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SENTIMENT VS. JUSTICE

On Friday five murderers paid the death penalty at Salem. These were the first hangings during the term of Governor West. They were made in compliance with the will of the people as expressed at the election when the bill to abolish capital punishment in the state was defeated. Many pleas were made to Governor West for exexecutive elemency, but these appeals he did not see at to grant.

All four of the men who paid the extreme penalty were guilty of foul and cold-blooded crimes. These were not committed in the heat of passion nor were there extenuating circumstances in any one of the four cases. The crimes were committed with full knowledge that the penalty therefor was death. In each instance they were prompted by a criminal instinct his last hour that had he not committed the particular murder for which he was convicted he would sooner or later have ended the life of some other man. He realized the instinct within him which made him a constant menace to his fellow men and admit ted the justice of his fate.

The plea for executive clemency in these cases was founded not upon a sense of justice but rather upon sentiment. By the administration of justice a lesson was taught those with instincts of a similar nature that they must either curb them or pay the same penalty. Young men who have entered upon a career of crime were shown the goal toward which they are bound and the strongest deterrent known to man is at work to turn them from their unfortunate course. By the exercise of this deterrent law and order in the state of Oregon are permanently and substantially strengthened. When society is to be protected and the violent death of law-abiding citizens safeguarded sentiment must take second place to justice.

WHY ALL THE DELAY?

Red tape is at a premium in Washington. There are evidently miles and miles of it which must be reeled of before legislation can go into effect At least this would appear to be the case judging from the announcement that the reduced rates on shipments of Oregon apples and other deciduous fruit cannot go into effect until two years from February 1, 1913.

It is only after long study that the Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that the rates are indeed excessive and it is hard for the Oregon fruit districts of the Northwest and fruitman to understand why there should be another long wait before re lief can be secured,

Red tape is embarrassing enough at the best, but in the present instance, when a saving of thousands of dollars each year is involved, the Oregon shipper has good reason to be out of patience. If relief is merited, and the commission has decided that it is, why not give it promptly?

THE RAILROADS AS AN ASSET

One of the big assets which the Northwest has is the spirit of mutually helpful co-operation which prevails between the railroads and the commercial interests of this new and rapidly-growing country.

The railroads, like many of the citizens of the Northwest, have grown up with the country. Both have been dependent upon each other for their growth and continued prosperity. As a result there prevails between the two to a onsiderable extent a spirit of comradeship, indeed partnership. The railroad officials are among the leaders in all projects calculated to advance the prosperity of the Northwestern farmer and business man. This co-operation has eliminated to a considerable extent the feeling of enmity prevalent in some older sections of the country between the rail-

roads and the people The Northwest is to be congratulat ed upon the relations that prevail be tween the railroads and the people and insofar as this alliance is cement ed and strengthened the commercial prosperity of the country is assured.

A CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS. lu the breasts of thousands of sufferers hope was aroused this week by the announcement that Dr. Friedmann the eminent German specialist, has dis covered a serum which is said to cure tuberculosis of the bones or lungs, the latter except when in the ad

vanced stage. This new treatment was submitted to the scientific world Monday. It has already been given the approval of several distinguished German physicians. Other physicians who have not yet had an opportunity to personally observe the patients said to have been cured by injections of Dr. Friedmann's \$250, \$400, \$600, \$800, \$1000. Apply to Watchmaking School, 210 Globe serum are skeptical and hint that it A. W. Onthank.

tempts of the scientific world to combat the great white plague. However, they will now be given an opportunity to study its efficacy for themselves and the outcome of the demonstrations will be awaited with the greatest of interest all around the world.

"PEDIGREED MARRIAGES"

"Pedigreed marriages" are advocated and predicted by Professor Irving Fisher of Yale University. Professor Fisher is quoted as saying that "when American life is guided by a standard of health rather than a standard of wealth, as we see it today," we shall have such marriages, which, "will solve many of the perplexing questions

of our so-called modern civilization." This prediction was made in discussing the future of a department of national health, which measure is before Congress for action. It will appear amazing to those who have not followed the trend of thought which apparently becoming stronger throughout the country. The importance of preserving a community's health as well as its morals is becoming recognized more plainly as a pubic duty.

President-elect and Mrs. Wilson will and one of the quartet admitted in familiarity with the official and social crease. routine. The invitation from President and Mrs. Taft is gracious and characteristic. It will be a happy in- in spreading the gospel of group organlovation in our political life if the ex-

> ate has Senator Gore. In the next the owners of mortgages on the proppatrick, elected to succeed Represen- purpose of caring for the crop, the tative Kendall of Iowa. All honor is railroad which transports the crop to due Mr. Kerpatrick for having achieve the various markets, are all equally ined to this position of honor under such terested with him in the stability of a handicap.

Hood River's streets, as yet unpaved. should develop some acrobats or contortionists, or both, judging from the antics of those who negotiate the crossings on their heels with toes perpendicular or in other equally graceful

the right direction and moving

The value of a gift is measured, not by the price mark, but by the spirit of the giver.

"Wilson-that's all" that the job hunters are interested in now

CRUTCHFIELD TALKS ABOUT MARKETING

Addressing a gathering of business men in Portland Friday, J. S. Crutchfield, fruit dealer of Pittsburg, Pa. spoke of co-operation between the also urged a uniform marketing sysem, saying in part:

"In the Wenatchee, Yakima, Hood River and Rogue River districts they are producing apples of unsurpassed quality, and absolutely unequaled in the markets of the world. Where that market, in spite of the heavy handicap in freight rates that the North- vision of the present laws was recomwest has to overcome. The Hood Riv- mended. er standard, which is consistently maintained is a wonderful accomplish-

"I have been sorry to observe that down on their quality and grade this year. This should not have been done. In some other localities, how-

ever, the standard has been improved. Mr. Crutchfield argued for a uniform system of handling and of shipping shall constitute cause for removal. on the ground that it would eliminate risk, which, in turn, would result in a possible reduction of the freight rate. paid only for such time as is occupied He figured the cost of picking, packing, hauling and placing apples on to be given full power in causing ownboard the cars at 30 cents a box, and ers to rid trees and shrubs of pests, in contradiction of the theory of some Oregon growers that this scale is too as are not cleaned up within a reaslow, declared that it should be and onable time after the owner is notified. could be nearer 25 cents than 35 cents. He suggested that the railroads power of cleaning up or destroying might shave off 5 cents a box on apples, and predicted that if they would the matter is attended to by the coundo so if co-operation were adopted so ty courts. that regular shipments might be guar

anteed, and the risk reduced. "The railroads and the banks have just as much interest in the proper handling of the fruit output as the growers themselves," he said, "as this Frank W. Porter of Portland, secre business is their business as well as tary; Charles L. McNary, Salem; D. M it is that of the farmers. Were you Lowe, Ashland; G. E. Saunders, The to investigate you would find, probably Dalles; Professor C. I. Lewis, Oregon that the banks have a considerable equity in some of these orchards. So

they naturally are interested." in his arguments that the Northwest- McDonald, Orenco; A. I. Mason, Hood ern fruit districts should co-operate in River; Albert Brownell, Portland. the marketing and extend not only the distribution but also he season when apples are to be found on the retail markets.

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BANKERS SEE NEED OF CO-OPERATION

In its latest issue the Pacific Bank er calls attention to an important meeting of bankers, railroad men and fruit growers held there recently and speaks of the many advantages which would follow co-operation Northwest says in part:

The idea advanced was that if the Northwestern districts, through their unions, would unite in one selling agency the distribution could be made more expeditiously and profitably than under the present system; while a policy could be adopted of selling all fruits, f. o. b. shipping point, which would afford a steady flow of money from the time shipments commenced, so that early in the year the crop could be cleaned up and obligations

It was conceded that the Northwest apple is in a class above competition from the Eastern fruit, and ,owing to the general care in packing and grading, had established itself in many markets, but with a constantly in creasing production new markets must be found and advertising should be enjoy the hospitality of the White resorted to in order to create a de-House this month, and so gain some mand sufficient to dispose of this in

The different state bankers' associa tions are at present actively engaged Phone 308-L ization and the affairs of the orchard ample thus set is generally followed. men, it would seem, are capable of being settled properly along the same The House at Washington is going lines. The fruitgrower is not the onto have a blind statesman as the Sen- ly person interested in this matter as Congress will be Representative Ker- erty, the banker who loans for the his investment; while the various states are vitally concerned in main taining the high values of such prop erty for the purpose of obtaining the ecessary revenue to support schools etc., established in such communities

It has been generally established that the distribution of any given line of produce develops experts in that It does not matter much how clum- business and the more valuable the sy your feet are if they are pointed in produce, the greater ability is necessary to handle it properly. In preparing the apple crop for market, the various organizations of growers have become expert in that line, so that the package resulting is accepted as being true to the grade and mark placed thereon. So far, they have performed their functions well, but when it comes to the distribution problem, without co-operation of districts and team work of a high order, markets are glutted and values sacrificed needless-

This is the condition facing the industry and upon its proper solution depends the prosperity of all concerned, fruitmen, bankers, investors, railroads and other business interests.

CHANGE IN FRUIT LAWS IS FAVORED Cottage Hospital

of the fruit laws in the state were approved by the State Board o fHorticuis done there always will be a ready ture at its meeting held at Portland the last of the week and a radical re-

The proposed new laws would provide that the president of the State horticultural Society, the State Experimental Station horticulturalist and some of our leading districts have let the Governor shall constitute a board having appointive power over the of fice of State Horticultural Commissioner, who shall have full power to enforce all laws relative to horticulture. His failure to enforce such laws

Inspectors for the various districts. not to exceed 40 in number, are to be by their duties. The Commissioner is and to destroy such trees and shrubs

The Commissioner is to have the trees along the county roads, unless

Of the committee of 19 named by the Horticultural Society to draft the proposed new legislation the following were present:

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