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THE INSANITY PLEA.

In the case of young Sloane, on trial at Spokane for the murder of his father the plea of insanity has many points in its support. If the jury should find the young man irresponsible for the crime, there is no doubt in the minds of many that justice demands that he, and all others of his class, should be confined in the penitentiary for life.

Too many criminals escape punishment on the plea of insanity and at most suffer confinement in an insane asylum for a few months, when they are again turned loose on the community to commit another murder.

If present laws are not sufficient to confine such people where they can do no further injury they should be changed.

That a political pull with the machine counts for more than fitness and qualification in the recommendation of candidates for appointment to public office, is clearly demonstrated in the case of a receiver for the Coeur d'Alene land office.

While President Roosevelt is attempting to force Japanese pupils into the white schools of California, the people might have more confidence in his sincerity if he would take up the cause of the negro children in Washington city and see also that they are given the freedom of the white schools of the District of Columbia.

MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

Regarding the Land Laws and Their Revision.

The following is a brief summary of the president's recommendations relative to the land laws:

- Repeal of timber and stone act; radical amendment of desert land act, preventing an assignment being given before patent is issued; more rigid enforcement for homestead law, requiring actual—not constructive—residence of three years before communication is allowed; increase in special agents of the land office; employment of mining experts by the department of the interior to examine the validity of all mineral claims; provision for leasing by the government of coal, oil and gas rights under proper restrictions; revision of the laws relative to rights of way and privileges on public lands and reservations; that private corporations holding lands in forest reserve be permitted to cut the timber and deed the land back to the government free of cost; a loan from the national treasury of \$5,000,000 to the forestry service to improve the reserves; transfer of national parks from the secretary of the interior to the charge of the secretary of agriculture; including Indian lands, adjacent to forest reserves, in the reserves, the Indians to be paid for the land; government control of public ranges, through the department of agriculture, providing for the collection of a certain fee, also the legalizing of reasonable fencing of grazing lands.

White or Black?

Washington, Dec. 20.—The school authorities of Washington have been called on to decide whether a Filipino is white or colored. The problem was brought before them by Major M. F. Watz, United States army, who sent a communication asking that his Filipino servant, aged 22, be admitted to the public schools of Washington. Major Watz said his servant had been denied admission to the public schools of Atlanta, Ga. After much discussion, the question was referred to a committee, which has not yet reported.

A Marine Wandering Jew

(Original.) Since steam has largely taken the place of sail on the ocean I doubt if the sailor's yarn is what it was fifty years ago, when the Black Ball line of clipper ships sped between the occident and the orient.

I was but a lad—I sailed before the mast in the Dreadnaught. Among our crew was Seth Hawkins, an old salt of forty. We considered him a Methuselah, a tall, thin man with a profusion of little red curls. He was very religious, observing all the commandments scrupulously except the ninth, "Thou shalt not bear false witness," and in this he sinned only in spinning yarns, which he always vowed were real happenings. One starlight night on the fore-castle while we were lounging about the capstan he gave us the following:

"You've all heard a lot about Judas Iscariot, who was cursed with havin' to live forever and wanderin' all over the world, at one time bein' seen in Egypt, another in France, and so on, always leavin' a trail of misfortune in his wake. But I don't believe any of you has ever heard about his sailin' the seas. There's no sense in this, for how could he have got to America, where he's turned up often, unless he crossed an ocean? Leastways I've seen him myself, and on the water too.

"I first shipped on the Mark Matthews on a voyage around the Horn to take in bides on the west coast of South America. We was layin' in the doldrums one evenin' just before four bells. A thick fog was all about us, and we couldn't see a cable's length. All of a sudden I heered a bell. It struck four times. As soon as it stopped our bell struck too. Then the fog thinned a little, and just about half the ship's length from us was the oldest lookin' craft I ever clapped eyes on. She was awful high in the poop, low in the waist and had a head on her bow like that of a sea serpent.

"She was head-on, and the fog didn't let us see abast the fo'mast. On the fore-castle stood the figur' of an old man. I couldn't tell you how old he looked, but there was somethin' about him that reminded me of a people long passed away. He was a Jew and the Jewiest lookin' Jew I ever see. He was wrapped in a cloak that looked like a monk's frock. The melancholy way he stared out o' them blinkers o' his'n was enough to send a cur yelpin' to his kennel. They was like the eyes of a sick man as hadn't slept durin' a thousand year voyage.

"While I was lookin' at him the two ships was so slowly driftin' apart that nobody could see 'em move. The other craft was gettin' in our stern. The Jew's blinkers was movin' about, never restin' on anything for more'n half a second till suddenly they struck our stern. Then there was the worst fright come into 'em I ever see on any man's face, not even a mulliner I once saw hung when he caught sight o' the noose danglin' from the yardarm.

"What did he see? Didn't I tell you our ship was the Mark Matthews? The name, o' course, was on the stern. Some o' the letters was faded, and the 's' in Matthews was pretty nigh gone. What the Jew saw was the names o' two o' the apostles, Mark and Matthew.

"Then for the first time it struck me who he was. He was the wanderin' Jew. As soon as he saw the names o' them two old friends o' his'n he was thrown on his beam ends. You see, he was one o' the twelve in good and regular staudin' till he betrayed his master for them thirty pieces o' silver. To be brought face to face with two of the disciples after a couple o' thousand years' wanderin' must 'a' brought back unpleasant remembrances.

"By this time I felt so bad for the poor old sinner that I wanted to give him somethin' to warm him up. I ran below, got some grog in a can and ran back, expectin' to swing it over to the Jew at the end of a rope. But when I got on deck the strange lookin' craft had disappeared in the fog. "But where she'd drifted to was a puzzle, for within ten minutes the fog lifted, we could sweep the horizon, and there wasn't a sail to be seen. "Within an hour it come on to blow out o' the south-west. That was the gale when I was wrecked, the Mark Matthews goin' to the bottom and the crew bein' picked up half dead by a whaler." F. A. MITCHEL.

CRIMINALS IN INDIA

WHOLE TRIBES WHOSE HEREDITARY PROFESSION IS THEFT.

Robbers Born and Kept So by Caste, They Are Polite and Modest Until the "Profession" Requires Them to Become Cruel and Ferocious.

India is usually spoken of as a land where life and property have become safe under British rule. True, the bands of thugs have been broken up, the Pindhree hordes have been suppressed, and the British police system is spread over the whole country, but the criminal tribes or castes, those whose hereditary "profession" is robbery and nothing else, remain, their instincts strong, wanting only opportunity to practice their traditional calling, which the Indian caste system forbids them to abandon.

These tribes are most numerous and most wayward in the united provinces, in which are Cawnpur and Lucknow, the cities associated forever with the Indian mutiny. Half of the division is Oudh, the native province last annexed by Britain, many of whose old men vividly remember when every "talookdar," or feudal chief, lived in a fortified castle and retained a swarm of armed men, who received no pay, but lived on the country. They were official robbers, and their example gave free scope to the "professional" robbers, or, as they have always been known in India, the criminal tribes.

These tribes are the Samrahs, the Barwars, the Sansahs, the Doms, the Habrahs, the Aberahs, the Banrahs, the Bhatus. Each tribe has its own dialect, dress and customs.

A singular feature of Indian life is that persons who would be considered depraved characters in a European country and would bear the stamp of their nature on their faces are not depraved in their own estimation or in that of the people at large. A casual murderer is not ashamed of himself nor abhorred by his neighbors, who welcome him back among them if he escapes the gallows and is released after a term in jail. The universal belief that all things are decreed by fate accounts for this amazing state of feeling. Much more, then, are men regarded with indifference or even respect whose time honored, hereditary and natural profession is robbery with murder.

So the members of these tribes go in and out of the towns and villages without misgivings, and there is not a sign in their faces or manner to indicate that their business is robbery and murder. When a gang encamps outside of a town the inhabitants feel uncomfortable and take precautions, but cherish no ill will against the strangers. And when robberies and murders occur almost immediately within a radius of twenty miles they take more precautions, but regard the whole affair as a visitation of Providence, like a flood or a fire.

These habitual criminals are not depraved in any sense understood by the people. They simply have the misfortune to belong to a trade which is unpleasant for the neighborhood—like a dyer's or a tanner's. They are well satisfied with themselves and are as careful as other people of their responsibilities. They have no unusual vices; they do not get drunk or riotous; they are civil, courteous and unassuming. Cruelty and ferocity are with them neither habits nor passions, but simply methods of business.

During the excitement of a sudden attack the people if they do not run away will turn out and aid the police in repelling or capturing the robbers. But if a police inquiry begins two or three days after the robbers have done their work unmolested the people will usually do nothing to help in tracing them and will even deny that they have lost anything.

For many years past the government of India has worked to induce these criminal tribes to settle down to a peaceable and industrious life. But progress is very slow. Vagabondage is bred in the bone and marrow of the tribes, and marauding is their chosen occupation. From time to time men will suddenly disappear, perpetrate several daring dakkaitis in another district and escape over the border into one of the independent native states which cluster round three sides of the united provinces.

The word "dakkaiti," also spelled "dacoity," means robbery by a gang of armed men, and a dakkait, or dacoit, is a member of such a gang.

An assault by robbers in India differs from one in Europe or America in that it always takes place at night and is accompanied by a tremendous amount of noise. The Indians are a noisy people at all times, and in a robbery with violence the robbers' object is to terrify their victims into a panic; hence whether travelers be waylaid on a lonely road or a wealthy man's house be attacked in a village the assault is always made suddenly, with loud shouts and yells and in the case of a village with beating of drums and waving of lighted torches.

The persons attacked below for all they are worth, but rarely offer resistance, and the general effect is so terrifying to the cowardly people that the neighbors either fly or else barricade their doors and lie still till the robbers have got at least a mile away with their plunder. Even the shrieking of women under torture does not put heart into one of them, for the men of a house that is attacked try to bolt for their lives if they can and leave the women to the mercy of the robbers, who apply fire to them and torture them in more atrocious ways to make them tell where the valuables are kept.—New York World.

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