

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT. DOING WHAT? WHY, EATING GRAPES

Rhoda Latunn and Elizabeth Evans at state fair on their pet ponies

Laxity of Home Control, Social Conditions, Saloons and Road Houses Blamed for Downfall of Girls—No Training to meet Responsibility

Judge W. C. Van Fleet's scathing arraignment of social conditions and the lack of parental influence and care, delivered as he sentenced F. Drew Caminetti and Maury I. Diggs yesterday afternoon has caused a wave of commendation and agreement among thinking people in San Francisco.

Practically all phases of the difficulties which brought about the necessity of sentencing these young men are covered in the following extract from Judge Van Fleet's address:

"Laxity in social conditions made the opportunity that brought you here. The primary cause is a condition of society. Parental control over the two girls was lacking. Society is certainly to blame."

A number of expressions of approval of the utterances of the distinguished jurist came to The Call yesterday from well known citizens of the city. They are given herewith:

"WIPE OUT PRODUCERS," SAYS REV. BURLINGAME

REV. GEORGE E. BURLINGAME, pastor of the First Baptist church—"If we would prevent such crimes and such bitter shame, we must have better home life, less opportunity for clandestine meetings of young people and a community free from the pitfalls which exist in the saloons and roadhouses.

"All honor to the judge who speaks this word of warning to a community all too careless with its young people!" Rev. Mr. Burlingame declared, praising Judge William C. Van Fleet for his arraignment of society as responsible for the crime which made the disgraceful Reno elopement "a crime of opportunity."

"When a community finds a source of physical corruption and pestilence it makes war upon it in order that the health and efficiency of the people may be conserved," the minister continued.

"Judge Van Fleet points to the sources of moral corruption which are persistently making for the ruin of the family and for the demoralization of the race."

"With the pernicious influence of these baneful institutions we are entirely familiar.

"Why have we not the good common sense to destroy them as we destroyed the rats a few years ago, or as we destroy vermin with fire?"

"The open saloon and easy roadhouse produce an unbroken succession of dissolute libertines and dishonest women."

"If we do not want the product, why do we maintain the producer?"

"Recently in less than a week, I had occasion to deal with three cases in each of which the family was broken up and the children separated from their parents on account of drink, whose paralyzing hand had smothered self-respect and murdered love."

"The laxity in social conditions to which Judge Van Fleet referred is manifest in the fact that the young people nowadays do most of their courting on the streets, or in theaters and parks, instead of in the sheltering environment of the home, with the aid of wise and watchful parents."

"It is this unrestrained license which furnishes the opportunity which so often precipitates the crime."

"If we would prevent such crimes and such bitter shame, we must have better home life, less opportunity for clandestine meetings of young people and a community free from the pitfalls which exist in the saloons and roadhouses. Human life is worth too much for us to waste it needlessly and ruthlessly."

"All honor to the judge who speaks this word of warning to a community all too careless with its young people!"

PURITY OF WOMANHOOD STABILITY OF PEOPLE

J. O. DAVIS, collector of customs for the district of San Francisco—I have no knowledge of the specific cases mentioned by Judge Van Fleet in passing sentence on Diggs and Caminetti, and am unable, therefore, to say whether or not lack of parental control contributed materially to the unfortunate incident that has resulted in the trial just closed. There can be no doubt, however, about the laxity of social conditions and lack of parental control of children in many of what are called our "open houses."

It seems incredible that any girl of tender years could be absent from home two or three days and her parents not know where she is or what she is doing.

I have long held the opinion that lack of control of children on the part of parents constitutes a menace to our society.

Obedience to law is absolutely essential in this world and happiness is found only through obedience to law, and that parent who neglects to teach his children from the very beginning of life the existence of law and the necessity for its obedience does a great injustice to the child. If children are given no training in obedience to law, they will grow up as they are now, and when they reach the age when they will be required to observe the ordinary decencies in their conduct and conversation with and in the presence of women it is a deplorable condition.

NO WISDOM WITHOUT A KNOWLEDGE OF DEITY

MRS. J. C. LEVY, past president of the Juvenile Protective association and of the Council of Jewish Women—I am not blaming the parents of these girls, but there is a great laxity prevailing at the present time. Social conditions have been allowed to drift on. There is no sense of that responsibility that we in the world owe each other.

The home influence is the foundation for character building and the home should, therefore, be sanctified and glorified.

Responsibility should be equally shared by parent and child. The conditions of society are too lax, irresponsible, and that is what is causing conditions existing at the present time.

A spiritual leading is a necessity in the home, and, in fact, in all walks of life. There must be a recognition of the supreme being, especially in the training of young people.

Without a proper knowledge of God there can be no proper knowledge of wisdom.

I feel that conditions are improving. Progress is being made when the evil is being uncovered. This case will be a lesson in all homes, I believe.

The child is like the tender of a plant and as it is inclined in its tender phases so it will grow, so one must lay emphasis on the need of proper homes. It is there that the moral atmosphere is gained.

I lay no special blame on the mothers of these girls, but they were the result of the general atmosphere of laxity of public morals and of home training.

"LAXITY IN HOMES IS ROOT OF THE EVIL"

Mrs. Mary Prag, member of the faculty of the Girls' high school—I certainly think the laxity of home control is the root of evil. Mothers are too lenient with their daughters. In fact, it is perfectly true that the girls control their mothers, instead of the mothers controlling their girls.

I feel very strongly on this subject and it is one to which I have given much thought. I have had, also, most excellent opportunities for judging the question.

I heard a mother say the other day that her daughter, who is now married, had never forgiven her for bringing her up more strictly than were the other girls of her immediate circle, declaring that she had never had the same opportunities for having a good time.

That is practically all they think of nowadays—a good time. Girls are brought up to feel that they are old enough and big enough to decide for themselves, and the right sort of training is lacking.

GIRLS NEED CHAPERONS, SAYS CLUB PRESIDENT

MRS. O. L. SUES, president of the Mesa Redonda club—I thoroughly agree with Judge Van Fleet's ideas. I have been hearing a great deal recently about the two girls in the case from people who know them in Sacramento, and I am told that they were allowed to be out automobiling until all hours of the night. Parents are certainly to blame for many of the sad and unfortunate things that happen. There is too much freedom for most girls. When they go out in automobiles they should have chaperons.

They do get hungry and they will eat and they will drink. That is only natural, but they should have a chaperon with them; then much might be averted and matters would be very different.

The tendency of the present day is undoubtedly to very carefully government by parents. Girls of the better classes are given too many privileges. High school girls, even the nicest of them, have too many "grown up notions" as to their manner of dress and how they do their hair. Draped skirts and slit skirts, which I certainly do not think appropriate, are demanded because the other girls at school have them, and it is a continual battle going on to keep all the girls from the same ways.

Mothers must not be lax in their government.

If I had my way, all boys and girls in high school should be allowed some sort of a uniform. The girls might wear the Peter Thompson dresses or something of that sort, and the boys could be dressed in regular cad uniforms.

It would save a great deal of trouble and there could be no overdressing.

San Joaquin Valley Gives Away Tons of Fruit at State Fair

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 18.—Everybody is eating grapes at the state fair today. Tons upon tons of the fruit are being distributed in token of San Joaquin valley day. The day opened with thousands of San Joaquin valleyites surging in on special trains.

Judging on county awards is well in shape this morning and awards will be made during the day. The judges are Frank B. McKevitt of Sacramento, P. F. Wood of Los Angeles and George A. Dennison of the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The feature is the biggest event of the year in harness racing, the Governor's stake, for a purse of \$5,000. Some of the best pacing and trotting animals in the state are entered in this event.

Livestock awards announced late yesterday are as follows: Guernsey dairy cattle—Grand champion bull, Kitchner's Corona Boy, W. M. Leland of Berkeley; grand champion cow, Raymond's Miss Batavia, Charles G. Lathrop of Stanford University.

Dutch belted dairy cattle—Grand champion bull, Hepsy's Hummer, Mrs. Jennie Strader of Ceres; grand champion cow, Lady Fresno, Ulysses G. Strader of Ceres.

Poland China hogs—Grand champion boar, H's Big Bone, A. M. Henry of Farmington; grand champion sow, Mrs. F. Corcoran, M. Bassett of Hanford.

Other distinct breeds of hogs—Grand champion, Admirer, Lady Parke Verbeena 27th, Otis Lockhardt of Los Angeles; grand champion sow, Lady Parke Verbeena 27th, Otis Lockhardt of Los Angeles.

WEATHER REPORT

United States department of agriculture—Weather bureau, San Francisco, Sept. 18, 1913.

SPECIAL CALIFORNIA REPORTS

STATIONS

Mr. Tamalpais... Clear 74 70 NE 14 .00

Point Reyes... Clear 77 54 N 12 .00

Paso Robles... Cloudy 60 SW 4 .00

Pasadena... Clear 108 82 SW .00

Redlands... Clear 104 70 E .00

San Bernardino... Clear 108 68 NE .00

San Barbara... Clear 108 68 W .00

Pomona... Clear 108 68 W .00

FORECAST

Forecast till 5 p. m. Pacific time Friday: For San Francisco, Oakland and vicinity—Fair, cooler tonight and Friday, probably with fog tonight and light west wind, increasing in the afternoon.

For California, north of the Tehachapi—Fair, cooler tonight and Friday; light south-west wind.

For Nevada—Fair, cooler tonight and Friday; light south-west wind.

For Sacramento valley—Fair, cooler tonight and Friday; light south-west wind.

For San Joaquin valley—Fair, cooler tonight and Friday; light south-west wind.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Fair weather prevails over the western portion of the country, except cloudy, with light showers, over western Washington, British Columbia and Alberta. Very warm weather prevailed yesterday over California, especially in the south, where the maximum temperatures equalled in the largest previous record in some places. Over the southern and central Mississippi valley and eastward to the Atlantic the weather is cloudy, and general rain has fallen. The temperature has risen over the northern Rocky mountain region and upper Missouri valley and fallen along the California coast. Conditions are favorable for continued fair weather in the district, with slowly falling temperature tonight and Friday.

G. H. WILLSON, Local Forecaster.

OVERLAND CARS IN GREAT DEMAND

Local Representative Going to Factory to Secure Faster Shipments for Coast

"One can hardly supply the great demand for motor cars, especially the Buick product," says A. D. Plughoff, general manager of J. W. Leavitt & Co., Pacific coast agents for the Overland cars.

"I am forced to go to the factory just to watch shipments to the coast. The first lot of Overland cars that came out has resulted in many of our dealers increasing their contracts. The few cars that have arrived have been scattered all over the territory."

"We have previously been able to make these early deliveries, and in keeping with the reputation already established I am going east to watch the shipment department of the Willys Overland company and to see that our allotment is sent away on schedule. I plan to be gone several weeks."

PASTOR RECEIVES CALL

Bethany Congregational church has extended an indefinite call to the pastorate of the church to Rev. Harold S. Tuttle, who has been serving since the first of the year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Arnold C. Beria Johnson to Charles Raglio and wife, lot 28 corner of Filbert and Buchanan streets, S 20 by E 27; S 25 Mary Matusel to W. J. Yore, one-half of lot 18 in S line of Broadway, 137 1/2 by 60 of Grand avenue, N 34 1/2 by S 127 1/2; S 25 F. G. Gantner and wife to Florence Schroepfer, lot 18 in N line of B street, 32 1/2 E of Twenty-fifth avenue, E 25 by N 115 1/4; S 10 Charles E. Jipp and wife to Clara E. O'Connell, lot 18 in N line of Vallejo street, 100 E of Laguna, E 25 by N 137 1/2; S 10 Alfred D. Morris and wife to John J. and Eliza Taylor, lot 18 in E line of Twelfth avenue, 125 S of Market, S 25 by E 100; S 10 Florence Schroepfer and wife to F. G. Gantner, lot 18 in S line of Green street, 100 E of Baker, E 25 by S 127 1/2; S 10 Morris Nagler to Benjamin Cohen, lot 18 in S line of Green street, 100 E of Baker, E 25 by S 127 1/2; S 10

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Los Angeles harbor—San Pedro harbor light No. 6, re-established September 15, about 12 1/2 fathoms deep from former location. A steel red light of about 42 candlepower, 13 feet above water, on triangular structure, in two-thirds of a fathom of water. Illuminating apparatus is a lens lantern burning oil. Light List, Pacific coast, 1912, p. 10, No. 12. Buoy List, Pacific coast, 1911, p. 10. Coast Pilot, Pacific coast, 1908, pp. 44, 45. San Pablo bay—Changes in buoys to be made about October 15, 1913, to define the new dredged channel. San Pablo dredged channel buoys 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 15, each a first class can, to be permanently discontinued.

San Pablo dredged channel buoy 3, first class can, to be established in 4 fathoms of water. Buoy 5, first class can, to be established in 12 fathoms of water. Buoy 7, first class can, to be established in 12 1/2 fathoms of water. Buoy 9, first class can, to be established in 12 1/2 fathoms of water. Buoy 11, first class can, to be established in 12 1/2 fathoms of water. Buoy 12, first class can, to be established in 12 1/2 fathoms of water. Buoy 15, first class can, to be established in 12 1/2 fathoms of water.

GOSSIP ALONG GAS ROW

C. D. De Master left here yesterday in a Hippobolus roadster, painted bright orange and bearing the letters "See America First." He is on his way to New York by way of Salt Lake City, Denver, Ogden and Chicago. Mr. De Master drove the same machine from New York a few months ago, taking the northern route. He expects to arrive in New York in about three months.

Martin M. Hartman has joined the sales force of the Studebaker Corporation. He is well known on the row.

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