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THE CASE OF JENNINGS

"Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition; by that sin the angels fell."

Russell W. Jennings stood before Judge Cushman in federal court Tuesday afternoon pleading guilty as the seven counts of an indictment, hastily rushed through the grand jury, were read to him, and then received his sentence to five years in McNeils island penitentiary.

He had not flung away ambition. He had not been satisfied. Russell Jennings was one of the bright young men of Tacoma. He was rising rapidly in the banking world. He had a splendid young wife—but he was not satisfied.

To preserve her self-respect, his wife was compelled to get a divorce. He married the woman whose smiles he thought were what he craved. But he was not satisfied.

The plodding, steady grind up the steep hill of achievement was too slow for Russell Jennings. He had stepped out of the beaten path of domestic happiness to seek an imaginary greater happiness, and why should he not desert the regular course of travel in the commercial world to gain by leaps and bounds the success that was the goal of all mankind?

He was not satisfied with the old way, so a convict's cell will be his portion.

He had a salary of \$160 a month—twice as much as many a better man enjoys.

Yet he was not satisfied. It was not enough to cover the extravagances he was learning. He wanted to be a "good fellow." He desired to fly high and have a "good time." He could not do it on \$160 a month, so he took more from the till of the bank.

His ambition to dazzle the world and have a "good time" will take five years out of the best part of his life behind the black bars of a convict's cell. Russell Jennings started toward McNeil's island when he forgot the vows he had made to his young wife. He rushed on in the path when he tried to be a "good fellow" with boon companions. He made the final sprint and crossed the line when he took the money of his employers to maintain his pace in life.

He will have five years of deprivation, of heartache, of low and groveling association in which to meditate on the folly of his misdirected ambition.

THE CRY THAT WAS HEARD

When the lights of the great ship went out, when the waters poured into her salons, cabins and hold, when she plunged to her grave far down in the Atlantic's depths, a terrible cry rang through the blackness of the night, the last cry of dying hundreds. It was an awful, a ringing rebuke of human greed, and the whole world heard it. It was a mighty protest against the cheapness of human life, and the whole world heeded it.

Thirty-one nations have got together and agreed upon a treaty providing that the transmission of long distance wireless messages be interrupted for three minutes at the end of every quarter-hour so that all stations can listen for cries of distress.

The sway of greed is strong, but against it are those three minutes that belong to humanity. Business is business, but against its most strenuous demands those three minutes are sacred. War's emergencies are frightfully pressing, but at the end of every quarter-hour the world shall listen for the cry of human beings in distress. Stand back, all ye sordid demands of trade and politics and society, there may be people dying as died they of the Titanic!

Are there other points on which 31 competing, jealous nations could agree? Not many. And isn't there grand sentiment in this provision that once every quarter-hour the nations think of and in behalf of humanity?

It is 12:12 a. m. Pause! Listen till 12:15, for Americans, or English, or Dutch, or French, or Mexicans, or Japanese, or Chinese, or Russians, someone, may be drowning with the help of some nation within reach! Just a little 12 minutes in the hour for the sake of humanity, regardless of color or creed, or station in life, but may it not be the entering wedge to grander things, greater consideration of all human lives, progress toward the universal brotherhood of man? When nations provide for a period when the only consideration shall be for the dying, will they not some time get around to paramount consideration for the living?

In sooth, the cry that went up from the cold waters that awful night last spring was heard throughout the world. God alone knows how long it will be heard or how far into the future of mankind's progress it will reach.

Can that boxing bill come back?

Dr. Croake is proving two things down in Olympia: a woman can think and she can also be a progressive woman—and think.

Next Wednesday is Saint Valentine's day. Comics are ripe.



DR. O. F. NORRIS, Mgr.

The child is the one that is hard to please. If a dentist can successfully treat children he has accomplished something that people will talk about. That is what Tacoma people are saying about me today. "Why does Dr. Norris get so many children to treat?" Come and see me and I will answer this question.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Everybody in Pierce county reads this column. Short letters from Times readers, of general interest and without personal malice, will be printed. Write about anything or anybody you wish, but do not have malice as your motive. Many letters are not printed because they are too long. Keep 'em short.

Editor Tacoma Times—Dear Sir: While reading about Mr. A. W. Rinehart's work in Seattle, the thought came to me—has the world come to such a state of existence that we must teach the people every conceivable trick of crooks to keep them from being swindled by their fellowman? In other words, is it necessary to teach all the tricks of crime in order to suppress it? Would not such a method rather make criminals? Especially when we feel as if we cannot trust our next door neighbor because he is in business. Would not Mr. Rinehart be serving the public better if he would study the cause instead of the effect? Why do the business men of the country resort to such tricks? Is it not for the time to the study of causes, we would find that all our crimes lead up from the same cause. When we once find the cause it is then up to us to remove it, then there will be no crime for the simple reason that there will be no motive. Your valuable paper has at numerous

times given this quotation—Let the general interest and without personal malice, will be printed. Write about anything or anybody you wish, but do not have malice as your motive. Many letters are not printed because they are too long. Keep 'em short.

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THE DOCTORS ALL TOLD HIM TO REST!

By Berton Braley and Cartoonist J. Campbell Cory.



"AND ALL OF THE WORLD LOOKED ASKEW."

The patient was most neurotic; The doctors all told him to rest, To live in a manner hygienic— "Don't work" was the cure they'd suggest, "Don't read and don't plan and don't worry, Don't scheme and don't dream and don't think, Such things put your brain in a flurry, Just loaf in a hammock—and blink."

So, giving up all occupation, "The patient just 'rested' his brain; But somehow the new situation Seemed almost to drive him insane. His mind wouldn't rest for a minute, And having no business to do, All sorts of queer fancies came in, And all of the world looked askew.

He thought he was certainly dying "With every disease that plays hob, So, all of the doctors defying, He went and he got him a job— A job which is keeping him going, Too busy to think of his ills; And as to his health—it is glowing, He's paying no hospital bills.

LET'S SMILE AWHILE



"Among its other lovable characters Beeceysport boasts of a piano tuner who is so deaf that he can't hear a locomotive whistle."

Some Corn. "Wonderful soil here," said the traveler; "I've never seen such big corn." "Yes," said the farmer, "and we had to plant a dwarf variety to keep it down to this size."—St. Paul Dispatch.

As a Look. Lawyer—When did your husband first show signs of insanity, madam? Client—The day he married me. I then discovered that he was making only \$12 a week. Boston Transcript.

Hopeless. "What is Wombat always pondering about? Looks as though-ful as a tree full of owls." "Been that way for years. Spends all his spare time trying to think of some way to utilize the burnt matches."—Washington Herald.

Slow. "They were divorced within six months after their wedding." "H'm!" returned the pessimistic bachelor. "What detained them?"—Judge.

A Regular Mixer. "Bixby is a good mixer, isn't he?" "You're right, he is. I saw him passing his individual sanitary cup around in the crowd yesterday."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Changes tendency toward disease to tendency toward health. No alcohol. Sold for 60 years. Ask Your Doctor.

Letters To Cynthia Grey

CLOTHES DO NOT MAKE THE MAN

Dear Miss Grey: I am very much in love with a young woman; but she refuses to honor my suit until I stop packing a bed. I don't know what to do as I am a number-jack and have never done any other kind of work. She says that a man with a bundle of blankets on his back is the most disgusting sight on earth; that she never would consent to join for life a man who packs a bed. She says it is undignified. What do you think, Miss Grey? A LUMBER JACK.

A.—To me a man who wears silk stockings and patent leather pumps, spends his time having his finger nails manicured, his face massaged and his hair perfumed, who frequents billiard halls and pool rooms and saloons, and keeps himself hid in a never ceasing cloud of cigarette smoke, is far more disgusting.

After all, the clothes or a position do not make the man. It is his strength of character, manliness, self-control and pride (not false pride) that really count. I would not waste my valuable time on such a woman.

INHERITANCE TAX.

Dear Miss Grey: May I also intrude on your kindness by asking that you will please explain to me through your columns the meaning of the "inheritance tax"? I have heard of it quite often in connection with "wills" but I do not understand it. An answer will be deemed a favor for which I thank you in advance. D. J. V.

A.—It is an assessment laid upon those made heirs of property, either by distribution or descent. Sometimes this assessment is confined to collateral heirs, when it is called collateral inheritance tax.

The raising of public funds in this way has been sanctioned by legislation from the beginning of Roman law, and in England and other countries is a large and steady source of revenue, although such taxes have been stigmatized by certain economists as "death duties." During the Civil War taxes of this kind were made part of the internal revenue system of the United States; but was did away with soon after. The rate and method of assessment vary in different countries and in different states in the Union.

INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN; THEN MAKE THEM RESPONSIBLE.

Dear Miss Grey: I have a daughter, the youngest of four, who is all married. She is pretty, plays the piano and sings, and in fact is quite accomplished, consequently is very popular in her High school set.

Although only 15, she is most generally taken for 17. What is worrying me now is that she keeps company with older girls who are allowed the privileges of "boy" company. I have always chaperoned my girl to skating practice and shows and have always welcomed her company to the home; but at present, being in very poor health, I have not been able to take her. Several of the little gentlemen have very kindly asked to take her to these places in the afternoons. I do not know whether it would be just right. Of course, the little lady chafes under the restraint quite a bit, so far she has not been disagreeable about it, but good naturedly tells the boys she cannot go on account of her age.

I do not want to deprive her of any fun and good time.

THIS HOME-MADE COUGH SYRUP WILL SURPRISE YOU.

Stops Even Whooping Cough Quickly. A Family Supply at Small Cost.

Here is a home-made remedy that takes hold of a cough instantly, and will usually cure the most stubborn case in 24 hours. This recipe makes a pint—enough for a whole family. You could not buy as much or as good ready-made cough syrup for \$2.50.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with 4 1/2 pint of warm water, and stir 2 minutes. Put 1/2 ounce of Pinex (City) in a quart jar in a pint bottle, and add the Sugar Syrup. This keeps perfectly and has a pleasant taste—children like it. Braces up the appetite and is slightly laxative, which helps end a cough.

You probably know the medical value of pine in treating asthma, bronchitis and other throat troubles, sore lungs, etc. There is nothing better. Pinex is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, rich in gualonic acid and all the natural healing pine elements. Other preparations will not work in this formula.

The prompt results from this inexpensive remedy have made friends for it in thousands of homes in the United States and Canada, which explains why the plan has been imitated often but never successfully.

A guaranty of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this recipe. Your drug-gist has Pinex, or will get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

that will benefit her, in fact wish her all the joy that can be gotten out of life. Can you help me solve this problem and receive the thanks of a THOUGHTFUL MOTHER.

A.—As far as boys and girls being companions is concerned, there is not the least harm in it; but when they get this false idea of "love" into their heads that is fatal.

I don't believe in keeping boys and girls too close, for if they should happen to be deprived of their parents, they rush blindly into the world. But I do believe

in instructing children from the cradle up in those things that cause their downfall; tell them the truth and teach them to be strong, pure minded and broad; then make them responsible.

There is no earthly reason why boys and girls who are properly instructed along these lines should not associate and be companions from infancy to man and womanhood. Of course, until they are so taught, we must be careful.

If you have never warned your daughter of the many wrongs, it would be better to have an older person accompany her.

ONE OF THE ECCENTRIC SPRING HATS



Some of the new spring hats show great eccentricities of trimming, one that will be worn in early spring is covered with a crown of feathers, and a peculiar feather contrivance that looks very much like the tail of a guinea fowl is put directly on the back. This hat is in shades of green, and the feathers are of mottled green with black outlines.

SOCIETY

Among the club events of next week will be the annual breakfast of the Woman's club at the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday, February 11.

Featuring a musical program surrounding the American composer, George Chadwick, the Woman's club met this afternoon with the president, Mrs. J. W. Brokaw, 1215 North Tacoma avenue.

The Edelweiss club meets tomorrow night with Mrs. T. N. Lawrence, 804 South L street.

The Woman's league of the University of Puget Sound was entertained Tuesday last by Mrs. E. A. Rich.

Mrs. James A. Hays, 3211 North 31st street, will entertain the Caroline A. Ladd chapter of the Westminster guild of the First Presbyterian church next Tuesday.

The Angelus Study club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Harry Scott, 611 South L street.

The executive board of the Ladies' Musical club met this afternoon with the president, Mrs. George Tarbell.

A notable musical event will be the annual concert of the St. Cecilia club which will probably transpire in March at the Tacoma theater.

The American Woman's league met yesterday afternoon in the National Council rooms, 605-6 Perkins building.

A program commemorative of

Lincoln's birthday was given at the last regular meeting of the Custer W. R. C., No. 2.

The Clubhouse association will hold an adjourned meeting next Saturday at 2 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. The meeting is an important one and all women are urged to attend.

Cynthia's Answers to Many Questions

A 12-year-old girl should wear her dresses to her shoe tops or just below.

Sarah Bernhardt, the noted French actress, cannot converse in English; she has an interpreter.

Tumwater is the oldest town in the state of Washington, it being a fort in territorial days.

Paraffine is a very good substitute for beeswax in keeping a pressing iron free from rust, starch, glue and to prevent it from becoming rough.

It is very seldom, if ever, that an article is made of pure gold, as this metal is so soft that it wears away very quickly.

Paint stains may be removed from cotton or woolen goods with chloroform; first cover the spot with olive oil or butter.

A sponge is the skeleton form of keratose, or spongin, produced by certain animals living in the sea and of very low grade in the scale of life.

To prepare lamp wicks so they will not burn out, steep them in a concentrated aqueous solution of tungstate of soda, and then dry thoroughly in an oven.

LATEST MARKET REPORT FOR TACOMA HOUSEWIVES

Table listing market prices for various goods including Fruits (Pears, Apples, etc.), Meats (Lamb, Beef, etc.), and other household items.