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WILSON IS APPRECIATIVE.

One of the most most genteel and appreciative personal letters we have ever is the one written to Fred J. Holmes of this city by President-elect Woodrow Wilson. The next president assures Mr. Holmes of his appreciation of the latter's work as a leading Democrat in the state and makes suitable comment on the Oregon election returns from his point of view.

It is easy to trace through the letter the fraternal feeling of old line Democrats who have walked up the hill for twenty years and deposited their ballots only to hear the election returns telling of defeat, and now when victory is actually theirs there is a feeling of rejoicing that cannot be suppressed. The letter to Mr. Holmes carries this feeling in no unmisgivable manner and Mr. Holmes, along with many Oregon Democrats, feels in that same rejoicing mood.

CRIME—ITS CAUSE AND CURE.

It is an established theory that many if not the majority of criminals are victims of defective or undeveloped brains. Criminologists of repute maintain that crime is not exactly a disease but may be regarded as an evidence of this brain defectiveness or lack of development. With the establishment of this theory it would be thought that crime would be the problem for the neurologist and psychologist with the brain and mind as his field of research. But, incredible as it may seem, there is no penal or reformatory institution having the care of males where, according to Dr. D. C. Peyton, superintendent of the Indiana reformatory, psy-

chological methods formulated on scientific laboratory experiments are in use or even where a comprehensive scheme of psychic findings has any place in the general management of criminals.

The state of Indiana, through the initiative of Dr. Peyton, proposes to take the lead in psychic research in connection with criminals and it has been announced that arrangements have been completed to have the state reformatory equipped with a psychological laboratory for the study of criminals. The experiment will be one of great interest to criminologists and also to penologists, involving as it does a determined attempt to replace the old punitive system of the Mosaic law with the humanitarian principle of curative remedies. It is an effort to treat crime as a problem of physical science rather than as a disease which may be cured by punishment.

In discussing the possibilities for the research, Dr. Peyton said: "We account for crime deformities by reason of an inflammatory interference with the brain cells. May not science yet disclose that crime is but the natural reason of the defective or undeveloped brain? Who will undertake to point out the sharp line of demarcation between the normal and the abnormal; or tell where sanity leaves off and insanity begins?"

Dr. Peyton bases his hope for the success of the proposed psychological research upon the experiments which have been conducted successfully at Harvard by Professor Hunziburg. It has been proved conclusively, that this method of research has been potent in determining mental qualities, in detecting psychic defects and in estimating the general state of the central nervous system.

"We cannot hope to control and improve the offender unless we know him", concluded Mr. Peyton, "and to know him we must study him—his conduct, his physical and mental makeup, the general ensemble of his qualities. This can be done, first, in the larger field of personal contact and individual handling; and second, in the psychological and pathological laboratory."

Now that the dictograph is coming into general use there ought to be good openings for instructors in the

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deaf-mute language in some of the state capitals.

Reports say that Turkey used \$50,000,000 worth of cotton goods each year, and it sometimes seems from the odor as though some of the remnants get into those Turkish cigarettes

Cable says nobody in France is satisfied with the present government. France must be a good deal like Arizona and Oklahoma.

Dr. Theodore Roosevelt is a dentist at Carlton, Ia. It beats all how teeth stick to that family.

It is said that the honey crop is very short this year. Probably because President Taft has found so many honeyfuglers busy.

Judging by the number of proclamations being put forth by the Balkan kings, some enterprising salesman of American typewriters must have been through that region recently.

The theatrical managers always hold back until after election, and then they send all their shows out just the same, no matter who is elected.

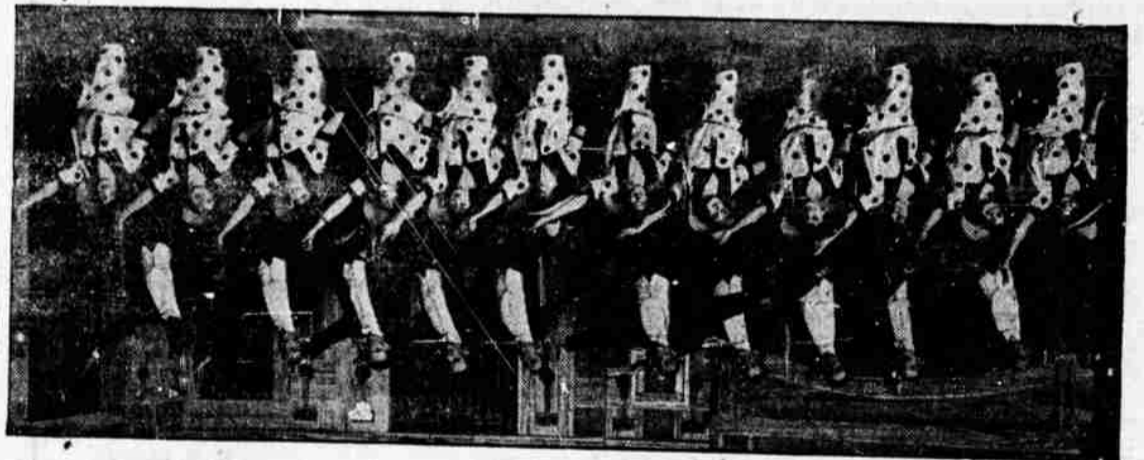
A New Jersey minister married a couple and upon opening the envelope handed him in payment found a few pieces of tinfoil. Foiled again.

Amateur Night.

Amateur night at the Arcade theatre last night was a great success. Judging from the immense crowd and the hearty applause received by the amateurs. This is a regular Wednesday night feature and if you want a good genuine laugh attend one of them.

WANTED—Nursing. Hospital trained. Mrs. B. B. Brown, La Grande, Oregon. 12-5-3tp

A GROUP OF SINGERS WITH "THE RED ROSE," THE BIG MUSICAL COMEDY TO COME DEC. 14TH.



Manager Steward of the Steward theatre with a considerable degree of pleasure, announces the coming of "The Red Rose", the big musical comedy that achieved such remarkable success at the Globe theatre, New York. Messrs. Harry B. and Robert B. Smith have provided a book of genuine humor and Robert Hood Bowers has furnished twenty-four musical numbers of more than ordinary excellence.

Miss Zoe Barnett, the young prima donna who attracted considerable attention in seasons past on account of her work in "King Dodo" and the original company of "The Sweetest Girl from Paris" heads the cast and has the greatest opportunity of her career in "The Red Rose", which is being produced under the personal direction of John C. Fisher, the veteran producer of "Florodora".

"The Silver Slipper", "San Toy" and other well-known successes. A large and stunning chorus is seen to advantage in the various songs and dances. Some of the most popular numbers are "Come Along My Little", "Queen of Vanity Fair", "My Ven. Mother", "Bohemia" and "The Students' Glide" which created something of a sensation during the all summer run of this popular musical play in New York.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

HEACOCK HAS MOVED to the new Foley building, Rooms 34 and 35.

West's store will show the largest assortment of Xmas novelties ever offered in La Grande.

Mrs. E. L. Evens, teacher of artistic piano playing and harmony, Phone Black 881, Studio, Corner of Fir and Adams. 9-25-1t

Those beautiful shopping bags at Silverthorn's till Saturday only. Don't miss seeing them. 12-5-2t

The ladies of Section one of the Presbyterian Missionary society will give an oyster supper at the Presbyterian manse Friday evening, Dec. 6th from 5:30 until 8 o'clock. Thirty-five cents a meal. Everybody welcome. 12-4-2t

HEACOCK is now located in rooms 34 and 35, New Foley building. Take the elevator.

THE AFFAIR AT RAYNOR'S, BEING THE FOURTH OF THE SERIES OF "WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY" AT SHERRY TONIGHT. 12-4-3t

WANTED. 25 head of young horses from 4

to 8 years old. Chunky built. Must be sound and good workers. Call St. Louis Livery barn. Phone Main 82. I. J. Williamson, horse buyer of Portland. Will be at Summerville Dec. 9th at McKenzie barn. 12-5-3tp

Woodmen Election Tonight. Members of the M. W. A. will meet tonight for their annual election of officers. All members are urged to be present at that time. The house is now stationed in the K. of P. hall.

LOST—Black sow pig, white face, a piece bitten from one ear, weight 160. Call Mr. Common at the La Grande National bank. 12-5-4t