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SOWING AND REAPING

The wave of crime apparently engulfing the city of New York, at least in the headlines of the metropolitan papers, is remarkable in one particular at least, and that is the large percentage of children, young men and women upon whose shoulders much of the crime is laid. Young Wolter, sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing-Sing, is a mere boy. The lad killed while barricading himself in a boathouse after having brutally assaulted a young girl companion wasn't of the stuff of which real "bad men" are made. Most of the white-slavers are boys barely out of their teens; their victims, children of the streets and tenements. The juvenile courts and other criminal courts are occupied in daily grind, sending youthful offenders to "The Island" or to some other institution of correction or punishment—and some to the death chair.

Much of the crime wave is due to: The hundreds of cheap, nasty dance halls that lure both girls and boys who have no decent places of amusement. Or— The starvation wages that turns a pleasure-loving child to crime and vice. Or— The foul books, obscene pictures and post cards that are hawked about the streets and sold in stores. Or—

The saloons that serve everybody, regardless of sex or age. Or— All of them. These conditions can and will produce the same results in Spokane as in New York.

Don't lay awake worrying about your troubles. Sleep well, and you'll have time enough to solve them during working hours.

IS WEST MORE HONEST OR WEALTHIER?

The United States department of commerce and labor has issued a special report for the year 1907 containing some highly interesting statistics of cities having a population of over 30,000.

Not the least in interest in that array of figures and facts is the personal property listed for taxation.

The five largest cities in the eastern half of the country—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Boston—with a population (census of 1900) of 7,565,604, list \$1,039,080,585 of personal property. That would be \$136.81 per capita.

Five large western cities—San Francisco, Denver, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle—with a population (1900) of 750,217, list \$265,059,728 of personal property. This would be \$353.31 per capita.

Summed up, the west is either wealthier than the east in the ratio of \$353.31 to \$136.81 OR it is more honest in the same ratio.

Philadelphia is, by the same report, the poorest or the most dishonest city in the United States, for its personal property list is \$1,906,973—just \$1.49 per inhabitant (1900 census).

The average Philadelphian has but a dollar watch, a brass chain and a jackknife—he tells the assessor.

PENCIL POINTS

The United States now is the second naval power in the world. But her army is far less in power than any second rate state.

Tacoma women are strongly in favor of equal suffrage. Watch for The Press vote on the subject, which will be printed in a few days.

Most any young woman will tell you it is easier to hook a man than it is for him to hook a dress.

People may now come out of their cyclone cellars.

Fried ham and eggs—Slice some ham. Peel some eggs. Fry.

The czar will honor Peary. So, to keep up its reputation, the duma will have to strike off a gold medal for Cook.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Dedicated to free speech on everything except mere personal quarrels and family fights. Otherwise say what you think in about 300 words and sign your name.

SEWER SITUATION.

Editor The Press: In regard to the trunk sewer assessments for which the people of Union park are being called on to pay, I would appreciate the publishing of the following:

First, why should the public be compelled to pay for an improvement which they haven't received? The trunk sewer in question instead of being an improvement, is a detriment, inasmuch as that portion of it that was not disabled by the recent flood is proving itself a menace to the health of the community. At the corner of Riverside avenue and Napa streets the manholes and catch basins emit a stench that is appalling, and when taken into consideration that hundreds of school children are compelled to pass by these places on their way to and from school, and when on the school grounds are within a stone's throw of them, is it any wonder that the property-holders feel that they are being imposed upon?

On Sprague avenue and Napa streets, one of the busiest corners in East Spokane, green flies gather around these manholes and catch-basins, and the odor at times has been such as is found in and about a slaughter house. Further along the course of this sewer we find that streets for an entire block are closed to traffic on account of this sanitary improvement (?) having caved in, and the city, to protect itself, has built fences across the streets and around the unfilled grave of this sewer, which we are asked to pay for.

Why property that lays six blocks from the sewer should be assessed \$10.20 per lot, and others that lay five blocks from it is assessed \$9.40 is another problem which we are unable to solve unless it be that those responsible for the assessment have been so overcome by the rottenness of the affair that they figure that those who are a greater distance from this public disgrace are better off, and therefore should pay for their luck. A. D. GOISFORD.

PERHAPS THIS WAS A HINT.

He—What is the meaning of Kismet?

She—I don't know—I've never got beyond the first syllable.

NOTICE TO PRESS READERS!

The Spokane Press has discontinued its Sunday edition and will deliver a much better paper six days a week at the popular price of 25 cents a month; but carriers have been instructed to collect 30 cents at the end of this month, this being 25 cents for the month and 5 cents for the last Sunday edition. After this we will collect just 25 cents.

NOT YET EMANCIPATED.



Uncle Bill—Well, my boy, if you haven't outgrown your father's shirt. Fatty Flubb—Uh-huh. But I ain't outgrown ma's slipper yet, ding it.

AN UNCOMFORTABLE STATUS

Kild Old Gentleman (who has been quizzing a youngster on the street)—But if you are neither a stepchild nor an orphan, what are you?

Lonely Little Boy—I'm unclaimed freight. Kild Old Gentleman—Eh, unclaimed freight? Lonely Little Boy—Yes, sir; pa and Ma are divorced.



'MOST ANYTHING

Josh Wise Says:

"Philosophy's just one durn think after another."

Fun Facts Fiction Froth Fads Folly

Tests performed with cyanogen seem to disprove the theory that the earth will be in danger from the poisonous gases of Halley's comet. And so one by one our most delicious fears crumble.

A CELESTIAL SCANDAL.



But what's in a kiss? Eight million microbes by any other token would serve as well.

In Wyoming a man may secure a divorce should he discover that his wife was not of age when they were married.

The controversy as to whether "Jeffries" can come back" seems trivial to a whole lot of people. And then, again, what if he shouldn't? Horrors!

If the comet's tail gets funny not dock it? Humble thyself and thou shalt why not dock it.

WORRIED INSANE OVER COMET

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

WALLA WALLA, May 19.—Peter Augusta, a French sheepherder, is confined in a padded cell in the city jail today, suspected of being insane as a result of worry over the approach of Halley's comet.

The man was brought to Walla Walla several days ago from the Snake river district.

Since being placed in the cell he has talked incessantly in his own tongue about the comet, and showed every evidence of terror on account of its approach.

French man who heard Augusta's "ravings" said that the man's words indicate that he had been a close student of literature printed about the comet.

Halley's comet, it has been reported "on good authority," has lately been seen covorting around the planet Venus. It is said to have occasioned considerable comment in the neighborhood. But this is no time for petty jealousies. Brother Com, the old top, won't call again for 75 years, or such a matter.

The first newspaper ever published was the Acta Diurna, issued at Rome in 691. B. C.

'FAMILY' OF 350 IN ONE DWELLING

PASSAIC, N. J., May 19.—What promises to be the record "family" enumerated in the census of 1910 has been uncovered by George A. Fischer, supervisor of the census. In one house in Passaic 350 persons eat, live and sleep, and it isn't a very large house at that.

Despite the governmental restrictions as to secrecy, the "find" has leaked out. It is said that the house is occupied by a day shift and a night shift, occupying the beds. In three rooms 45 men take turns sleeping.

The sanitary conditions of the house were so bad, it is said, that the place was reported to the board of health, and it is likely that about 300 of the "family" will have to find another boarding house.



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Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

HOROSCOPE.

Friday, May 20, 1910.

The word of slander, whispered low, Into a mighty cry shall grow.

On this 140th day of the year the Moon, in the sign of Libra, has Venus moving into opposition. The Sun enters Gemini early tomorrow morning.

Neptune's favorite position slightly counteracts the unfavorable position of Venus, but it will behoove all women this day to exercise care in everything.

Women employees will need most to guard against errors. They should avoid haste in doing work, and keep their minds concentrated on the task in hand.

Gossip, even the apparently most harmless, must be avoided zealously. If the gossip is about you, ignore it.

Men dealing with women in this period must be careful to have clear and explicit understandings with them, and they must beware against any effort to deceive them.

Salespeople and shoppers must take especial pains to meet each other's interests. Women should watch themselves against temptation to become unreasonable or impatient and to blame subordinates without cause or justice.

Lovers are in danger of causing serious quarrels or breaches by offending or annoying each other in trivial ways. In dreammaking there is need for exactness.

In the household the sign is good for baking and fowls. Persons whose birthdate this is influence that gives determination, vigor, kindness and inventiveness.

Children born today are on the cusp of Taurus-Gemina, an influence that gives determination, vigor, kindness and inventiveness.

MORE CAREFUL NOW



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A CRAZYLOG. AS LISTENED BY FRED SCHAEFER.



I breezed out to the stockyards the other day to look at my meat bill on the hoof.

I'd been following the market and I'd seen where all kinds of live stock was going up. Now, I can understand why flour goes up—it comes by way of a grain elevator. But cattle and sheep and hogs had me guessing.

When I got there they were all on the ground floor, except the sheep. They were on the second story. This explains why I have always thought I was getting my lamb chops from a second story worker.

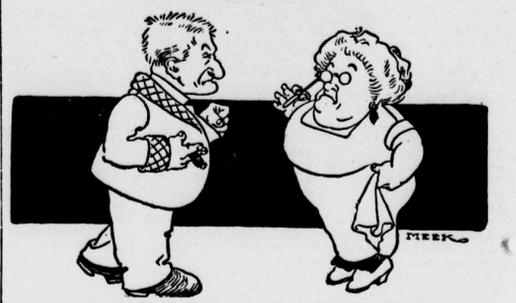
They told me out there that the packing houses make money out of every part of the pig but the squeal. I suppose that the squeal is regarded, so to speak, as a note gone to protest.

Anyway, after a pig is killed he can't squeal. Of course, the consumer can squeal after the pig is killed. That's the only difference. Calves were active and inclined to jump out of the express wagon when their tails were twisted.

Saw a lot of grass-fed beef driven by a beef-fed grass widower. They looked thirsty. I could realize just how they felt, not having a nickel in my clothes.

I asked him, "Are you going to give them water?" "No use," he said; "they've been weighed." "Excuse me, then," I said, "somebody gave me a bum steer." "Then you give it right back," he said. "If it's a bum steer it belongs in this herd." When I left the stockyards quotations were unchanged, most of them being from Hog and Lamb.

AN UNFEELING RETORT.



Mrs. Soure—I repeat, when I embarked upon the sea of matrimony with you I made a mistake. Mr. Soure—Well, hereafter examine your ticket before getting on the boat.

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