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In our desire to be merciful the pendulum has swung in favor of the prisoner and far away from the protection of society.
President Hoover

THE MONUMENT

Anent the dedication of the Harding Memorial and the declaration in the dedicatory address that Mr. Harding had been betrayed by his friends, we are reminded of the reply of the Vicar of Wakefield to his wife when the good lady much exasperated because a pair of sharpers had cheated her son, ejaculated, "The

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Lexington News

By Naomi McMillan

Miss Helen Valentine came home Sunday morning from Eugene where she has been attending the University of Oregon.

H. E. Warner and wife drove over to Weston, Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. Warner's mother who has been visiting at the Warners home for two weeks.

Lulu and Juanita Matlock, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matlock had their tonsils taken out last week.

Miss Cora Johnson who has been visiting Miss Opal Leach, left for her home in Los Angeles, today.

Dr. and Mrs. Ray E. White who have been visiting friends and relatives here for the last two weeks, left for Oakland, Friday. They plan to stop for three or four days at Rogue River for a fishing party.

Fred Belland and Tom McDandel spent Tuesday visiting with the Percys Johnson's on Butter Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall of Everett, Washington, were visiting at the W. F. Barnett home, last Friday.

Mr. Ed Hackett, depot agent, and his wife are taking their vacation at this time. Mr. A. M. Nelson is in charge of the station during Mr. Hackett's absence.

The annual school election was held Monday, June 15, for the purpose of electing a director and clerk. The retiring director R. B. Wilcox, was re-elected and Miss Dona E. Barnett, who served the remainder of W. O. Hill's term last year was elected clerk.

Personal Mention

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Miss Ruth B. Mason returned Sunday, from Portland where she was in attendance at the Grand Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Mason received the appointment of Grand Ruth.

While Charley O'Connor, Jr. and Francis Ely were driving down the highway last week, Charley had a little dispute with his Ford, with the result that he is carrying his right arm in a sling. Bot bones just above the wrist were broken. The young man was taken to Heppner where a doctor reduced the fracture.

Mrs. Holmes Gabbert and two children arrived in Ione last Friday. The Gabberts are just returned from an extended auto trip through the eastern part of the United States, and while here are guests in the home of Mr. Gabbert's Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner. Their home is in Portland.

SAYS WILL ROGERS



BEVERLY HILLS.—Well all I know is just what I see and say. Brother, I have seen something right here lately. Couple of weeks ago I was prowling around My Wife and I trying to scare up something new to see. We have bummed around over quite a mess of these United States and fragments of Europe, so just any little thing wouldn't make much of a dent on us. But we sure did run into something that knocked us back on our reserve supply of astonishment.

Its down in the South eastern part of New Mexico, at Carsbad, a mighty pretty little town, a regular Oasis on what is sometimes almost a Desert. Its on the Pecos River, I was through the place years ago when they used to call it Eddy, and it was a good town even named Eddy, but its got some water there that will cure you of a lot of minor ailments. Course you got to go to Claremore, Oklahoma. Thats the place that will keep you right out of the Obituary column. But its all time Eddy will help you a lot. Well it dont look like a place that if a fellow was searching for another wonder to add to the World, he would head for. There is not much to give you any indication that you are prowling around over some of the most fantastic formations that were ever opened up to the gaze of man. Its just a rocky old hillside, not even too much grass. But its in a Cow Country, and many years ago the old timers used to know it was there as the Bats would fly out of there by the thousands. Well anywhere a Bat comes fogging out of, no particular fair minded person is going to go prowling in the hole to see what made the Bat come out. But finally so many come out they knew there must be a pretty big hole in order to hold all of em. Its got a pretty big sized entrance and always did have they say, so really discovering it wasent any great effort on anyones part that happened to be riding in that end of the State.

It wasent the finding of the hole it was the going inside and seeing why it was there, was the main thing. A Cowpuncher named White with more curiosity than any one I ever come in contact with, (for they are generally mighty leary of of any hole in the ground) is supposed to really have been the one to go in there and discover that while there was Bats

in one end, in other parts there was the most unbelievable formations of water turned to stone. You really crowd around in there by well formed trails for over five miles. There is rooms in there with a ceiling of 400 feet. One tremendous room is almost a mile long. With all these marvelous formations of Stalactites, and Stalagmites. Thems big words, but I know what they mean now. One is like an icicle formed from the top by the water dripping, (thats the Tito one) and the Mite one is formed by the water falling on it and building it from the ground up. They hang like Church steeples upside down. They form Totem poles and Elephant ears, exactly the shape and thinness of an actual Elephant ear.

Different rooms have different formations. Oh I aint got room to tell you in here what its like. I would have to be writing a book to do it properly. The Government has taken it over, and formed it like our other National Parks. Its mighty well handled, and you are splendidly conducted through it by a fine bunch of trained Park Rangers. Tom Boles is the General Superintendent, comes from Arkansas and knew my Wife years ago. She didnt see half of it for gossiping about some old "Nesters" back home. You walk down now, but they are putting in Elevators. And I made the first trip down in a Bucket, (as they got the hole cut through the day I was there). They bored from the top, and also from the bottom. Its seven hundred feet down, and they met in the middle, and the Engineers calculation was of a quarter of an inch. A Mr. Atwell, he was practically broken hearted to think he had failed so dismally. He is a fine Engineer and if this quarter of an inch dont ruin him some day might be President.

A Ranger named Carrol Miller does a lot of the exploring, and he was itching to break away from us and go see if he couldnt find a part of the cave that would be worthwhile. You have lunch down there in a little aster room five hours just leisurely time to see it. Every move of a few feet is an entirely different picture. So dont you miss this. You will all be coming to California to get in the Movies, so come by there. Good roads, and if it dont drag some adjectives out of you, why send me the Bill.

For DRAPERS go to P. G. Balsiger.

WRONG-DOING HAS ITS OWN REWARD

Selected by Melvin Kathan

"Gentlemen of the jury," the judge's speech began. The scene was a crowded court room and the judge was an stern old man. "The prisoner before you is a lady of the evening. Don't let her beauty sway you, don't mind her ready tears, Don't let her youth mislead you, she is wise beyond her years. Her eyes reflect the red lights, her cheeks are thick with paint. But, I knew her mother boys, her mother was a saint. She isn't like her mother, although she might have been, If it hadn't been for petting parties cigarettes and gin. Thats about all there is to tell. But, gentlemen think before you send her to a cell. I plead with you for mercy; the testimony stands; The girl is my own daughter—the case is in your hands."

"The foundation of a nation is the education of its youth"

THE MONUMENT

A fool should have known his company better". "There you are wrong my dear," said the Vicar, "he should never have known them at all." Fall, Daugherty and Forbes wea of that brand of scoundrel for whom the terms, loyalty, patriotism and honor are of no significance whatever. Their appointment to places of public trust was in the nature of an invitation to display their character

in the tri, ple, tray, l of friends, party and country. Mr Harding had known the Daughertys for thirty years and had been allied with Albert Fall in the Senate of United States He kn-w them, yet appointed them, perhaps on the theory that opportunity would act as a restraining force.

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