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## A-KNOTTY SLANDER CASE

Seattle is trying to solve the problem as to whether one can slander George Washington. The case arose over someone making the assertion that the father of the country was a user of considerable profanity, drank tolerably regularly with not a great length of time between drinks and did numerous other things not nice for the father of so large a country.

A rather zealous patriot took offense at the remarks and had the asserter arrested on a charge of slandering the man we fondly speak of as "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The remark was uncalled for, and perhaps foolish, but not more foolish than the patriot who undertook to have the maker of it prosecuted. The only way to treat such things is to ignore them and not pay the speaker the compliment of intimating that his opinion was worth noticing.

It however, brings up a knotty question. If one can be punished for slighting remarks made about those long dead, where will the possibility of punishment for slander cease?

For instance, some admirer of the character of Cleopatra might take offense at some remark made as to her conduct with Antony. A criticism of Lot, Noah, or Adam might make one liable to a jail sentence. An intimation that good Queen Bess was holder of the speed record before automobiles were invented might send a fellow to prison for a half dozen years, and to say that Solomon was unwise to marry so many times without giving the divorce courts a chance occasionally would send him up for life.

Regardless of what was said about "Our George" it is hoped for the peace of all that the case against his "slanderer" will be decided against the prosecution.

Now that England has the rebellion in Ireland crushed and the leaders as well as a goodly number of the mob, for it was little better than that, in her possession, the question arises as to what she will do with them. If she is wise she will deal leniently with the privates and not make her punishment of the leaders vindictive. Sir Roger Casement is more of a fool than a criminal, though it might be better stated by saying he was crazy. No man in his senses would have undertaken such a movement as he did, and others associated with him were certainly irresponsible to the extent that they did not know anything. Only madmen could have imagined they could cope with England in the circumstances. They were practically unarmed and without ammunition, machine guns or anything else with which to fight, they were about as helpless as so many Indians armed with bows and arrows would be against a modernly equipped army. Sending them to bed without their suppers would fit the case about as well as anything.

Mr. Tom Shannon in six splayfoot verses in the Oregonian recently reiterates eighteen times the statement: "Should they ask who I'm for, I'm for Roosevelt." Tom doesn't state who it is he expects might have the curiosity to "ask who he's for," but seems to have an idea someone might do it. The fact is it will make but little difference to Roosevelt or the rest of the world who Tom is "for," or why, or what for. It would seem though, that Tom is some changer for he states he tried Bryan and lost. Then he turned to Taft, but is now convinced he was "daft," or else the exigencies of rhyme forced him to the statement. After this for some time anyway—Tom is not very definite about it—his "young and foolish head swam with Socialist red," and after that he tried Wilson, of whom he says he is sick. Now he is for Roosevelt. It is too bad Tom had such hard luck in making his selections, but still he is not out of the woods. It may be "the worst is still to come." Alas! poor Tom!

It is too soon yet to make positive statements as to the prune and other fruit crops; but it can be said that the prospects for a number one yield of all kinds is as good as could be wished. In some sections the peach crop is reported as likely to be light but the areas so reporting are

small. Prunes are in fine condition, and so are cherries. Apples, too are well set and promise a bountiful yield. Of course there is always a chance of something happening at this time of the year that will cut the estimates but it is seldom that his occurs, for frost is not a great risk in the valley, and bugs and pests are easily handled. In fact this part of it is already largely taken care of and another spraying will complete it. Taken all together the fruit outlook is unusually good and it means added prosperity for the valley.

Figures on the increase of pay to employes in factories now in force, show that 706,500 have had their pay increased on an average of \$7.88 a month or \$94.56 a year. The monthly increase in the pay rolls is \$5,368,872 and the total yearly advance \$64,426,464. Quite a substantial sum in the aggregate, yet it represents an increase in the daily per capita wage of 706,500 men, of but 30 cents a day. This illustrates the value of small things, in a most emphatic way, and justifies the lines of the poet who wrote:

"Think naught a trifle though it small appear  
Sands make the mountain, moments make the year,  
And trifles, life."

The Oregonian has a scare on again, and thinks that had we gone to war with all Mexico instead of just chasing after Villa that Carranza's army would have overrun the border states before we had begun to organize an army. It is evident the Oregonian editor has either forgotten history, or is not acquainted with the men on the border. If Uncle Sam will turn the situation over to the state of Texas Mexico would be whipped for two hundred miles south of the border inside of two months and not more than one attempt would be made to cross the border by anything or anyone in Mexico.

Just as a suggestion to our friend Dean Collins who is growing gray conducting a shortest poem contest in the Oregonian, the devil in the Capital Journal composing room suggests this:

It looks at first glance as though there was really no rhyme there but the cloven footed one from the composing room says that all poetry needs a prose explanation and interpretation and says the above period and blank line should read, "Dot, not."

The result of yesterday's primaries in California, which, while the count is not yet completed, indicate the G. O. P. standpatters have carried the state by 40,000, emphasises the fact that T. R. has been swept into the dustpan along with W. J. B. and both now belong to the great army of "also rans."

Now experts are worrying over the possibility of some other nation grabbing the Panama canal. Its a safe bet they would drop it again like a hot brick if they had to keep it open.



## OBVIOUS TRUTH

I know that when there comes disaster, that sticks like an adhesive plaster, a man gets no relief, by giving free rein to his dander, and showing Innocent Bystander how loudly he can beef. I know that sympathy will dwindle, if all the fires of wrath you kindle, when you have stubbed your toe; far better for your fame it will be, if you will simply nurse your tribly, and say it looks like snow. All men admire and love the Spartan who struggles to conceal his smartin', his sickness and his pain; so if your head hurts, don't sit crying, but spend a minute prophesying that we shall have some rain. I know disaster sticks the tighter to any weak and weeping blighter who will not turn and scrap; but it will find its job revolting, and soon quit badgering and jolting the brisk, aggressive chap. Ill fortune is a tinhorn bluffer; it dogs your heels and makes you suffer, while you for this will stand; but when all fearlessly you eye it, and pull its whiskers and defy it, it skips to beat the band.

## Every Live Store Has Some News Stories

Did you ever happen to look at it in

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If the umpires know their business hereafter, they will banish Jupiter Pluvius the moment he starts trouble.

## Sherwood Is Ready For Final Presentation

With the date for the presentation of "Sherwood" but two days in the future, the work of preparation has practically come to a close. Rehearsals for the past week have been excellent, and the final dress rehearsal will occur tonight. A finished presentation of a dramatic masterpiece is assured the public for the Friday night performance.

The Junior class of Willamette University could, in choosing "Sherwood" for their class play, not have been more fortunate. The play offers an opportunity for the development and display of the best dramatic talent. It was composed to please the best of audiences. The main features of the drama are the interesting Robin Hood incidents, the lyrics, and the ballet scene of Act II.



MISS ROSAMOND GILBERT  
Who is showing true dramatic ability in the role of Queen Elinor.

Individual work on the part of the chief actors portrays a marked degree of perfection. Among which is the interpretation of the role of Queen Elinor by Miss Rosamond Gilbert. In relation to the plot of the drama this is a very unpopular role to play, but in depicting the emotions of the treacherous queen, the dramatic ability of Miss Gilbert can not pass unnoticed.



MISS IRMA BOTSFORD  
Who will play three distinct parts in presentation of "Sherwood"

Miss Irma Botsford besides appearing in three distinct speaking parts, is also to present a solo dance in the ballet scene of Act II. Her artistic interpretation of the character, Puck, a jolting fairy has many entertaining qualities.

Other leading members of the cast are proving themselves equally fitted for their parts and are sure to star at

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## Bethel News Notes

(Capital Journal Special Service)

Bethel, Or., May 3.—At the meeting of the Bethel Literary society last Friday night, the debate was on the question "Resolved, that country life is preferable to city life." W. R. Baker and John Zak told of the delights of living in the rural districts while Walter Ransom and Lucy Nichols explained the many advantages of the cities. The decision of the judges was three for the affirmative and two for the negative.

The following program was given: Reading, "The Boy who never told a lie"; Madison Nichols; reading "Mary had a little cow"; Harlan Hoffman; reading, "Brave Jennie McNeal"; Walter Ransom; music, W. R. Baker; paper, Harlan Hoffman.

The next regular meeting of the Bethel Literary society will be held on the first Friday in October.

There was a dance given at Froiland Saturday night. There was just a fair attendance. A delegation from Froiland did some fancy dancing.

There was a party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bond of Froiland. The following were present from Bethel: John Hain, Roy Marchand, Cass Nichols, Madison Nichols and Lucy Nichols.

Mrs. Ida S. Baker is in the Willamette sanatorium where she underwent an operation April 23. She expects to

be able to come home the last of this week.

Mrs. Nichols had some eggs hatched at a local hatchery and as a result she now has a nice lot of baby chicks. They are Barred Rocks and Black Minorcas.

The Bethel Baseball club spent a strenuous day Sunday putting their ball grounds in order. A large force was working with slip scrapers and a road grader and they practically completed the work. The club was very fortunate in being able to secure such an excellent location.

An Iowa soda fountain exploded the other day and injured two men. Thus is Iowa paying the penalty for going dry.

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