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DISPERSE THE LOAFERS!

A lady is under arrest at Pottsville, Pa., for shooting a young man on a street of that city. As she was passing a group of fellows, of the kind that line up on the principal thoroughfares of many towns in this country, Salt Lake not excepted, hearing some coarse remarks, she drew a revolver and fired into the gang. The bullet entered the breast of one of them inflicting a mortal wound. For this she is now in legal jeopardy, and will probably pay the penalty for her rash act.

What that will be depends upon the estimate placed upon the provocation she received. Of course it was not sufficient to justify the homicide. But that it constituted a public offense and deserved punishment, we think will not be disputed. But there is or should be a law to meet the case, and its execution must, of course, be left in the hands of the officers of the law, or our boasted civilization would be a farce.

And yet public sympathy will go out to the insulted woman, and she will not be regarded as worthy of the extreme condemnation. The fatal shot was fired in the heat of passion and not with that "malice prepense and aforethought" which is an essential to capital crime. And the custom with some callow youths and older brutal men of using language too vile for any decent ears, when ladies pass them, needs a vigorous check. The laxity of the law in reference to it provokes retaliation, and while it does not justify private vengeance to so great an extent as that resorted to in this instance, it will go far towards palliating the offense that the lady committed.

We have already directed the attention of our city authorities to the evil here that received so severe a setback in Pottsville. Our police force is not large enough to meet every call for its exercise. But we think that some special authority might be delegated to a few husky but prudent men, particularly on Sundays, to guard ladies from the insulting remarks uttered by imprudent, cigarette-smoking dandies and duds, who throng the sidewalks near the Temple grounds and on the west side of Main street, to oggle the girls and make personal remarks for which they deserve a different kind of "mashing" to that on which they appear to be bent. We do not advocate lawlessness of any kind, but if some of them get their lips bruised so that they cannot speak without pain for awhile, we will have no tears to shed.

It is a matter of public moment, however, and to be met by the police power of this municipality. And the engagement of some extras, without pay, for this special duty would, in our opinion, meet the disturbance and quash the nuisance. The use of language likely to provoke a breach of the peace is an offense against the law, and a few arrests promptly made with firm determination, followed by swift prosecution, would soon dampen the ardor and modify the conduct of the impertinent loungers, who block the way and provoke the ire of respectable people, particularly when emerging from the Tabernacle on the Sabbath day. Clear the sidewalks of the impertinent loafers!

POWER OF TOWN COUNCILS.

"Editor Deseret News:
Please answer the following question in the Deseret News:
"Does a town council have the power to purchase a nearly worn out waterworks system in which less than one-half of the town is interested, and maintain said waterworks system with the general tax."
A CITIZEN."

In answer to the foregoing we have to say that a Town Council is empowered by law. To purchase, hold or convey all necessary estate, real or personal, for the use and benefit of the corporation. This would doubtless include power to purchase waterworks, as the council is authorized "to lay out, construct, open and keep in repair canals, ditches or water pipes, for irrigation, domestic or other use for the inhabitants." If necessary the council may assess and collect a water tax for those purposes.

We can hardly believe that any such body would buy out "nearly worn-out waterworks," which would benefit only a portion of the taxpayers, but on general principles we should say, that the town council has the power and may use its discretion to purchase, out of the general taxes, such works as it may deem necessary towards supplying the inhabitants of the town with water.

The direct benefits may flow to only a portion of the population, but indirectly the whole body would be interested, because the supply to all would be improved or increased. Of course anything crooked, or in the nature of a "job" would be unlawful, and might be stopped by injunction from a competent court. A petition from the people to the council, however, if they do not want the deal to go on, would settle the matter in the best and easiest manner. It is not likely that the council would proceed against a popular protest.

"MOTHER JONES."

"Mother Jones is a name newspaper readers have encountered in the dispatches recently. The lady conceived the idea of leading a little band of followers to Oyster Bay, and interview the President in behalf of children employed in factories, with a view of having child labor abolished, if possible. In a statement to the New York Sun the lady says:

"We are trying by our labor and pains to show our sincerity in our cause. That cause is the abolition of child labor in the textile factories. What I ask for on behalf of the 25,000 textile workers I represent is an opportunity for a short interview with the President with three of the little boys who have come with me from the Kensington district. I would like to have him see these little fellows and question them, if he will. President Roosevelt loves children. In no way can he better impress his power for good upon this nation than by examining into the conditions of child labor against which we protest."

The object is worthy, and the lady is sincere, but it is evident that she is mistaken as was Casey in his endeavor to annihilate the conditions of the laborers by leading an "army" to Washington, and to discomfit them during the hard times a few years ago, still the subject presented in that way before the nation, will, perhaps, be earnestly considered, more than it would be otherwise. The self-sacrificing labor may, therefore, not be entirely lost.

NEITHER WANTS WAR.

The dispatches tell us that Russia is ready for war with Japan, and anxious to commence the fray. They also say that Japan is prepared for the struggle. A Tokyo correspondent of the London Daily Mail says that a period of the Siberian newspapers reveals the aggressive spirit of the Russian military party; that the Russians believe they will lose prestige if they give way now, with the result that their far eastern empire will be lost and Japanese influence will become predominant; also that the Japanese are accumulating stores and negotiating the purchase of ships; that a squadron is off Vladivostok, to which port Russian vessels have been sent as a precaution, and that both fleets are ready for action at any moment.

If both are anxious to fight, and prepared for combat, it is not easy to divine why they do not commence.

The probability is that neither country is really prepared for a war. Nor is it likely that Russia desires one. She wants Manchuria and Korea, and is slowly gaining her purposes without a war. Why should she want a conflict? Japan, on the other hand, watches the progress of her rival with jealousy, and would not hesitate to oppose it by force, were it clear to her government that she would succeed. An early conflict would be to Japan's advantage. Every month that goes sees Russia more strongly entrenched.

That the feelings between the two countries are very much strained, is no doubt true, but neither country is well prepared for war just now.

CUSTOMS' HOUSE REFORM.

It will be remembered that some time ago, complaints were made, that the customs officials at our ports of entry enforced the rules and regulations of their department with unnecessary brutality toward passengers. The complaint was not entertained at the time, but an agent was nevertheless sent to foreign ports, to investigate the methods there employed by customs officials. The agent, Mr. John W. Bishop, now reports the results of his investigations. He says:

"I visited England, France, Germany and Switzerland, and I found less friction between passengers and customs officials than is the case here. Tourists are allowed to pass from one country to another without anything like the minute inspection of their baggage to which they are subjected here. They are asked if they have any dutiable articles and their own is accepted unless the inspector has grounds for believing that they are not telling the truth. The inspectors are remarkable for their politeness and courtesy. The facilities for the examination of baggage on the pier are better than ours. I think something should be done to make the matter of declaration easier or to do away with it. Tourists should have more inspectors on the pier, so that passengers may not be needlessly delayed. I am also in favor of accepting the word of passengers who are known to be men of word and standing. Minute examinations of their trunks should not be required."

If the powers that be act on these suggestions, recurring citizens and other tourists will feel better on landing in "the home of the free." For years the customs inspection in New York, for instance, has reminded one of the ordeal a traveler is required to pass through at a Turkish custom house, where a traveler is regarded as a criminal, until he has proved his innocence. Reform is needed. Americans like to travel, but they do not enjoy the experience of meeting at the threshold of their own home, the fierce dogs that do not have instinct enough to discern friend from foe.

TO KEEP COOL.

A contributor to Cassier's Magazine for August wonders why buildings are not generally supplied with some means of cooling off during the hot season. It is not, he thinks, on account of the cost, for it would not be a serious item. He thinks the heating systems in use could be utilized for a double purpose. He says:

"An indirect steam or hot water-heating system could lend itself well to a reversal of functions and would be comparatively simple and cheap to operate. A fan or blower would be necessary to drive air over the coils underneath the floor and into the rooms through the usual ducts and registers; and the supply pipes for the coils would have to be connected with a water cooler or other means of refrigeration, with a pump interposed for circulating the cooling agent through the system. Essentially there is nothing complicated or expensive about the outfit, and the comforts which it promises are alluring. Having the cooling pipes directly in the room is not a good plan, a heating system of direct radiators would not lend itself so well to cooling. It would be coolest near such radiators, while it would be warm in the middle of the room owing to lack of circulation. Condensation of mois-

ture on the radiators would also prove a troublesome factor. But for the house with an indirect heating system, the cooling problem is a relatively simple one and an attractive one."

Absent but not forgotten—nice cool days.

Reliance finally has been put in the Reliance.

All the world loves a lover, but it just dotes on a scandal.

What are political parties for if they put no tickets in the field?

Vatican politics make it plain that popes are made not born.

Aurora must have read about Francis I who said: "All is lost save honor."

In his search for health Mr. Schwab has carefully and wisely avoided health foods.

"The short-necked fad will mean a drop in garters."—Pittsburgh dispatch. This is unquestionably so.

The fact that China evades her duty may be owing to that Chinese wall by which she is surrounded.

The Blue Nile expedition has been abandoned. It went up Salt River instead of up the Blue Nile.

The revised city ordinances are ready for publication. When published let them be rigidly enforced.

Japan is "standing pat" on the Manchurian question. The consequence will be she will be patted for her stand.

Old Gertrude has joined the Methodist church. For the rest of his days he should sit on the mourners' bench.

Pictures of Cardinal Oreglia look very like Hans Christian Andersen. If he shall prove as popular as Hans he will be pope.

"Who are the Anarchists?" asks an exchange. The organized murderers who go about the earth seeking whom they may devour.

"A great Mecca is Boston this summer," says the Springfield Republican. Being the Hub of the Universe it naturally draws the felloes.

New York's new police day begins at midnight and ends at midnight. How appropriate! The day begins in darkness, and in darkness it ends.

An Ohio mob chased two negroes intending to lynch them if caught. But the mob was out-footed, the race in this case being to the swift and not to the strong.

Bourke Cochran emphatically denies that he intends to renounce his American citizenship and again become a British subject. And herein he shows that he is as sensible as he is brilliant.

Many affect to see great danger in the immense immigration that is coming to our shores. It is no more a menace now than in the early days of the Republic, and those who are apprehensive over it must be losing faith in the American theory of government.

New York customhouse appraisers have decided that imitation rubies are to be valued for revenue purposes the same as genuine stones. Of course imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but in this case placing of the same value upon the imitation that is put upon the genuine, is carrying it too far.

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TAKE YOU OUT TO DEEP WATER FREE OF CHARGE.
Dancing Afternoon and Evening.

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Leave Salt Lake:
No. 2 10:30 a.m.
No. 4 2:30 p.m.
No. 6 6:30 p.m.
No. 8 8:30 p.m.
No. 10 9:45 p.m.
Arrive Salt Lake:
No. 3 1:30 p.m.
No. 5 3:45 p.m.
No. 7 5:45 p.m.
No. 9 7:45 p.m.
No. 11 11:30 p.m.
Sunday's last train leaves Salt Lake at 9 p.m.
Trains from 1st and 4th West Streets.
ROUND TRIP, 25c.
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LOOP THE LOOP
Here on the 29th.
8:15 and 10:15 p.m.
Matinee Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 4:15.
Twenty-two thousand people saw "Dutch" Ruel make the perilous ride on opening day.

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TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.
New Programme in Theatre This Week.
DANCING EVERY NIGHT.
Hulbert Bros.
TRUNKS
Specials in Suit Cases this week.
233 Main, South Renslow Hotel.

ABOUT THE MOSQUITO.

Boston Transcript.
The mosquito is getting into a peck of trouble. Ever since man has discovered that it is a malignant, as well as an intolerable pest, its right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness has been generally denied and the aid of science has been invoked to furnish more effective means for its destruction. Warfare, offensive and defensive, has been declared against the rapacious little insect which so devoutly loves the more effective means for its destruction. Warfare, offensive and defensive, has been declared against the rapacious little insect which so devoutly loves the more effective means for its destruction.

fore, from the mosquito's standpoint, assumes a more serious aspect than that which confronts man.

CALDER'S.

FREE VAUDEVILLE ALL WEEK.
3:30 and 8:30 p.m.
Watch for Cummings Blindfold Drive, Thursday noon, Saturday and Sunday at 4:30.
FRIDAY, SWEDISH BROTHERHOOD DAY.
In honor of the birth and 100th anniversary of John Jackson, the inventor of the Blindfold Monitor. Races, Joking and Humming. Excellent Musical Program. Prizes for Everything and Everybody.
PROFESSOR WAYNE ABBOTT
Balloon ascension and Parachute Jump at 4:30.
EVERYTHING FREE.
It's a penny a mile, and five miles to CALDER'S.
Beware of A Fruit Diet
In hot weather, corn meal dainties, made from the new process corn meal.
"MAIZE" is just the thing for hot weather. It can be prepared on short notice in a one hundred different ways and helps to brace you up for manual as well as mental labor.
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At the first sign of eye trouble seek an Optician, and have your eyes scientifically examined.
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Black Tafeta Silks. Black Satin

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\$1 regular reduced to 64c.
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75c black Satin Duchesse—45c.
\$1 black Satin Duchesse—60c.
Crystal cord black Japanese silks reduced from 60c to 35c.
ALL OTHER BLACK SILKS—25 PER CENT OFF REGULAR PRICES.

Sparklet Bottles—The Home Soda Fountain—Up to \$3.50 for 98c each.

We are closing them out for the reason that they are rather troublesome to carry through the seasons. The best invention of a home soda fountain are these sparklet bottles. Fitted with syphon tops or without, handsomely trimmed, sold formerly at \$1.35 and \$3.50 each, choice Thursday and Friday—85c.
Capsules for charging bottles, 40c for 25c; the 25c for 17c.
Mineral tablets instead of 25c a bottle—10c.

Men's Summer Underwear Clearance.

American silk shirts and drawers, sheer, cool garments, beautifully finished, different plain shades and stripes to choose from, all sizes, sold regularly at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 each, Thursday and Friday your choice of any—\$1.
Men's fancy bathgown shirts and drawers that were 50c each, now—25c.

Stamped Sofa Cushions, Center Pieces, for Very Little.

Some tinted sofa cushion tops—back pieces, too—stamped in a variety of designs—floral, figure and conventional. That will make up attractively, canvas, all denim, and art crepe, that were formerly 75c up quickly—35c.
Stamped batwing cushion tops—back pieces as well—all old rose in large, effective conventional rose designs, originally \$1, now 25c each.
Slightly soiled linen center pieces, stamped in a variety of designs and sold formerly at 35c, 50c and 60c each, with about four dozen last, may be Thursday and Friday choice—15c.

Two Wee Prices Put on Some Women's Neckwear.

Lawn and plume stocks, all white and white with color, various styles, sold formerly at 35c up to 75c each, Thursday and Friday choice—25c.
Lawn and madras ties—rounds, tucked across the front, some with open work, white with colored edges and all white, formerly 25c each, choice now—5c.

Knit Garments and Hosiery

Children's silk lace socks, blue, red and tan shades that were 75c a pair, Thursday and Friday—50c.
Women's light color stockings, tan, blue, red and white in lace effects, half price—35c.
Children's black silk lace stockings, plain or in lace effects, reduced from 25c a pair to 15c.
Children's light color stockings, red, blue, pink—sized 7 to 9, that were 35c a pair, for clearance—10c.
Women's white lace thread drawers, knee length, closed, \$1.25 regular for 75c.

Dress Shields; Hair Ornaments.

"Lily" dress shields, double covered, sizes 2 to 5, Thursday and Friday reduced from 25c and 35c a pair to 15c.
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THREE LAST DAYS OF THE BLACK SILK SALE.
SHOULD you search far and near not a better stock of black silks could you find. The manufacturers from whom we buy have no superiors in the world. Purchasing now, then, means even more than mere price saving. Quality and reduction form the potency of the offering. Sheer fabrics are to be worn again this winter and they, of course, demand silk linings; so there's one point of suggestive argument that you buy now, then a black silk petticoat, a separate skirt or perhaps an entire gown will be wanted. Think on these things now; price difference makes it worth while. Today, Friday and Saturday—these reductions:
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