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"Yes," said A. G. McBride, the criminal prosecutor, "libel suits are becoming popular, but it will be a long time before the courts strike anything as rare and racy as the Bridges case. Bob Bridges came to the office one day while I was chief deputy under Judge Miller, and the boss filed an information in the superior court charging a publisher of a local paper with libel. I do not remember his name, but anyhow, the article charged Bob with being a "political prostitute." Of course during the four years I was with Judge Miller, he occasionally deemed it proper to punish me for some errors on my part, and while he "had it in for me," this libel suit was assigned to me for trial. He wanted to even up some score, and the judge did it. Humes, "Tom" as we used to call him, presided at the trial. I introduced my evidence on behalf of the state and then it was that the fun began. I should say the defense plead the truth of the libelous matter and a host of the witnesses testified that Bob was very much inclined to political flirtation, in fact, the defense made out a very strong case. In the course of the introduction of the evidence for the defense, Abe Spring, the versatile and irrepressible Abe, was put on the stand as an expert to define the term, "political prostitute." He acquitted himself nobly. Bob stood the ordeal quite well until it came to the argument of the case, and then he flew, and I did not see him again for months. I never was more completely whipped in a criminal case, and I always thought Judge Miller enjoyed my discomfiture more than any one else.

In order that Attorney Darrow may familiarize himself with the California laws the trial of the McNamaras have been continued until July 1st. In other words, Darrow wants to study out all the technicalities in order that he may take due advantage of every one that may present itself in the case, in order to prove that his clients did not blow up the Times building though, perhaps, it may have been blown up by dynamite previously but there. If the McNamaras were in any way connected with that dastardly crime they are guilty of murder in the first degree and should be punished accordingly, and it does not require a course of law on the part of Clarence Darrow, their quibbling and hair splitting attorney to prove their innocence. The burden of proof in is on the state and if the accused men are innocent it will be an easy matter for them to explain away every allegation set out by the state. It is reported that Darrow is to receive \$50,000 for defending those men and \$100,000 if he acquits them, all of which proves that the men furnish the fabulous sums for this trial are themselves convinced that he has a hard job ahead and will have to resort to every trick and piece of chicanery known to the criminal lawyer to save the men from conviction. Is it right to turn such red handed murderers loose on the public?

Mayor Seymour of Tacoma has set out to fight the Japanese gardeners, who supply Tacoma with fresh vegetables, and from our view point he has an up hill undertaking, not that he will not find public sentiment sufficiently crystalized to help him successfully fight the little brown men, but that the white folk have found other business more lucrative, and left the gardening business to the Japanese, and it is now a case of Hobson's choice, buy the vegetables offered by the Japanese or go without vegetables. The Japanese seeing the condition things had drifted into have systematically advanced the price of fresh vegetables until for the Tacomaite to have those delicacies on his table is like eating grains of gold. Though denied the rights

of citizenship the Japanese have slowly but surely gained a foot hold in the Northwest that will be next to impossible to dislodge them, apply all the race prejudice the whites will or may to the situation. If the white man is too proud and haughty to raise vegetables for each other to eat he has no kick coming when the Japanese or any other nationality does so and then charge big prices for them. They have only an understanding among themselves as to prices and have organized no company in the form of a trust hence they can not be prosecuted.

Again the United States Supreme court goes on record in opposition to the legality of trusts, last Monday it decided the tobacco trust was illegal. The Northern Security trust was first declared illegal, then the Standard Oil trusts was ordered dissolved and now the tobacco trust is likewise ordered dissolved. In the mean time the stocks and bonds of all of those trusts are selling for as much or more than before any of the decisions were rendered and the question is asked, what relief has the supreme court given the people? If a thing is illegal, it seems to us that the thing to do is to quash it immediately, if not sooner, but if it continues to thrive the same as before it was questioned at all then it has been done no injury.

James W. Maxwell, president of the Commercial Club, and more or less prominent in the affairs of the city, who lost his position in the Seattle National Bank last January, has come back, and he is now at the head of National City Bank which has a capital stock of \$500,000. Mr. Maxwell is very popular in banking circles and it was a seven day wonder when he lost his position with the Seattle National, and to this day it has never been explained, and friends of his say that he is ignorant of the cause of the change as outsiders and did not know that the change would be made two hours prior to getting a notification that it had been made. He has succeeded in organizing a strong institution and it is the concensus of opinion that, it will soon become one of the leading banking houses of the city.

When the original Seattle Press Club disbanded and reorganized for the purpose of eliminating the editor of The Seattle Republican, we felt inwardly chagrined, but with the editor of the Star already convicted, the editor of the Times under four grand jury indictments and the editor of the Post-Intelligencer out of jail on a \$5,000 bail, all of whom are members of the latter day Seattle Press Club, it looks as if the bunch were opposed to having editors as members of the club that are on the square and in the open. Hence our deposal develops into a blessing into disguise. In the future we will select our associates with more discretion.

Prosecuting Attorney John F. Murphy by quibbling over the Blethen indictment has brought upon himself a lot of criticism that he need not have gotten. It is Mr. Murphy's duty to become absolutely blind when crime has either been committed or supposed to have been committed and punish alike the rich and the poor. If Blethen had been his father he should not have quibbled when a majority of the members of the grand jury voted to indict him.

Former President Diaz of Mexico is now on the high seas headed for Spain, where he will perhaps spend the remainder of his days, an exile from home. Others have done the same, but regardless of the wealth one may possess it must be a heart breaking moment to look upon the land that gave you birth for the last time owing to the fact that the conditions have so changed that it is no longer safe for you to remain in the country.

In big criminal cases days are spent in impanneling a jury and generally the prospective jurymen is put through a big stunt as one of the witness in the case, which, to our mind, is all rot. Any twelve honest men will try any case that comes before them and render just as fair and impartial verdict as if they had been asked a thousands and one useless questions about things with little or no bearing on the subject.

Trying to solve the question, who blew up the Maine, is just as foolish as to try to figure out, why Thompson's colt swam the river to get a drink. Some-

body hostile to the United States did the dirty deed and Spain having been charged with it Uncle Sam whipped her to a perfect stand still for it and that should have closed the unpleasantness.

How many men in line of the parade Prosperity day that would willingly contribute to the financing of an infant industry? The proof of the pudding is the tasting it and if they want prosperity in Seattle do something that will bring a continuous golden stream to the city and quit trying to sell corner lots at fabulous sums with nothing to back up the proposition.

The Japanese dwellers in Seattle, who have been the victims of numerous holdups and robberies for the past month, appealed to Mayor Dilling for protection, and were told to protect themselves, and they have determined on doing so, and the holdups had better look to their laurels or some of them will get what the Russia got a few years ago.

Whether or not the few day warm weather in Seattle was due to the Wappenstein trial, which has been waxing warm for the past ten days, the writer verily doeth not know, but it gives one that impression. The jury having been selected the betting is slightly against Wappy just now, but the wise guys say, Big Bill will skin out.

Tacoma's census enumeration, which has been investigated by a federal grand jury, promises to disclose one of the most gigantic frauds ever perpetrated in any community of this government. Seattle had a slight touch of the same kind of frauds and it is hoped that every one connected with them will be sent to the penitentiary.

If ex-mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, who is now in Mexico broke, should grab his old violin and play like it, and if he did he, may perhaps, would not be broke very much longer. His half million illegotten gains brought on an over dose of swell head and he does not seem to want to get down to business again.

Ashum Brown, better known in Seattle as "Brownie," is coming back to the Puget Sound country from Washington City, whither he has been for the past two years, and is going to live in Olympia. It was thought for a time that Brownie would get a "big job," but some how or other he did not land.

The daily newspaper of the city are making desperate efforts to try the Wappenstein case in its columns and if the jurymen are permitted to read the papers every day it looks very much like they will succeed, in which case, it will be for the paper with the most influence to win out.

Five aces in one deck of cards resulted in three men getting shot to death. Some men seem to take mortal offence at such little things. Just to think of three men getting killed because a deck of cards had an extra ace in it, as though it could do any harm.

It is advocated that men should marry at nineteen and women at sixteen, that they may become grand fathers in their early fifties and great grand fathers in their first seventies. That would be splendid stuff if there was no such thing as a divorce mill.

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Seattle has never seen a more impressive or beautiful parade than the one that marched through her streets Memorial day. The weather was perfect and every feature about the parade was a winner.

Thirty nine years' married life has not brought a anamity of action between a Seattle couple and so a legal separation is being asked for by them. It is said, there is no fool like an old fool.

Bryan's count me out of the presidential race was so feeble that even a deaf one could hear a whisper, "I am always in the hands of my friends if there is anything like a cinch."

If there is anything in the decision of the U. S. supreme court dissolving the tobacco trust, it looks as if somebody else besides the trust will be a ble to smoke.