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EDITORIAL

COMIC OPERA JUSTICE

Criminologists, sociologists, legal luminaries from judges of the supreme court to justices of the peace, and many gentlemen of the cloth have profoundly elucidated and evaporated upon the causes of the abnormal crime wave without apparently getting anywhere.

To the layman one of the chief causes of crime appears in the daily comic opera proceedings of our tribunals of justice.

At Pontiac a few days ago a worthless individual was arrested on the charge of begging. He pleaded guilty and informed the court that he made his living in "that way." He was sentenced to five days in jail.

The whole proceeding was a farce. The sentence was no punishment, consequently no deterrent. A long term at a rock pile would have better fitted the offense and made honest labor look more attractive to the offender.

THE PLAGUE OF LAWS

William P. Helm, Jr., who specializes in government statistics, in an article in the American Mercury, entitled, "The Plague of Laws," declares that total number of laws theoretically operative in the United States, including city, county, state and national, approximates 10 million, and that the time has come for a new Justinian to junk the whole complicated mess and to substitute a simple code, like that of the Roman lawgiver.

In 1925 no fewer than 13,000 new laws appeared on the statute books of the 48 states. Fifteen typical American cities added 4,533 laws in one year, and there are some 13,000 important towns and cities, and all of them are busy grinding out ordinances. State legislatures will this year grid out thousands of additional laws. Commenting on the situation, the Salem, Oregon, Capital Journal says:

"The growth of bureaucracy can be traced directly to the extension of the law, and bureaucracy grows by multiplication of laws. They supplement each other. The more laws, the more bureaucrats to enforce them. The more bureaucrats, the more laws to increase and extend their power, until we have reached the point where the whole topheavy system is breaking down and the law becomes a joke."

It can be added that practically every new law increases taxes, and one of the best ways to bring about tax reduction is to stop passing new laws.

"The people's use of electric power and telephones is the measure of its prosperity and enterprise, if not actually a measure of civilization."—Arthur Brisbane

Odd Variations in Diet

A new diet is becoming popular in London. It is a fat-free, slim-day one taken alternately. On the slim day only meat, fish, fruit and eggs are eaten, while on the fattening day milk, butter, potatoes, jellies, pudding and other tempting articles are on the menu.

Building Airplane "Home"

The huge airplane soon to be launched in England will be equipped with hammocks for sleeping, a living room and a place for cooking. The machine will be used for long flights and attempts to moor it in sheltered coves for rest periods will be made.

Ford's fortune in flivvers makes the tin mines of Cornwell seem an idle occupation.

MASQUERADE AT HELIKER'S HALL

Masquerade at Heliker's Hall, Saturday night, March 5. Dance every Saturday thereafter at that hall, Orchard Lake and 12-Mile roads. A good time always with best of music.

Just what you have been wishing for. A genuine old time dancing party has been arranged for Heliker's Hall for Wednesday night, March 9 when such popular old time favorites as the quadrille, money musk, Virginia reel, opera reel, heel and toe polka and military schottische, with musicians who know how to play them.

WEST FARMINGTON

About fifty relatives and friends spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray Saturday evening, February 26. Six games of 500 were played. High honors for gentlemen were won by Mr. Sterney, brother of Mrs. Murray and ladies first prize was one by Mrs. Giesler. The ladies' consolation prize went to Mrs. Charles Heliker and men's consolation went to Frank Murray. A pot luck supper was served and after old time dances were enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray are moving to their new home at Walled Lake near the Consolidated School, this week.

John German is slowly improving in health.

Miss Mariquita Mae Wixom Miss Helen Mathews and a friend motored to Ypsilanti Thursday.

Mrs. George Wixom spent Monday in Detroit.

William Knapp is spending a few days with his aunt and family, Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Mrs. William Kurtz attended the Ladies' Aid at the Farmington Evangelical Church, Wednesday afternoon, March 2.

Raymond Seeley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Seeley is out of school with a bad cold. Leon Graham, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham, has a severe cold.

Mrs. Edward Grimmer spent Wednesday, March 2 at her brother's, Clyde Young. Mr. Young has sold his farm and is moving to Ohio on a farm.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Giegler of Hartland spent Saturday with relatives here.

The East Walled Lake clothing group of the Michigan State College met at the home of Mrs. Edward Grimmer Friday, February 25. Fourteen old members were present and two visitors. They held an all day meeting. The lesson was the continuation of the preceding one in color application. By using different colored silks in demonstrating the colors suitable for the different types of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz and daughter Dorethea and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robinson were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reinas at Plymouth.

The East Walled Lake clothing group of the Michigan State College will hold their next meeting at Mrs. George Wixom, Wednesday afternoon, March 9 under the leadership of Mrs. William Kurtz. The lesson will be colors.

The East Walled Lake Home Management group of Michigan State College met at the home of Mrs. Marie Walters with Miss Dorethea Kurtz leader. They had a very interesting lesson on landscape gardening. They held an all day meeting and about nine were present.

Some people have rheumatism, but usually the rheumatism has them.

What has become of the old-fashioned citizen that thought that every law was made to be obeyed?

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