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MAY PLEAD GUILTY.

Before Indictment and Save Costs.

Following is the substance of an act of Assembly passed by the Legislature of 1907:

"Whenever any person is charged with the commission of any crime and such person is willing to enter a plea of guilty, no bill of indictment shall be sent to a Grand Jury, but the Court of the proper county at any session thereof shall impose sentence for such offense."

The author of this law is Charles I. Landis, President Judge of the Courts of Lancaster county. In his connection with the trial of criminal cases he saw the need of relief for friendless criminals guilty of petty thefts, and on the other hand, saw that a great saving would be effected to the counties of the commonwealth.

In nearly all the counties Criminal Courts are held once every three months. If a person should be arrested for a petty theft or other offense the week following a Quarter Sessions Court he would be detained in prison awaiting trial three months at the expense of the county. When the case was called for trial months later that person usually pleaded guilty, and his sentence of a few months dated from the day it was pronounced.

Under Judge Landis' law a person arrested can, if he desires, be taken into Court at once; his plea of guilty can be entered and his sentence begins at once, and he will in many instances, have served his term before the next Court begins.

The county is saved the expense of maintaining the prisoner awaiting trial, and there is a further big saving in witness' fees and constables' costs that usually attach to a case returned to Court. In Lancaster county in the last three months 37 defendants pleaded guilty without awaiting the action of the Grand Jury.

ROADS ARE POOR.

Better Public Highways and the Antiquated Toll Gate Must Drop Out.

Although much progress has been made in building roadways throughout the Keystone state, the system is a long way still from being ideal. The state highway commissioner in an address last week stated that Pennsylvania has 98,300 miles of township roads. On file at Harrisburg are applications for the improvement of 31,082 miles of the Commonwealth's roads. Scientific roadways to the extent of 233 miles are finished, while 265 miles of these roads are under contract. The total of good roads finished, or to be finished in a short time, is 572 miles. Thus it may be seen that we are a long way from anything like a complete system of good roads. That moss-covered relic—the toll gate—is still to be found on many of the pikes, but it is doomed to extinction, through the roads being placed in the hands of the township authorities. In several states there are no longer any toll roads. In Missouri at present much activity in road building, three solid macadam state roads being under construction between Kansas City and St. Louis. There is still some talk of building a national highway extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but no definite steps have as yet been taken. Pennsylvania will have to get a move on if she wishes to cut any figure as a good roads state.

Do Parents Take Enough Interest in Schools?

The opening of the schools for another year prompts the press throughout the State to devote considerable attention to school work and many good suggestions are being made. The following excellent hints to parents are from the West Chester Village Record: "How many parents take a really active interest in what their children are doing at school? Not a perfunctory, half-hearted questioning about the routine of the school room, but a genuine, sympathetic interest in the details of the lessons, a friendly heart-to-heart discussion of the day's work. If you do not, why not? You can see readily enough, can you not, how such an interest would lend a new charm to the duties of the school room for your boy or girl, how it would dovetail with the work of the teacher in a really effective way? The teacher is not the only guiding factor in school work. The parent has his or her part as well to perform."

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Pennsylvania and B. & O. Announce New Schedule of Fares.

Following the announcement that no change would be made in the present commutation rates for October, officials of both the Pennsylvania and Reading have stated that all single fare rates would be reduced to two cents a mile on October 1 to conform with the new rate law which becomes effective that day. The present excursion rates, which, in this section at least, have been on the basis of two cents per mile for some time will be continued, but as the rates will be on a parity with the single fare the only advantage in their purchase will be one of convenience.

No change of limitation as to time on these tickets will be made for, as one official expressed it, "We do not intend to issue excursion tickets good for next year." Although the rates on these tickets are generally on the basis of two cents a mile, some adjustment will have to be made to some points, as in some instances the present excursion rate is from two to ten cents in excess of the round trip fare on an actual two-cents-a-mile basis.

Manager of Passenger Traffic D. B. Martin, of the Baltimore & Ohio has also announced that on October 1st agents of the company within the State of Pennsylvania will place in effect a new passenger tariff conforming with the new act. In doing this, however, no change will be made in the present commutation fares for the month of October.

Steam Road to Electrify.

Southern Pacific Let Contract to Carry San Francisco Commuters.

San Francisco commuters who live across the bay are soon to travel on electric cars on the Southern Pacific system. The company has awarded a contract for \$900,000 to build a power house at Fruitvale to be the central station for Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Fruitville lines. The expenditures for overhead work and for substations will amount to \$2,000,000. The contracts were let in New York by A. H. Babcock, electrical engineer for the Southern.

The cars will be run in solid trains, with an electrical motor at each end of the train, the power to be delivered by overhead trolley. Each car will have a seating capacity of eighty persons.

It is stated that the necessity for electrification came by reason of a great increase in suburban traffic, which crept up from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 a month after the San Francisco fire. Three new ferry steamers are being built.

Montgomery, Lycoming county, expects to secure an abundance of cheap electric power. A coterie of New York capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of the Muncy Dam in the West Branch of the Susquehanna, and if the deal is made an extensive power plant will be erected just below the dam along the old canal. All the old industrial plants at Montgomery and a good many new ones will be supplied with cheap power.

PATIENCE and HOPE

It is not reasonable to assume that any chronic malady—even though attended by no dangerous symptoms—can be cured at once. And any preparation said to do this may well be distrusted. But it is the experience of intelligent people all over the land for over 30 years, that a persevering use of

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"The Whited Sepulchre," the Tale of Pelee.

Editors of magazines which publish novelettes do not, as a rule, find life a bed of roses, for really good specimens of this type of story are hard to find. When a writer has a plot suitable for a novelette, in nine cases out of ten he can just as easily elaborate it into a longer story and will insist upon doing so. Occasionally, however, one is secured that is of the requisite length—about 40,000 words—and that possesses all the other desirable qualities, and when it is, there is much editorial rejoicing thereat. Such a novelette is that in the October Lippincott's—"The Whited Sepulchre" by Will Levington Comfort. Its scene is laid in the ill-fated city of Saint Pierre, Martinique, at the time of the eruption of Mont Pelee. Constable, the hero, is a wealthy geologist, who has come there for the twofold purpose of visiting his sweet-heart and of studying the volcano. When danger threatens he tries to remove the girl to a place of safety, but her mother believes his fears to be groundless, so she interposes an objection. As a result they are still within the danger zone when the crash comes. The description of the eruption, and of the shambles which the place becomes after the catastrophe, forms a bit of descriptive writing of which neither Kipling nor any other writer need be ashamed. It is quite as graphic and soul stirring as the account of the eruption of Vesuvius in Bulwer Lytton's famous novel, "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Other notable stories in this issue of Lippincott's are "The Swan Song" by George L. Knapp; "Osla Whale Hunting" by Edith Rickert, author of "The Reaper" and "The Golden Hawk"; "The Martyr" by Owen Oliver; "Her College Visit" by Robert Sterling Blair; "Miss Carmichael and the Janitor" by Adele Marie Shaw; "Fat Fallon" by Alfred Damon Runyon, and "Pluck versus Diplomacy" by H. B. Dean. Edward Stratton Holloway contributes a pleasing paper on "Modern Literature and Modern Life," and there are other essays on various subjects by Mary Moss, Fred G. Blakeslee, George L. Knapp, Edwin L. Sabin, and Louise Satterthwaite. There are also several charming bits of verse, and the usual department of humor, "Walnuts and Wine." Altogether, it is a banner number.

Of Interest to School-Teachers.

In the October Lippincott's there is a story called "Miss Carmichael and the Janitor," by Adele Marie Shaw, which should be of especial interest to school teachers and, in fact, to all who have anything to do with our public school system. The tale describes the encounter between a spunky young schoolmarm and a man with a "pull"—a regrettable state of affairs which has many a counterpart in real life, though not always with such startling results. Another feature which should attract the attention of pedagogues is Fred G. Blakeslee's paper on "Military Training in the Public Schools." The novelette in this issue is an exceptionally fine one. It is called "A Whited Sepulchre," and the plot is based on sundry happenings in Martinique at the time of the eruption of Mont Pelee. The author is Will Levington Comfort, who in his capacity of press correspondent was accorded an excellent opportunity of studying at first and the conditions about which he writes. In addition to the foregoing, there are half a dozen other clever short stories, four or five essays on timely topics, some really good poetry, and the usual department of humor, "Walnuts and Wine." Altogether, those who buy the October Lippincott's will find it a very satisfactory investment.

Garibaldi's Red Shirt.

The most popular uniform of its day—perhaps of any day—in Europe was the Garibaldian shirt, whose prosaic origin was little suspected by its adorers. In a note to Mr. Trevelyan's "Garibaldi's Defence of the Roman Republic" this origin is explained by Admiral Winton-Ington, who was in Montevideo in 1846, when and where the uniform was first assumed: "Its adoption was caused by the necessity of clothing an economically as possible the newly raised Garibaldian Legion. A liberal offer having been made to the Government to sell at reduced prices a stock of red woollen shirts that had been intended for the Buenos Ayres market—now closed through the blockade—it was thought too good a chance to be neglected and the purchase was therefore effected. These goods had been intended to be worn by those employed in the saladeros, or great slaughtering and salting establishments for cattle at Ensenada and other places in the Argentine provinces as they made good winter clothing, while by their color they disguised in a measure the bloody work the men had in hand."—T. P. Weekly.

Freak Names in Chicago.

The new directory of Chicago shows an increase in freak names. One man is named Ex, another Ek, and there are two Amens. Among the queer names are Szyszkawicz and Cysz. There are 6,549 Johnsons, not including 454 Johnstons, and 4,877 Smiths. There is only one Cat in Chicago, but there are five Lions, two Elks, five of the name of Moose and a whole army of Foxes.

Woman's Home Companion for October.

The Woman's Home Companion for October is primarily a Fashion Number, not that the other regular departments are slighted in the least, nor that the fiction is in any way below the excellent standard the Woman's Home Companion has set for itself. Grace Margaret Gould, the Fashion Editor, has done more than any other one person to make this October issue interesting and helpful, contributing, as she does, page after page of attractive and practical designs for Fall and Winter costumes. A particularly novel and helpful page gives photographic illustrations of the newest silks, fabrics and trimmings; another shows the new hats, going into detail as to shapes and colors. There are still others of waists and lingerie.

Two of the many good articles deserve special mention—Jack London's "Riding the South Sea Surf," an animated description of that "Royal Sport for the Natural Kings of Earth," and Anna Steese Richardson's "The Influence of Women on Business." Mrs. Richardson, herself a most successful business woman, is telling the hard truths connected with woman's entrance into the field of business, in a series of three remarkable articles, of which this is the second, on "The Woman in Business."

There are good stories by Anthony Hope, Zona Gale, Herbert D. Ward, Elliott Flower and others. Dr. Edward Everett Hale contributes a delightful talk on "The Division of Time," and the Editor has some pungent things to say about "Your Grocer." The cover of this issue is the third-prize winner in the recent prize cover contest, a charming painting by Hermann C. Wall.

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