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CRIME

"What is the great problem of the day?"

Our metropolitan paper recently published a series of interviews in answer to this question, and most of the people interviewed said: "It is the crime problem."

During the past month several books have appeared dealing with the subject—one by the famous criminal lawyer, Clarence Darrow. And from the volume of discussion and the amount of newspaper space devoted to crime, a stranger to this country might reasonably come to the conclusion that our society is divided up into two classes—one seeking to get through life by means of crime, and the other in spite of it.

Probably the menace of the criminal is being somewhat exaggerated. People are not all insane or vicious. But figures are alarming. Lawlessness is increasing along with the advance of our much vaunted civilization. While we are going forward in most ways, we are slipping backward in others.

But to solve the problem is the rub. Some authors assert that the fault lies in the incompetence of public prosecutors. The man in trouble will spend all he possesses to retain an able attorney to keep him out of prison. The public on the other hand will offer only a paltry salary to the attorneys it elects to look after its interests.

Alienists, psychiatrists, and fanatics who are chiefly interested in abnormal human minds, talk much about complexes and fantasies. But if the prosecution were always conducted by as able an attorney as the consul for the defense—if justice and punishment were swift and sure—there would be fewer sensational murder trials, less in the papers about gangsters and hi-jackers, and greater safety for the general public.

GETTING TOGETHER ON GAS AND LIGHT BILL

With house and senate wiping out all major differences of opinion touching upon a gas and weight tax, indications are that a satisfactory measure will be in the hands of Gov. Grosbeck for his signature by the latter part of the month. Conferences last week between the governor and house and senate leaders paved the way for early action. Rep. Charles Evans Tipton, announced to newspapermen following his second conference with the governor that he believed all factions were about to unite.

Rep. Evans said the governor had indicated his desire to aid in drawing up a measure that would stand any legal attack made upon it by Detroit automobile interests. The governor also is said to have assured both Mr. Evans and senate leaders that if Detroit autists should attach a referendum to a gas tax passed by the legislature he would personally enter the campaign prior to election and fight for the measure. It is not likely a referendum will be attached to the bill by the legislature. This is deemed unnecessary as the bill is so designed as to make it an emergency, as well as an appropriation measure. The substitute gas tax bill in the senate, known as the Baxter-Atwood bill, was rushed through both the taxation and finance and appropriation committees before ordered printed and put on general orders.

The weight tax bill, companion measure to the gas tax, originated in the house. It will be passed to the senate. The gas tax, however, will have the governor's signature before the weight tax is passed.

SUPERVISORS TO MEET

JANUARY 23
Oakland County supervisors adjourned Friday afternoon until January 23 when they will return to take some action on the bids for the construction of the new county infirmary which are to be opened on that day. Yesterday afternoon's session of the board was uneventful. F. C. Ely as chairman of the committee appointed to investigate what could be done to relieve congested conditions in

the county building, reported the formal resolution calling for the submission to the electors at the spring election of the proposal to bond the county for one mill a year for three years to raise \$760,000 with which to build an office building. The board had approved the plan the day before. The formal resolution was adopted without comment and by a vote of 23 to 5.

Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the board of county auditors, read a report of the county's financial condition which showed a balance on hand in the several funds of \$1,190,108.86 at the close of business December 31. Only one fund showed an overdraft, the temporary relief fund having been drawn on for an overdraft of \$29,889.84. Other balances were reported as follows: General \$25,784.36; poor \$3,789.52; library \$6,581.65; county road, \$149,095.65; covert road, \$259,593.44; covert redemption, \$123,216.19; drain \$214,747.92; inheritance tax \$234.53; state tax, \$17,317.72; delinquent tax, \$130,926.62; mortgage tax, \$8,418; teachers' institute, \$1,113.46; townships, cities and villages, \$119,948.19; escheats \$4,674.17; redemption \$28,296.89; special trust fund Florence M. Scott legacy, \$950; cemetery trust fund, \$4,649.55; bail bond, \$3,100; drain redemption, \$19,276.90; and detention home and poor farm, \$93,269.03.

K. T. HOSPITALERS PLAN TO HELP NEEDY

Knight Templar Commanderies throughout the state of Michigan will observe for the first time, during the week of January 11, what will be known as "Hospitalers' Week." This is the outgrowth of the organization at the Saginaw conclave last summer of a concerted movement to study the social and economic needs in the different communities where Knight Templar Commanderies are located, and to render such relief and provide such betterment as may be within the means of the commanderies to furnish.

Conferences will be held by the different Commanderies with other social and charitable organizations with a view of extending to such agencies the help of the Order of Knights Templar. Speakers on social problems and students in community betterment have been provided by some Commanderies for their programs, while others have summed up the needs and requirements of their respective localities for discussion and consideration. All activities will be reported to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, which has appointed a special Hospitalers' Committee to superintend and direct the work.

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The Heavenly Mistake

By MARTHA WILLIAMS

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"SOMEbody count! Jane!" Sister Amity chirped.
"Not Nötin! but a peddler!" Sister Jane flung back.
The peddler, the comports nakese, ran to peer through the transom above the hall door, saying wistfully over her shoulder: "Do please, let him come in! I'm sick and tired of everything, and everybody here. Why! There's two—and one a woman—a girl rather—with a suitcase, as I live."

A knock, delicately deferential, started speech. Amaze at this rebellion had put Sister Jane off guard; she stood tardily a yard inside the door. The peddler, said to open it, and face the intruders. They were not formidable, despite the garish car—only Peyton Saxby, next-door's son, known since he was in arsis, who for two months past had been haggling with a composite agency house, and a girl tall and thin the slight of her was painful.

"You—you—please don't—scoold—him," she gasped, nodding at Peyton. "I made him—fetch me—here when he said he—knew a place nobody—ever came," she went on. "You, say I may stay a while! I'll pay—what ever you—ask," topping at the last word, to be caught and supported in Sister Amity's firm, warm arms.

Peyton said, blushing over her unconscious head, "She got off the train—I was there to get my outfit—and—somehow—she looked so pitiful—I just couldn't go leave her."

"Had trouble—had fever, poor creature!" Sister Jane said, grimly, as she bathed temples and forehead.

A miracle came to pass in the next fortnight—a miracle of reweaving. Amaze Drury had taken the household captive. "I have run away—don't ask me why yet—was at the said in explanation. But her eyes had been eloquent of gratitude, of trust, after a while of hope. "O! It needed a good deal to make you!" she burst but to the three of them when first they took her all about the garden, sward with old-fashioned flowers. Peyton had ceased from selling things a whole half day to share in that great event. He had his reward in short speech. When he said good-by, she whispered, "I understand a little—you will tell me all, by and by."

Yet when telling time came she found herself woefully mistaken. His heart was set on becoming a great artist. Instead of a fine farmer—it was that urge which had inspired the agency adventure—he loved Sister Amity with a comely passion—as a girl she was a wonder, as a woman she would be even more so. He had sketched her fervently. In a hundred poses, just as he had sketched trees, storm clouds at sunset, or creatures of the pasture at rest or play. Amity opened wide eyes as she examined his efforts—her breath came short. "You have the gift, Genius!" she said.

That night she could not sleep—next day she could not write the letter she was wild to dispatch. Sister Amity wrote it for her—when it was mailed Amity felt to weeping bitterly, saying so low

she thought none could hear her—"Maybe I am going to lose this heavenly haven—but nothing matters save Peyton shall have his chance."

Jammy had fine ears—she bent above the disconsolate girl, saying almost regisly, "the chance he wants is to take care of you—always."

Three feverish days—no answer to the letter. Amaze fretted so Sister Amity took her for a drive in the ancient buggy, but behind it fine horse. And then—they came upon a sorely bewildered stranger, with a smashed car, and a chauffeur all at sea. He forgot all that, however, when Amaze, after giving death white, turned the lever, and reversed. "I knew you would come! John, little as I deserve such kindness," she said half sobbing. Then and there John Moran lost his heart.

As though he had got his cue, Peyton appeared on the scene, with his baby car. Amaze demanded to be taken in it back to the Goodwin household—John could ride with Sister Amity, and explain everything. This was not hard! Amaze lie said, had grown up, betrothed to him—she had not refused against the family arrangement till some six months before. Her father had died then, her step-mother had tried to force her into immediate marriage, with a result of driving her into brain fever, from which she had come out not wholly herself. In this twilight state, she had run away—hidden herself, past finding. Until then he had known nothing of her reluctance—else he would have turned from lover to brotherly friend, yet hoping finally to win her.

"You didn't need to be told all this," he ended.

"What makes you say that?" Sister Amity smiled.
"Your letter," he said. "Otherwise, how could you have put between the lines, that Amaze, dear child, loved her genius, even more than his genius?"

"I didn't mean to," Sister Amity answered flushing.

"Then—you made a heavenly mistake," was the answer. For by now they were at the gate, where two stood so wrapped in each other, they took no note of anything else. Moran touched Amaze lightly on the arm, asking with a twinkle, "How about a double wedding?"

"No objections anywhere," Amaze cried quickly—after one glance at his eyes and Sister Amity's smile.

For Joy-Riders

To the list of road signs for motorists printed the other day, J. B. suggests this addition: "What's your hurry?" The morgue is open all night.—Boston Temperer

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 14th day of January A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of LEOPOLD HUDSON, deceased.
Ann Zeigler, a creditor, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Jesse Zeigler, or to some other suitable person.

It Is Ordered, That the 16th day

of February A. D. 1925, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is, hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, That publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
A true copy, Judge of Probate.
Dan A. McCaffey,
Register of Probate. 23Jan-6 Feb

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 7th day of January A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of FANNIE JACKSON, deceased.

Nathan H. Power, administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is further ordered, that the 18th day of May, 1925 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy,
Dan A. McCaffey,
Register of Probate Jan. 16-30

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 12th day of January A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MINNIE FORESTER, deceased.

George Valentine, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is further ordered, that the 18th day of May, 1925 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

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Dan A. McCaffey,
Register of Probate Jan. 16-30

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the third day of January A. D. 1925.

Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of FRED M. WARNER, Deceased.
Howard M. Warner, Haxley D. Warner, and the First National Bank in Pontiac, trustees of said estate having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of their first annual account, to date and for the resignation of the First National Bank in Pontiac as one of said trustees.

It is Ordered, that the 2nd day of February A. D. 1925 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered, that publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy,
Dan A. McCaffey,
Probate Register
Feltner & McGee,
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Pontiac, Michigan. Jan. 9-23

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8:48 a.m., 9:48 a.m., and
hourly to 3:48 p.m., 4:48 p.m.,
5:48 p.m., then hourly to
8:48 p.m., also 9:58 p.m.,
10:58 p.m., (to Junction only,
11:48 p.m., and 1:03 a.m.)
Cars leave Farmington Jct.
for Orchard Lake and Pontiac
at 6:40 a.m., 6:40 a.m., 7:10 a.m.,
7:55 a.m., and hourly to 10:55 p.m.,
also 6:10 p.m. and 12:20 a.m.
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