Cincinnati, where he had accepted a similar position with another road.

GET ANOTHER WEEK.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Creditors of the Solano Irrigated Farms company

The Chicago Store Christmas Exhibition

Is the greatest in the history of our store. Come and take a look through this great Christmas Bazaar of Holiday Presents for man, woman and child. Prices cut away down to make fast selling.



We come to the conclusion that it is better to sell out all our coats and suits before Christmas at clearing prices than to wait until the first of the new year. No profits looked for from now on. Less than half price.

COATS TO \$15.20 NOW
\$4.50 \$7.50
\$10.90

SUITS TO \$18.00 and \$25.00 NOW

\$7.50
\$9.90
AND
\$11.90

SILKS AND DRESS GOODS

We show the most complete stock of Silks and Dress Goods in Salem. Come here and buy your Christmas presents.

Price, yard 15c 25c 35c 49c up

Ladies' Winter Underwear

All kinds marked out on the counters for fast selling.

UNION SUITS
35c and 49c
Vests and Pants
19c and 25c



KIMONAS BATH ROBES

Are dandy, useful Christmas presents. We show a complete line of all kinds. Come and get our prices.

98c \$1.35
\$1.49 \$1.98 up



Useful Xmas Presents

Ladies' Silk Hose, lery now on sale.

25c 35c
49c pair



Ladies' 85c Union Suits Now 49c



\$3.50 Fur Muffs Now \$1.49

acquiesced today in the principal stockholders' request for another week's delay as efforts were being made to restore the concern to a sound financial basis.

BIG STRIKE POSSIBLE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASSED WIRE.] Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—Cooks and waiters' union officials said today that,

HARDY MAY BE HONORED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASSED WIRE.] London, Dec. 18.—According to the Pall Mall Gazette today, Thomas Har-

dy will receive the Nobel Literature prize for 1914.

A man may have to go to jail in order to get the living the world owes him.

It seems that members of the Van Klein family were unusually smart, yet couldn't take care of themselves.



Takes All the Shivers From the Morning Shave

The bathroom is warmed in almost no time and you shave in comfort if your home is equipped with a

PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATER

The heater is so light it may be easily carried to the dining room or living room or wherever needed.

Easy to light and clean. So constructed that it can't smoke. Doesn't smell. Will last a life time. Finished in plain steel or blue enameled drums.

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