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PUNISH THE ASSASSINS!

The cold-blooded murder of two
sheepherders and the destruction of
their camp and flock by cattlemen in
Wyoming, form a case that ought not
to be allowed to pass without full de-
tection and punishment of the assas-
sins. It is not the first outrage of the
kind perpetrated by cattlemen in that
State. There is no excuse for such
cowardly acts, such bloodthirsty law-
lessness.

It is doubtless true that sheep are
great destroyers of range vegetation,
and cattle-herders are much provoked
by the depredations of the great flocks
that roam on the ranges. But fair-
ness and justice would divide the herd-
grounds on equitable principles, so that
each interest might be maintained
without material injury to the other.
In any event, murder and spoliation
are not justified in the least by the facts
in the case, and the State of Wyoming
is in duty bound to follow up this dan-
gerous crime and clear itself from its
responsibility.

If that State remains passive, it will
devolve upon the executive of Utah
to press the matter, and take steps for
the vindication of the law and the pro-
tection of our citizens, temporarily so-
journing in Wyoming. The blood of
those sheepherders stains the soil of
that State, and Utah sheepowners have
been despoiled of their property by
criminals there, who ought not to be
permitted to escape. What is to be
done about it should be done quickly.
Hunt down the cowardly and cruel as-
sassin!

A WATERY SUBJECT.

According to the report of Superin-
tendent Hines of the waterworks de-
partment, there has been great waste
in the use of that essential element,
without which there would be no life for
vegetable, animal or man. The supply
for this city of late years has been
deemed insufficient for the actual needs
of the inhabitants, but from his figures
and statements, it is evident that the
lack is more through the absence of
care in its use than in the quantity
which flows down from the mountains.

The average daily supply during the
year 1905, Mr. Hines places at 16,062,214
gallons, and the daily consumption per
capita as 308 gallons. He argues that
60 gallons per diem is ample for each
person. If his figures are any way near
correct, it is clear that the waste has
been at least as great as the actual
consumption, and he has not jumped at
conclusions, but has furnished an array
of figures that places the matter in a
clear and unmistakable light.

It will, no doubt, be very difficult to
train the general public into the habit
of individual conservation of the pre-
cious fluid. Taps are allowed to run
when there is no need for such waste;
lawns are excessively sprinkled; and,
even in times of scarcity, a great many
persons are perfectly reckless in the
misuse of water that they obtain with
such little difficulty.

The recommendations which the su-
perintendent makes refer more particu-
larly to improvements in the manner
of conserving and distributing the wa-
ter, with a view to the public conveni-
ence. He has been earnest at different
times in urging the establishment of
meters, by which the quantity con-
sumed at each house or premises could
be determined and paid for at regular
rates. This perhaps would hardly be
applicable to every domicile, and the
cost of the meters would reach a very
large sum. They might, however, be
installed at places where large quanti-
ties of water are used and where the
waste is known to be great. This is a
matter for the city authorities to in-
vestigate and decide upon. But efforts
should be made to induce people
throughout the city to cease
wasting water and to use it economi-
cally and with some sense of the needs
of others.

From present appearances it is like-
ly that the supply will be greater dur-
ing the present year than in the past.
Still, the season for snow has only just
commenced, and we do not know what
the future will bring forth in the stor-
age of the snow supply at the highest
points. "First which has fallen has been
largely in the valleys and on the west-
ern slope of the Wasatch Mountains, while
away up on the summit and on the
eastern slope but little, comparatively,
is to be seen.

It is to be hoped that before this
year is out, the great project for which
the city is bonded will be completed
and an adequate supply of pure water
will be had for all necessary purposes.
But even with the completion of the
work and the flowing in of the waters,
there will be no reason for the extrava-
gance in its use which has character-
ized the course of the people in recent
years. The old adage "Wifful waste
makes woful want," is applicable in
this case as in many others. Let us
secure all that is needed, and then
distribute it justly and use it wisely.

A PUBLIC LOSS.

Ogden City, and Weber County gen-
erally, have sustained a severe loss in
the demise of William F. Critchlow,
an old and respected resident of that
city. For many years he was promi-
nent in official positions and always dis-
charged his duties with credit to him-
self and with honor to the municipality.
In early days he taught school there,
and was also active and faithful in Church
duties. He never wavered or faltered.
He served for several years as Bishop's
counselor, as superintendent of the
Sunday school of the First Ward, Ogden
City, and for twenty-five years was
senior President of the Seventy-sixth
Quorum of Seventy. He was a man of
great force of character, but was yet
modest in his manners and kindly in
his disposition. He was respected by
all classes of the community, and will
be sincerely mourned, not only by his
surviving family and relatives, but by
the public throughout Weber County.
He was an honorable, upright man, a
good citizen and a faithful member and
servant of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints. We condole with
the bereaved and we sorrow at his de-
parture.

DISCONTENT IN SPAIN.

According to the reports from Spain
an event has, not long ago, occurred
at Barcelona, that may have important
consequences. It seems that a Barce-
lona paper published some cartoons re-
flecting upon the military, whereupon
some of the officers of the garrison
went to the office of the paper, threw
furniture and papers into the street,
and made a bonfire of them; having
disposed of this business, they proceeded
to invade the offices of another paper,
which they sacked as completely as the
first.

The Spanish government sided with
the officers. The journalists were held
to be in the wrong, the officers were
looked upon as the offended parties,
and there is talk of suspending the
constitutional privileges granted to
Barcelona, and of revising the laws re-
lating to the press, so that hereafter
the military will never be poked fun
at by the newspapers.

The incidents related only prove the
feeling of hostility existing in that part
of Spain toward the government, and
the question is being asked whether
the Catalonians are about to revolt.
According to an account in Public Opin-
ion, there are two parties in Catalonia.
The autonomists wish administrative
independence without a separation
from the mother country. The nation-
alists, or separatists, however, consider
the rest of Spain as an alien nation
from which Catalonia must be freed.

The first class-to a large extent lib-
erals-concede legislative and military
unity and merely wish to see the Catal-
onian flag flying beside that of Spain.
But the second-composed entirely of
clericals-respect no other flag than
that of Catalonia, and in their meet-
ings and political demonstrations the
favorite cry is, "Death to Spain!"
"Long Live Catalonia!" Possibly the
incident related may serve to unite the
two parties in a struggle for inde-
pendence.

The Catalonians came under Span-
ish rule when, in 1493, the marriage of
Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabella of
Castile laid the foundation for a union
of the various divisions of the Iberian
peninsula, under one government. But
they were never conquered. They have
preserved their language, their national
characteristics and their spirit of in-
dependence, and the latter has been
very much strengthened by Spanish
misrule, such as prevailed in the Philip-
pines, and Cuba. Spain, once a world
empire and the wonder of Europe, has
been subject to political disintegration
for over two centuries, and it would not
be surprising, if the provinces inhab-
ited by the enterprising and liberty-lov-
ing Catalonians should follow the ex-
ample of Portugal under the house of
Braganza. The flood of wealth that
came to Spain from the New World be-
came a curse and a snare, because it
was not used wisely. Bigotry, intoler-
ance, pride, and indolence, with con-
tempt for honest labor, and consequent
oppression, aided the decline and dis-
integration which may not yet be fully
completed.

MISLEADING INFORMATION.

Some public men have a marvelous
capacity for work. Senator Dubois, for
instance, went to the Philippines, and
the Taft party, and during the short
stay in the islands, he found time to
ascertain with infallible precision the
views and sentiments of every one of
the inhabitants there, in addition to
the performance of the onerous duties
of fasting and speech making. We
have his own word for it. In an article
in the Washington Star he says, as
quoted in the Sacramento Bee of Jan. 8:
"All the Filipinos, with the exception
of those who are holding positions un-
der and drawing salaries from our gov-
ernment, favor a government of their
own. There is scarcely an exception
among them. The leading men among
the Filipinos are wonderfully bright
and intelligent and have great influ-
ence over the people. All of the leading
and educated Filipinos, outside of the of-
ficial class, believe they can maintain an
independent government."

Here, it will be observed, the Senator
intimates that he knows to a dot what
"all the Filipinos" are in favor of.
There are no less than seven millions
of them, so the gigantic magnitude of
his investigation of the preferences
of every one of them, may be imagined.
In his investigation of the sentiments
of "all the Filipinos," the truthful scrib-
er found "scarcely an exception," showing
the minute thoroughness with which the
research was conducted between the
banquets. It will be noticed that the
Senator found time during the few days
of his visit to the islands, to classify the
people there, and while he ascertained
that every one of the seven millions
favored a government of their own, he
also found that "all the leading and
educated Filipinos," with some stated

exceptions, believe they can maintain
an independent government. There
must be many thousands of "leading
and educated Filipinos," and to in-
terview each one of them so as to be able
to state positively what "all" of them
believe, exceptions and all, must have
been the task of a Hercules-or the
statements made about it must be
those of a Munchausen.

To anyone who is capable of think-
ing, it is clear that the sentences quot-
ed are as valueless, as far as informa-
tion goes, as the gibberish of a talking
parrot. But that is the quality of much
of that which is given out for public
enlightenment. Especially is this true
of much of that which has been said and
written by the bigots who have from
time to time combined in assaults upon
the "Mormon" Church. They are giv-
ing their own imperfect impressions as
facts, and their perversion and mis-
conceptions of Mormon teaching, as
Church doctrine. It is a pity that men
who are, on account of mental and
moral qualities, irresponsible for what
they say, sometimes are supposed to be
authority on questions of national im-
portance.

One touch of south wind makes all
the sleighing slush.

In the matter of concessions, Premier
Witte now says, Thus far and no far-
ther.

The currency lacks the elastic step
of youth, though it has plenty of "go"
in it.

Ex-Speaker Keifer is the Rip Van
Winkle of the House. He has returned
twenty years after.

The suicide theory makes the solu-
tion of the Sheets murder mystery as
easy as falling off a log.

"In time of war I myself will be chief
of the general staff," says Kaiser Wil-
helm. Hall to the chief!

In the Moroccan conference business
the Senate seems to have picked up a
hot coal and dropped it most suddenly.

Senator Depew's opinion of Senator
Brackett's resolution would be extreme-
ly interesting, no matter in how few
words expressed.

In the matter of countenancing haz-
ard the naval academy authorities are
determined to stare the midshipmen
out of countenance.

No matter how much he tells now,
people will never believe that H. H.
Rogers told half. There is nothing like
getting started with the right foot.

Would Professor Charles Elliot Norton
have had Dr. W. R. Harper, late presi-
dent of the University of Chicago,
killed off because his disease was in-
curable?

Thomas A. Edison declares he is just
on the point of discovering a means of
controlling the energy stored in coal,
direct and without waste. Edison has
been on this point so long that it has
become his sore point.

William E. Curtis, the Sir Oracle of
the Chicago Record-Herald, says that
America, with its six battleships now
building, is to have the most powerful
naval fleet in the world. The gentle-
man is talking through his funnel.

Secretary Taft can deny Mr. Poult-
ney Bigelow's charges against the
Isthmian Canal commission as much
as he likes, but Mr. Bigelow knows what
he is talking about, for he spent one
day on the Isthmus. And then it must
be remembered that he went to school
with Emperor William.

John D. Rockefeller's summer home,
Forest Hill, is being fenced in so that
there shall be no trespassing. The
fence is thus described: "Commenc-
ing at the rear of the estate an eight-
foot iron post and wire fence of forbid-
ding appearance is being erected. Over
this, as a further precaution, there is
being stretched a layer of half-inch
mesh wire netting, while on the in-
side, iron arms strung with strands of
barbed wire are placed in such a posi-
tion, that it would be absolutely im-
possible for any marauder who succeed-
ed in scaling the eight feet of outside
fence to reach the ground inside with
an unbroken neck and untorn skin."
Still that will not prevent people
throwing stones and saying mean
things.

MONKEY WEARS SPECTACLES.

Tit-Bits.
In the Breslau zoological garden
there is a spider monkey which was
operated upon for cataract, and now
wears glasses. For more than a year
after it was received at the zoo it was
very healthy and lively, then it be-
came very quiet, ceased to play and
crouched in a corner. It was examined
and found to be suffering from cat-
aract, so was immediately taken to the
eyes hospital and operated upon. In
less than a month it was fitted with a
pair of spectacles, which it wears with
becoming gravity.

TO AVOID CAR STRAP GERMS.

New York American.
In connection with the remarkable
case of Councilman Robert K. Coch-
rane, of Allegheny, Pa., who alleges
his blindness is due to blood poisoning
communicated by a car strap. Com-
missioner of Health Darlington said
last night that the danger of contagion
from straps in the elevated, subway
and surface cars had long been known
and remedial steps begun. "We made
a series of careful experiments in this
matter a year ago," said Dr. Darlington.
"We discovered, apparently, that
there was no remedy for the known
disease which lurked in the leather
straps and that nothing could be sub-
stituted for them that would remain
free from germs. It is more a ques-
tion of teaching the necessity of keep-
ing the hands clean than of substituting
something for the leather straps.
Gloves should be worn all the time in
public places, and the hands when so
gloved ought not to be brought to the
face."

THE PERILS OF TABLE SALT.

Philadelphia Ledger.
Apropos of the recent death of
Charles T. Yerkes of New York, Dr.
Samuel G. Tracy sounds a warn-
ing of the danger attending the exces-
sive use of common table salt. Dr.
Tracy says that the reason a person

who has nephritis should use but little
common salt is because the excessive
use of it produces dropsy and retards
the activity of the sweat glands by
increasing the osmotic pressure of the
blood. It has been demonstrated by
well-known physiologists, Dr. Tracy
says, that only small amounts of so-
dium chloride (common salt) are es-
sential for the well-being of man. Re-
sisting from a too strenuous life and
the avoidance of excesses, particularly
in diet, alcoholic drinks and common
salt, will do much, the physician con-
tinued, toward the prevention of dis-
eases of the kidney. Recent reports
from the New York board of health
show that the mortality from kidney
disease is greatly on the increase.

NOT CAPITAL OFFENSES.

New York World.
It is a charming theory, but how
does Prof. Norton propose to put it into
practice? "Who will select the victims
for execution? Will children kill their
own fathers and mothers out of ten-
derness of heart, or will they hire doc-
tors to do it for them? Cases where
death comes as a blessing are common
enough. But human nature shrinks
from inflicting death in any case. The
tendency of civilization is all against
taking life. Savage tribes have had a
way of gently getting rid of unde-
sirable members by abandoning them
to starvation. Prof. Norton offers as
a substitute the more refined means
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fenses against society, but they hardly
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