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NOT ALLOWED TO REFORM.

How Men Are Compelled to Remorse Criminals.

If a horse falls on the street, men raise him up. If a man stumbles on life's pathway, men are too apt to spurn him and let him die.

"I was guilty. I bore the penalty of my crime, but," he said, "men avoid me. If I sinned, I suffered. But men are not satisfied to restore me to their confidence."

"A jail bird!" The title is the man's doom all too often. He may have given years of repentance for the mad impulse of a moment, but an outcast once an outcast forever in his life.

It is difficult to make prison punishment reformatory, but if difficult, it is not impossible. And charity has no better, no more needed work than to give a man returning to society from a felon's cell every chance.

Many criminals are made so because we partly demand they shall be criminals, says the New York Ledger.

We say: You are a dog, a pariah, in whom I have no confidence, for whom we have no respect. Actions say this. And when a man has no reputation left to live and act for, he is apt to slide down. We deprive him of a mainspring of his morality.

It is well to be wise in treating the man who is down, but oh, don't be over prudent! There is charity which hesitates to relieve until the opportunity is lost.

"I stand here for the third time to be sentenced because no man has given me a chance since I first fell."

So said an apparently hardened criminal to the judge of a state supreme court.

Give it to him, must have a chance. Give it to him, to use if he will do so, to abuse if still unreformed; but have it he must, ere our duty to God and man is complete. And when nearing the goal of life's journey, we look back upon the way our feet have trodden, our greatest satisfaction will hover around the place and time where and when we helped the man who was down.

The Starkest Region Known.

The waters of Cape Horn have never been unriveted by storms for more than a week or two at a stretch within the memory of man. Standing on the outpost of the world Cape Horn is the meeting place of currents of very different temperatures, from the icy cold waters of the Antarctic drift to the Brazilian and Paravian return currents.

Wanted Company.

"Hungry, I guess?" said the sharp-faced woman, as she opened the door just a little bit.

"Why no," answered Mr. Dismal Dawson, "I've plum forgot how to be hungry. But I'm mighty lonesome."

"Lonesome?" "Mhm. You see I hain't had nothing to eat for so long that I got so thin that I can't cast no shadow, and you ain't no idea how much company a man's shadow is to him while he is travellin' along the road."

Lived Well on Nothing.

As showing how easily London shopkeepers are taken in, Miss Holiday, a young lady of 25, of no occupation, and with no visible means of subsistence, has just passed her examination in bankruptcy with \$70,000 liabilities and "no assets."

Drunken Mothers.

The discovery has been made by German physiologists that the milk of inebriate mothers contains a small amount of alcohol, and it is believed that such mothers communicate to their offspring a desire for stimulants.

Items of General Interest Carefully Selected From Many Sources.

At Weatherford a few days since a man named Dickson, who was moving from Erath county to Bowie, was accidentally shot. He placed a shotgun against his wagon wheel, and in hitching his horses the gun was thrown down and discharged. About thirty squirrel shot took effect in his leg below the knee. The wound is very painful, though not dangerous. One of the horses was shot also.

On June the first the amount of warrants registered were about \$100,000. To meet these warrants there is nothing in sight and a liberal estimate on collections by the middle of the month is \$40,000. The deficiency will continue to increase, so that a \$500,000 deficit when the legislature meets is not considered out of the way.

Andy Jones and Ben Williams have been arrested at Lovelady, Houston county, charged with disturbing religious worship. The facts developed by the investigation showed that at a country church near town on Sunday night Jones had shot at Williams three times, but no one was hurt. All parties are colored.

At Gainesville the jury in the case of the State vs. Ella and Edgar Townsend, charged with the murder of Miss Bud's illegitimate child, after being out forty-three hours returned a verdict of murder in the second degree, and placed the punishment at a sentence of twenty years imprisonment for each.

The city council of El Paso has decreed that no woman shall be allowed to walk or ride in the streets of that city wearing what is known as the divided skirt. The councilmen threatened the practice, which has threatened to become an epidemic in certain circles, to be indecent and demoralizing.

Recently at Bonham the pumps at the waterworks were set at work to fill the standpipes. Everything worked smoothly until about forty feet of water was in the pipe when the main leading into the pipe burst. Having no extra main, work is suspended temporarily until pipe can be procured.

In response to an inquiry from the railroad commission, the attorney general's office has ruled that the act establishing the commission repeals article 425 of the revised statutes, which prescribes maximum freight rates. The commission will now proceed to make a general merchandise tariff.

The judgment of the district court in the case of Pauline V. Gonzales vs. the city of Galveston for \$5,000 with interest, amounting in the aggregate to \$5,582.35, has been affirmed by the civil court of appeals, and process has been issued to carry into effect the judgment against the city.

Recently, near Sealy, Austin county, W. J. Brown, a brakeman on the Santa Fe, had a leg and an arm cut off. He was riding on the pilot of the engine and fell off and two box cars ran over him. He leaves a young wife. His parents live in Temple.

Crop prospects are good both for corn and cotton at Jacksonville, Cherokee county. The peach crop now is about one-fourth of a crop. Nones have been shipped yet, as the May peaches were all killed. The only shipments made so far are Chickasaw plums.

A Mexican named Guadalupe Anaya was arrested recently at Kenedy, Karnes county. He is an escaped convict, having been sent from Hidalgo county ten years for murder. He had served about one year and will be sent to serve his unexpired term.

The gold medal for eloquence at the Alexander Institute, at Kilgore, Gregg county, was presented to R. M. McCarter of Houston county by the committee of awards. Little Maggie Barnett, daughter of Dr. Barnett, received honorable mention.

A small wreck occurred at the depot at Bonham the other evening. As the eastbound passenger train ran into the yard the engine and three cars left the track. The engine was so badly damaged that it had to be taken to the roundhouse for repairs.

An infant cyclone went through the

JOHN SULLIVAN RUN OVER BY A TRAIN

At Henderson, and Fearfully Mangled. A Most Remarkable Accident at Caldwell—A Man Found Dead at Fort Worth in a Box Car.

ATHESS, Tex., June 1.—Yesterday morning at 5 o'clock west bound passenger train was pulling out from here the engineer saw a mangled mass of flesh and blood lying on the track just below the yard and in front of the Methodist church. The train was stopped and the conductor came back to town and hunted up Deputy Sheriff K. Richardson and reported the discovery. He went to the scene and found the body to be that of John Sullivan, a painter, who lived near the railroad track, about 500 yards from the depot. The body was taken from the track by Deputy Richardson and the train crew and laid upon a plank and the passenger train moved on an instant was held. The verdict was that he came to his death by being run over by a north-bound Cotton Belt extra freight train, which passed here yesterday morning about 11:15 o'clock.

Married Under an Oak Tree.

ROCKWELL, Tex., June 2.—A romantic marriage occurred Tuesday evening, May 29, the contracting parties being C. K. Stribbling and Miss Mary Copeland, daughter of Rev. W. E. Copeland, both of this city. The parties drove out to Little river bridge, near Cameron, where they were met by Judge E. B. Muse and City attorney E. A. Wallace, and the knot was tied under a big oak tree. Six years ago Mr. Stribbling's brother, now deceased, was married under the same tree.

Man Found Dead.

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 4.—Fred Miller, aged about 25 years and unemployed, was found dead in a Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway box car at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. Close by his side was found a box labeled morphine. About nine-tenths of its contents was gone. He was first seen by John Sklar, who reported the find to the police. Coroner Kennedy rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts as stated.

Stabbing at Houston.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 4.—Last night a young man, Will P. Jones, was stabbed by an unknown negro, while walking along Brant's street when the negro approached and stabbed him in the left breast. Elmore walked several blocks after being cut and was bleeding all the time. It is feared that internal injury has been inflicted, worse than appears to the exterior. No arrest had been made up to a late hour.

A Remarkable Accident.

CALDWELL, Tex., June 4.—On the Santa Fe railroad Saturday evening a railroad man came very near losing his life. He was brought to town and treated by the railroad surgeon here. The train was passing rapidly and ran over the handle of an ax and pitched it forty feet, the blade striking the man's right side and cutting a long gash, causing the bowels to protrude.

Killed by Lightning.

CROWELL, Tex., June 2.—On the Quanah road, three miles from this place, George Holder was killed by lightning. He and Robert Dean were driving ten or twelve head of horses. It was raining very hard and the two men were standing on their horses within fifteen feet of each other. Mr. Dean received a severe shock, but recovered in a few minutes. Holder's horse was also killed.

Rich Smuggler.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., June 1.—T. G. San Miguel, one of the most extensive stock handlers in Maverick county, was arrested Thursday night on a charge of being implicated in the smuggling of 2000 head of cattle while he was in the United States custom service. He is out under bond.

Too Much Morphine.

SAN MARCOS, Tex., June 1.—Harris Dougherty, commercial traveler for a Memphis, Tenn., firm, but whose home is at Thorsdale, Tex., took twenty grains of morphine at the Phoenix hotel and died about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Supposed to be suicide.

An Accident.

SHERMAN, Tex., May 31.—Mrs. Tourman of Pottsboro, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Davis, in East Sherman, was painfully injured in a runaway yesterday. One arm was broken and she was the recipient of several other injuries.

A Skeleton Found.

ORDON, Tex., June 2.—J. W. Mor-

ris was in here yesterday from his rock quarry. He lives six miles east of here. He reports the finding of a skeleton of a man which had been thrown in a crevice between two ledges of rock about four feet deep, and from the condition of the bones he thinks they have been there for several years. The crevice was eighteen or twenty inches wide. Small rock had been thrown on top of the body, and not suspecting it was human bones until several had been thrown out, he does not know whether they were together in regular order or if they had been put there long after the person was killed or died. Many old settlers are of the belief that they are the bones of a school teacher who disappeared nineteen years ago. The last seen of him he had left a man's house south of where the bones were found a mile and a half. The teacher was going north when last seen. About a year after the teacher disappeared, Jack Davis, who lived in that neighborhood, reported to the officers at Stephenville the finding of a skeleton in that neighborhood, and a pine box was made and a party, accompanied by S. J. Olsen, who then lived at Stephenville, started out to get the skeleton and hold an inquest, but on arriving at the place it could not be found, and at the time it was believed parties had got wind of the discovery and had moved the bones to a better hiding place.

Little Girl Alone.

STEPHENVILLE, Tex., June 1.—The attention of an officer was called to a strange little girl Thursday, who had been roaming the streets alone for several hours. Her wild, frightened look made it evident that she was in a land of strangers, and her scanty raiment, which scarcely hid her body, told that she was poor. She told Deputy Sheriff Frank Freeman the following story: "My name is Annie Favors. I am 10 years old. My father's name is Jesse Favors and lives three miles from Paris. Last Monday week when I was down in the garden alone and before I knew any one was near me a man seized me and carried me to a wagon and drove off with me. I have been with him ever since until today, when he went away and left me here." The above is in substance the entire story of the child. Great black stripes all over her back showed that the little one had been brutally beaten. Sheriff Shams ascertained the name of the man who brought her here, and immediately wired Sheriff Hammond at Paris for advice. He is taking care of the child, awaiting developments. Nothing more has been heard from the man in the wagon.

CISCO, Tex., May 31.—Tuesday evening about sundown A. P. Parks, living three miles west of Rising Star, in this (eastern) county, was shot and killed from the bench while plowing in his field. A courier reached here yesterday morning, and City Marshal Kessler left immediately for the scene of the killing. Parks was near the end of the row he was plowing. His little son was just ahead of him and had turned his row when a load from a shotgun was fired, striking Parks in the head and killing him instantly. The little boy did not see who fired the shot. During the December term of the Eastland district court Parks was the most important witness in the trial of the "mob cases," which grew out of the illegal executions in this county in 1850. Parks swore that he had been induced to join the mob through fear, and that he stayed in it in order that he might find out who belonged to it, but never participated in any of the hangings, and finally drew out before the final disbanding.

Colonization Scheme.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 31.—An extensive deal in land was closed here yesterday, involving 2,500,000 acres of land lying on the Rio Grande in the Mexican states of Coahuila and Chihuahua. The land was sold by ex-Gov. Gonzales of Chihuahua to the Mexican coffee, cotton and colonization company, with headquarters here, and represented by J. S. McNamara. W. H. Ellis, who is interested in Mexican colonization schemes, will colonize 10,000 negroes on part of the land.

Dead Baby in a Grip.

WACO, Tex., May 31.—Jimmy Melton, a printer boy, while playing, seized a gripack containing advertising matter belonging to Bejano & Delgado, and while running let it fall, when out fell the dead body of an infant apparently only a few days old. A negro boy had been distributing posters from the gripack, and it is believed that when he put it down somewhere the baby was put in it.

Sheepmen Discouraged.

COLORADO, Tex., June 1.—The sheepmen are much discouraged over the outlook for their business. The open range is very poor, and sheep and wool bring next to nothing. Several small lots of sheep have been sold during the past week at 25 and 30 cents per head. Considerable wool is being shipped, but owners can draw only 8 cents per pound on it.

LINCOLN'S FEE.

Illustrates the scrupulous Honesty of the Master President.

An interesting anecdote of Lincoln's scrupulous honesty as a lawyer is related in a recent number of the Century. Two men had been accused of murder, and the trial was being conducted before Judge David Davis, one man being defended by Lincoln and the other by Leonard Swett, a prominent lawyer of that day. The judge and the two lawyers were personal friends, and meeting one evening in the rooms of the former, Lincoln was moved to speak his opinion frankly of the case in hand.

"We have been engaged in this trial for two days," he said, "and I am satisfied that our clients are guilty, and that the witnesses for the state have told the truth. It is my opinion that the best thing we can do for our clients is to have them come in tomorrow morning and plead guilty to man slaughter, and let Davis give them the lowest punishment."

But Mr. Swett did not concur in this opinion, and declared his intention to continue fighting the case to the last, adding that he had evidence in reserve of which Lincoln did not know, which would counteract the effect of that of the state's witnesses.

"I don't care what evidence you have got, Swett," was the reply, "the witnesses for the state have told the truth, and the jury will believe them."

However, as Swett would not consent to a plea of guilty the trial went on; but when the time came for arguments, Lincoln turned to him, saying:

"Now, Swett, I cannot argue this case because our witnesses have been lying, and I don't believe them. You go on and make an argument."

Swett did so, and when the case went to the jury, that body were of his opinion, not Lincoln's, and the accused were triumphantly acquitted. But the next day Lincoln came to his friend with a check in his hand, and said to him quietly:

"Swett, here is the five hundred dollars which I have received for defending one of these men. It all belongs to you, take it." Five hundred dollars was an important sum to Lincoln at that period of his life, but feeling that had his advice been followed his client would have suffered, he wished immediately to pay over the money to the man whose persistence in an opposite course had saved him.

Whether the decision of the jury had shaken his faith in the man's guilt, or in the man's guilt, or in his personal integrity, or in the course of further proceedings was laid before the court does not directly appear; but at any rate, on Mr. Swett's determined refusal to accept the money it finally remained in his hands.

Our Friends, the Birds.

Those who have made a study of bird habits say that birds of almost all sorts are rather the friends than the enemies of farmers and gardeners. Not only do the song birds by destroying insects earn their right to eat a few berries, but even the crow that generations of farmers have scorned and killed, is said to prefer insects to corn, and often to be in the very act of destroying pests when farmers suppose him to be maliciously bent on undoing the work of the sower.

And Sneider Is Out.

The assistance of a Louisville alderman was invoked by Miguel Sneider in the collection of a claim of \$10 against Meyer Bans. The latter's brother courted Sarah Annis in vain. Meyer loved her, too, and engaged Sneider to court her for him. Miguel says he spent three full days in the effort before he obtained her consent to sign a license application with Bans. Now the latter refuses to pay and the alderman declines to compel him to do so.

Japan Forging Ahead.

It is a matter of singular interest that Japan is now manufacturing modern war material for the use of Western nations. Six guns manufactured at the Japanese arsenal at Osaka have been supplied to the Portuguese government. A month or so since a British firm took the first steps in the establishment of a watchmaking concern in Japan for the manufacture by Japanese workmen of watches for Western markets.

An Old Irish Shilling.

George Russell, of Rayrick, Ky., has an Irish shilling which is probably one of the first issues of that coin. It is a family heirloom that has been bequeathed to the oldest son in his family through successive generations. It is silver, and about the size of our twenty-five-cent currency. Mr. Russell has bequeathed it to his son Kelly Russell, with its tradition.

Tax on Boards.

Nearly every workman in Italy wears a beard on account of the cost of shaving. Now it is proposed to aid the barbers by putting a tax on boards.