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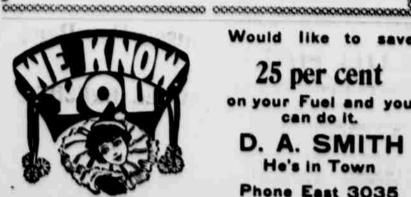
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ABOUT COUNTY PRISONERS.

By the kindness of Mr. Estriel and was recently invited to the county work pen to see the work prisoners were doing and also how they were treated. The whole thing was very satisfactory and much beyond expectation. This pen, which is about one and one-half miles below Linnton, brought here from Pulton last November, is surrounded by a board fence about twelve feet in hight. It is built partly on the side of a nocky hill to enable prisoners to get at the rock, of which there is sufficient to last until next spring. There is a guard house at the south end and another at the north end of the construction. In clog-dan each is stationed an armed guard. In the northeast corner of the pen is the

At present there are forty prisonersalthough this number varies. All are That's all right: the papers roasted under sentences not exceeding one year. Seventy-five yer cent of the prisoners are

under twenty-five years of age.
Often we hear how cruelly prisoners are treated and how hard they are made such things. It is certainly false in this instance. No better treatment could be wished for than these prisoners receive. the prisoners' convenience is handy. Fresh drinking water, easy paths for wheelbarrows, no impossible things given prisoners to do. They have good tools and every thing that could possibly be demanded. Those who are weak and infirm or who may be a trifle ill are set to work at sawing wood, repairing tools,

or at something within their scope.

Those who are seriously ill are sent to the hospitals and given the best treat-ment. Some might think it wrong to put these men to such tasks. It is really kindness to let them work as it keeps them in health, and this outdoor work keeps their minds normally employed and makes them happier. If continually confined to the cell prisoners become

discontented and unhappy.
Although the men are paid only fifteen cents a week (for tobacco) they work with an interest in what is accomplished. Every man is a hustler. Of course, when new men come who have been sentenced for six months or more they, as a rule, feel "blue" and reluctant about working. This the guards expect and the prisoners are allowed to act thus for a day or two. If this condition continues hints are given through the older prisoners about punishment. This generally stops it. Those who continue refusing to work are called up to a guard house and lectured

in the presence of others.

But one man in the history of this and he was immediately sent to the dungeon. The dungeon is an underground cellar possessing hettner ngut nor bed, having a coment floor. The unfor-tunate gets half a loaf of bread and a pint tunate gets half a loaf of bread and a pint nd cellar possessing neither light nor

only punishment a man ever gets.

After returning this man takes an interest in the work and also participates that in the kindness which the others have quit. been receiving. Good order is always maintained; no attempts are ever made to stir up a disturbance. Every man complies willingly and without hesita-tion with the laws and regulations of the

Pen.

A little while ago there was one mischievous fellow who desired to make his escape. When the prisoners arrived one morning they found that there were wagons ready for them to fill with dirt not watching him and let the others cover him with dirt, meaning to escape when it was dumped. Meanwhile Briggs missed the man and thought that he had that tired feeling, so went to hunt him-knowing that he had had no chance to escape. Nowhere was he to be loans.
Mr. Briggs saw the wagon and, smelling a rat, went to the gate and sent away the teamster. The wagon was left there an hour when the poor fellow who would have escaped "squealed" and was dug out amidst shouts and jeers. None of the guards said anything and he went back to work subdued.

Everything is conducted systemati-cally. But this is not to say that they are restricted from all fun for they are allowed to talk and joke, play little tricks and make fun, as much as they please. This kindness and systematic order which prevails is due to the untir-ing efforts and tact that Mr. Briggs, and

the other employes, show.

So much for the treatment of the prisoners. The work to be done by these men is crushing rock for the county roads. The greater quantity of the rock is broken by the crusher, the rest by hand. Fourteen are employed in wheeling it to the crusher, two at the feeder, and the rest get after the rock with sledge hammers. The boring is done by three prisoners. One sits over and holds the bore while two pound. This is called a snake hole and the instrument used a drill. The first drill used in beginning a hole is eighteen inches long, the next eight inches longer, and so on to sixteen feet—which is the length sought. The sharpening and tempering of these steel drills is a very difficult feat as it requires great skill and practice to temper them as hard as glass at the sharp edge. Will Katchell has the reputation, which no one can dispute, of being the best man in the country at sharpening and tempering drills. No time or labor is lost on account of broken drills when those of his make are used. The county has been very fortunate in employing so good a

man as Will Eatchel. It usually takes fourteen hours to bore a sixteen-foot hole. No hired help ever bores a hole through solid rock in such short time. Blasting is done after the prisoners are sent home, thus avoiding chances of accident. Commencing the blast with five sticks of giant powder, each charge is increased till as many as forty sticks are used when the rock is in pieces, and next morning the fragments are ready for work. The crusher-feeding is difficult—and two men work on half-

hour shifts at the machine.

Three sizes of rock are turned out: No passing a 3-4-inch mesh; No. 2, passing a 1 1-2-inch mesh. No 1, passing a 2-inch mesh. Each grade has its chute on the outside of the pen. For the month of August there were 1917 cubic yards of rock crushed, an average of 70 cubic yards. yards per day, or one yard every six minutes. The prisoners work seven hours each day, from 8:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., with an hour for a good dinner.

At the babies they saw, And babies you could There were babies named dinner.

There was a net profit for the county of \$1100 for the month of August, clearing all expenses (including hired help) at the pen, oil used for machinery, and

on your Fuel and you repairs.

This is what is done by prisoners under kind and good management.
S. A. Wilson.

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### A FEW-THORNS.

\$100. Now he knows how it seems to be "the other fellow.

A Washington sheriff asks for a divorce because his wife whipped him. Poor little, soft little, kid

Indiana's state auditor has stolen Some people call dancing "pray-

ing with the feet." If this is so a In clog-dance must be a prayer in Mrs. Taggart's lawyers have

been roasting the newspapers.

A Denver couple separated and father took the baby while mother

Republicans of Nebraska in their In these pens there is not the nagging so state platform wish railway passes often given employees. Everything for abolished. Is that a fact, honest now, or is it merely a bluff for Portland & Suburban

> A woman supposed to be dead arose from the bier at Las Vegas. New Mexico, last Thursday. Many
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> W. R. STEARNS, Mana a man stays at his beer till he might as well be dead.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has decided not to handle any race news and track specials. That ''tainted money'' fad seems to be spreading.

The "frog cure" is now recommended as a cure for typhoid fever. We presume this means getting down on all fours, looking wise and snapping at insects.

In Saint Louis a man was ar-rested and fined \$300 for trying to flirt with a married woman. Put that rule in force in Portland and 21,962 fellows would be broke-

Mr. Ream, of Toledo, Ohio, last week won \$90,000 in a jackpot. If one "ream" could do that a "quire" penitentiary has ever continued obstinate ought to get enough for a printerand a "bundle" secure enough for a politician.

Just as we started to make a few verses" on the river flowing by of water every twenty-four hours. He is "verses" on the river flowing by left there until he is ready to work again St. Johns we were struck with the generally about half a day. This is the thought that our religious principles \$300-Lot 50x126, near station. forbade us using the expression \$400-Four lots in Point View, corner. that rhymes with Willamette. We

> Bryan is out for Joe Folk for presiwork for him along the same lines he laboredfor democracy's last candidate. If he does, Folk is licked for be had. date. If he does, Folk is licked for

sure.

"The spirits" in Chicago put a man on the wrong scent and he lost several thousand dollars. Now he has sued the medium. inside the place. One wagon was placed directly under a guard house out of the guard's sight. This prisoner climbed has sued the medium. Any man into the cart while the other guard was whom the spirits can work would lose his money in some easy wayso what's the use?

> There are girls one cannot nickname. Martha may be made Mattie; Catherine, Kittie; Mary, Mollie; Frances, Fannie; Sarah, Sallie; Winnifred, Winnie; but a girl named Belle they never-well, they call her Belle all the time.

> Dan McAllen, the baby-show sponsor, is now suffering from nervous prostration (possibly) from the effects of his baby show at the fair grounds last Saturday:

There were beautiful babies, And cross-eyed babies,

And babies with golden hair; There were bow-legged babies, And flat-headed babies,

And babies whose features were fair; There were blue-eyed babies, And brunette babies,

And babies with hair like flame; There were roman-nosed babies. And pug-nosed babies,

(They were babies just the same) There were smiling babies, And howling babies,

And babies "too awfully sweet; There were well-fed babies, And light-weight babies, And babies too busy to eat; There were dimpled-chin babies,

And freckle-face babies, And babies that wanted to frolic There were quiet babies,

And little blonde babies, And babies that had the colic; There were bald-headed babies,

And pudgy-browed babies, And babies that chewed their

There were ropey-faced babies, Expressionless babies, And babies that run at the nose

There were heavy-browed babies, And double-chin babies, And babies with dulcet tones; There were broad-chested babies,

And swayback babies. And babies just skin and bones; There were hazel-eyed babies, And pink-toed babies

And babies in evening dress: There were babies who'd smile

And babies you couldn't caress There were babies named Mattie, And babies named Hattie,

And Flossie and Tootsie and Pink: There were Kittie and Helen

And Mary and Ellen, And any old name you could think: There were babies much blessed

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