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WILMINGTON, N. C. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1900. A DREADFUL RECORD OF CRIME.

There is one subject that will not down. It is too awful, too appalling to humanity's interest, too important to society generally to be allowed to pass.

After noting that the record for 1890 was 475, for 1891 more than 600, for 1892 more than 700, for 1893 more than 800, for 1894 more than 10,000, for 1895 more than 11,000, for 1896 nearly 900, and for 1897 nearly 1,000, the figures of the Annual Report of the following table as showing about the annual average:

Table with 2 columns: State/Country and Annual Average. Includes Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania.

Could there be a much more doubtful story of crime and villainy than those figures show. What must be the true character of an alleged civilization that brings forth such bitter fruit as that? Look at Texas. Over 1,000 murders in one year. North Carolina shows up wretchedly with its 285 of homicides. Well may the Houston (Texas) Post say in surveying the above record of most cruel crime:

"This is worse than the slaughter in the Philippines. Shocking and as greatly aggravated as the nation is about the human sacrifices over in those islands, and yet what national or party movement is seen or heard of in this country to put an end to this senseless slaughter?"

"What are our courts and juries and peace officers doing to wipe out such a stain and reduce the public sentiment here any aroused by the public interest in the premises? Is the press doing its duty with reference to this matter?"

"The people of Texas should awaken to the enormity of this evil. If they fail in this with the courts and the public opinion ought to rectify it. If the weakness is in our technical criminal codes, the legislature should reform the law."

How much has carrying concealed weapons to do with this bloody, ferocious record? The truth is the cause is in our hearts, and the victims obey the law and are at the mercy of the hot-heads and the villains.

His Life Was Saved. Mr. J. R. Lill, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. He was suffering with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I heard of a medicine called 'Weyler's' and bought it. It cured me. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong.

CURIOSITY REPORT AS TO THE "DOWSER." From boyhood until now we have heard of the witch-hazel twig in connection with finding water. It is not only believed in by many, but the evidence to establish its genuineness is quite satisfactory.

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WATCH THE SUBSIDY PLUNDERERS. Prior to the election Hanna was hot for subsidies for ships, in some of which he was of course very much interested. The congress may be expected to attend to this important matter to mark and his gang at an early date.

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A HOMICIDE AT GOLDSBORO. One Negro Killed by Another—The Testimony Before the Coroner's Jury. (Correspondence of The Messenger.) Goldsboro, November 26.

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