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PROFIT VS. LIFE.

The additional precautions inaugurated by the Lake Shore railroad to safeguard its New York-Chicago flyer amount to an admission that ordinary precautions for safety are not sufficient.

The mile-a-minute train is to be made safe, even though a man must guard every switch and signals must be installed to indicate danger a mile ahead.

For these extra and costly precautions the Lake Shore railroad is to be commended. The only pity is that they were not adopted sooner. Much useless sacrifice of life might have been avoided.

But if it is a good thing to safeguard a mile-a-minute train, why is it not a good thing also to safeguard all passenger trains?

If it is worth a switch-guard's pay to have the switch right when the fast limited whizzes by, why is it not worth just as much or more, to have the switch right when the slower trains, with their heavier loads of human freight, go by?

If the special watchmen can safeguard the passengers of the Twentieth Century limited, it is obviously the duty of the railroad company to keep them at their posts for all trains.

The railroad's responsibility for those whom it carries is not greater for those riding in a painted limited and paying an extra fare. The man in the smoker of the ordinary accommodation has the same right to protection.

A man at every switch, day and night, would cost the road a lot of money. But, on the other hand, so do wrecks cost the roads a lot of money.

Maybe the lives of passengers are cheaper to the railroads than are provisions for their safety. It ought not to be so. Every life sacrificed ought to be made so costly to the roads that it would be economy not to kill.

We hear ceaseless boasting about the wonderful executive abilities and phenomenal mental qualities of American railway managers. But our death lists when compared with those of European roads tell quite a different story.

Railroad managers prophesy dreadful things that might happen if the ownership and control of the railroads were to be taken out of their hands into those of the government. But the safety of the government-conducted roads of Europe presents a striking contrast to the incessant slaughtering on our own roads.

Private profit at the sacrifice of public safety is a poor system.

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FAIR.

Las Vegas is planning for a fall fair if sufficient interest and backing can be secured from the business men of the Meadow Cities. The Optic of yesterday said:

Col. Twitchell has mailed to the business men of the city a letter, a copy of which appears in today's Optic, asking whether or not a northern New Mexico fair shall be given this fall. We understand that unless the response to this letter be hearty and generally in the affirmative, no attempt at holding a fair will be made this year.

The Driving and Fair association management worked hard to make the June race meet the great success it proved to be. The business men of the city, often, after a considerable urgent solicitation, put up every satisfactory. The June event was not widely advertised. The idea was rather to give the home folk an idea of what could be accomplished than to invite the world. Yet the statements furnished by General Superintendent Fox from various stations show that several hundred people bought tickets for Las Vegas on account of the race meet. The couple of hundred horsemen and attendants and the people who came spent money freely. Everyone was satisfied with the events and with the money expended to make the affair a success.

If a northern New Mexico fair be given the last week in September, the proposition is to arrange a spectacular series of sports and to advertise widely with a view to bringing thousands where hundreds were here in June. Every cent of money laid out to ensure the success of such a fair will be returned ten fold.

People come from every part of the territory to enjoy a holiday and they bring their purses along. The railroads make low rates and the opportunity of coming to the city is embraced by many who live in the smaller villages along the line. And a great many come rather for the purpose of shopping than seeing the fair.

But they come.

Las Vegas doesn't expect to spend \$7,000 on a fair. The success of such an enterprise is yet to be proven in this city. It is comparatively small and safe beginnings that make large endings. But the time has come in the history of Las Vegas to make the beginning.

The letters sent out by Col. Twitchell should be answered in the affirmative.

ALBUQUERQUE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

President Hopewell, Vice Presidents Newcomer and Hild, Treasurer Flournoy, and Secretary McCanna were re-elected to their respective positions by the directors of the Commercial club last evening, at the annual meeting for that purpose.

Since its first organization this club has been one of the chief factors in the social and material life of this city, having always been noted for the steadfastness and the intelligence with which it has advocated every proposition looking to the betterment of Albuquerque.

Traveling Passenger Agent Simmons, of the Fort Worth & Denver railroad, had been in Roswell for a few days looking after business for his company, and while talking with a reporter of the Register made some statements that are of importance and general interest.

He had been shown the working of the Roswell Commercial club, and after speaking in the highest terms of that institution, he spoke of commercial clubs in general. He declared that a good, live commercial club backed by all the citizens is the very best institution. He declared that the city of Dallas, which he claims as his home, was undoubtedly made by its commercial club. Taking the place of the commercial club in name is the "One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Club of Dallas," which was lately organized. It is the purpose of this organization to increase the population of Dallas in five years from eighty thousand to 150,000. And it is predicted that from the splendid work the club has already done, by the time set the increase will reach the proposed figure.

Mr. Simmons made it most emphatic that every citizen of Roswell should join the club and help in making their home town the best in this part of the world.

What Mr. Simmons said of the Dallas club and of commercial clubs in general, is most emphatically true of the commercial club of Albuquerque.

LIGHTNING CHANGE ARTIST.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal is trying to ride two horses at once; and to make the feat more phenomenal, these horses are going in opposite directions.

No wonder the Las Vegas Optic calls the Journal a "lightning change artist."

For many moons the Journal had been on the war path. Its feathers were fresh, its paint was red, its hatchet had been well sharpened. It demanded with many a hoop and yell the scalps of Frank A. Hubbell in particular, of the Hubbell machine in general, and of Eslavio Vigil especially. Nothing could satisfy this stern custodian of justice but that the gory locks of those notorious offenders should be attached to its breech cloth.

After vainly endeavoring to get the matter before local courts, District Attorney Clancy laid the charges officially before Governor Otero, who came over to investigate them. But in the meantime, as the Optic puts it, the Journal had seen a great light. Though for months it had been demanding of the governor and impetrating him to do this very thing, no sooner did he enter upon the course than the Journal turned completely—charged the governor with a grand stand play, said the charges

were old and the issue was dead, that there was no need now to take action, and numerous other things to the same effect. No wonder the Optic and other papers are astounded.

The Citizen has received a copy of "Hol to the Land of Sunshine. A guide to New Mexico for the settler and immigrant. The public lands and the laws under which they can be obtained. General information for the home-seeker. Published by the bureau of immigration of the territory of New Mexico, Max Frost, secretary." This is a pamphlet of 55 pages, which will fit nicely into an envelope. It is characterized by all the exactness and appropriateness, for which Colonel Frost's work, as secretary of the bureau of immigration, has for so many years been noted.

The company which owns and operates the water-works in Albuquerque is trying to have its franchise extended twenty-one years from its expiration, which is still fourteen years off. For cold-blooded nerve this just about equals anything we have heard of from older settled parts of the country and we are convinced that corporation sharks in New Mexico have developed months as large as those of other places. The people down there are beginning to wake up and discuss municipal ownership—no wonder.—Farmington Enterprise.

Albuquerque business men have, this year, subscribed \$7,000 towards their annual fall festival. For a quarter of a century the fairs have been occurring there. Albuquerque business men could not be persuaded to give them up. Why? Because they pay in dollars. They pay not only in advertising the town widely, but the merchants receive back directly much more than the money paid out.—Las Vegas Optic.

A man back east has "two hearts that beat as one" in his own bosom. It's the only real case of two hearts ever doing anything of the sort.

In this busy world the people are not content to wait fourteen hours to learn what has happened, says the Los Angeles Express. It is this fact that gives the evening paper a decided advantage—it prints the news fresh from the wires and as soon as it occurs. When the day's work is done the reader of the evening paper has before him all the day's happenings.

WHY TOO MUCH VIOLATION OF LAW IN THIS COUNTRY

We make too much of the idea that a man must be tried by a jury of his peers, as the sentiment of Secretary Taft's speech before the Yale Law school, and the big legal sharps down east are endorsing the sentiment. The trend is toward abolishment of trial by jury, and there's nothing remarkable about that.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," now as ever, and, unless the people bestir themselves, all chances of justice for the masses will soon be in the hands of the creatures whom organized corporation interests and reckless partisan politics put upon the bench.

What regard for the fundamental rights of free speech and the habeas corpus have the petty federal judges shown when under the pressure of corporation influences? Why, recently, out west, a federal judge sent some workmen to jail because they refused to unload a wagon! White slavery—as bare as any that black men ever endured—under the cloak of the law! Nothing less than that.

No free speech. No right of habeas corpus. No jury trials. Enforced labor. What next? Just this—A censored, craven press.

There are, to be sure, gross imperfections in the administration of the criminal law, as Secretary Taft told the legal sprigs of Yale, but most of them are due to the lawyers. The mass of our legislation is by lawyers. The mass of our legislation is designed to make business for lawyers. Lawyer-made laws have so filled the mouth of justice with the hairpins of technicality that she's not only speechless, but it takes one who has given a lifetime to the study to tell whether she's dead or alive. The innocent man is lucky if, after mortgaging all he has got, he can live long enough to roll the big rock of his proof up the hill of demurrers, continuances and appeals. The guilty man, with pelf or pail, tires and wears justice to skin and bone, until she hasn't strength to raise an arm for his castigation.

The lawyers have left us few remnants of prompt, perfect justice. That is right, nearly confined to a few instances of mob law—frivolous protests against delays and disappointments due to intricacies and impotencies of lawyer-made laws—while trial by juries of one's peers is often trial by jury of ignorances and irresponsibles or by men deserving of \$2 per diem as political reward, and no more.

SHORT STEP FROM LEGAL LAWLESSNESS TO OUTRIGHT ANARCHY

The great lawyer who employs his talent to enable a wealthy client to circumvent the law is encouraging a spirit of dumb anger against all the laws.

In President Roosevelt's great speech at Harvard there is no greater truth than this. This single paragraph is a great speech in itself.

The country is cursed with legal lawlessness conducted on gigantic scale.

Many of the biggest ships of commercial and financial enterprise are boldly and safely steered through forbidden seas by skillful legal pilots who know the statutory rocks and shoals.

Like pirate craft of old, these big financial and commercial ships disguise themselves as honest merchantmen and take their victims unawares.

The pilot of a pirate ship was always an important figure, commanding a large share of the loot. The legal pilots of the big trusts of today get \$50,000, \$75,000 and sometimes \$100,000 a year. Piracy still pays the pilot well.

There is a common idea that the lawyer who commands \$50,000 or more a year from a single trust client must be an exceptionally great lawyer. This is a delusion. The old pirate pilot was no better than any other pilot. He differed from the others only in being unscrupulous enough to be a pirate. And the trust lawyer of today who for a high salary enables his client to circumvent the laws is selling his honor, not extraordinary abilities. Measured against the legal incompetents and weaklings whom the public commonly selects to enforce the laws, the trust lawyers seem great. But that is through fault of the public.

Setting up a \$1500-a-year public prosecutor against a \$50,000-a-year lawyer of a trust is like setting a row boat to catch a piratical craft propelled by steam and sail.

It need not be a particularly staunch pirate ship nor have a very high class pilot to escape such feeble pursuit. The vast bulk of the finances of the country are controlled by institutions that, like the Equitable, sail dangerously close to the rocks of forbidden seas.

A feeling of distrust is steadily growing throughout the country. Respect for law thus evaded with impunity is giving place in the popular mind to a spirit of dumb anger against all the laws.

From open and continuous manipulation and evasion of law it is a short step to anarchy.

The real anarchists of this country are the trust lawyers who are destroying public respect for the law by destroying the law itself.

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS This afternoon at O. W. Strong's Sons' chapel was held the funeral service over the remains of Mrs. Charlotte G. Collier, whose death was recorded in these columns yesterday. Father Mandalar conducted the services. The remains will be shipped to Port Jervis, N. Y., the old home of the deceased, tonight and will be accompanied by the bereaved husband and three little sons. Aaron C. Slocum died last night at St. Joseph's hospital as the result of an operation for intestinal obstruction. The deceased was 27 years of age and leaves a father, mother and brother in this city to mourn his loss. He was a carpenter by trade and belonged to the local carpenter's union and the Opportunity club of the Baptist church. The funeral services will be held at O. W. Strong's Sons' chapel tomorrow afternoon and will be in charge of the pastor of the Baptist church. The members of the Opportunity club will meet at the chapel at 2:30 o'clock to attend the funeral. The remains will be shipped to Ayers, Mass., tomorrow night for burial, and will be accompanied by an aunt of the deceased, Mrs. Viola B. Tupper.

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