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THE CONVICT—HIS FAMILY-LAW.

GOVERNOR WEST is to speak at the Opera House this evening upon the parole system which he has introduced in Oregon penal institutions.

There is no doubt that there is a vast field for reform in the present methods of handling our criminals. A feature of the parole system that commends itself to thoughtful men is that it remedies a serious wrong that heretofore seems to have escaped the thought of those charged with the punishment of prisoners.

It is urged that convicts must not be kept idle, that they must earn their living and that the people should not be taxed to feed and clothe an army of criminals.

Let us see how this works. The state arrests a man who in a drunken quarrel has stabbed a companion. He is hurried away to prison. He is brought into court, tried and convicted. He is sent to the state penitentiary for five or ten years or for life. All the while a young wife and four or five little children are left without their natural protector or support. They huddle in the corner of the court room. They hear the lawyer's lashings or lugubrious yawns. They listen to the verdict. The case is closed. The young father is bundled off in one direction in chains. The young family is turned off in another in tears. The state takes the time and earnings of the one to itself, leaving the others to starve. The mother dies of despair. The boys grow up thieves. The girls grow up harlots. The law is vindicated. The taxpayer is protected. The criminal classes are replenished. Is it not damnable? Does not the society which tolerated such monstrosities deserve the evils which it entails upon itself? The state has no right to take that man's labor from his wife and children and give them no equivalent. It should punish the guilty, not the innocent. Every dollar that is diverted in this way from the natural needs of the helpless to the uses of the public is base blood money that should and does carry with it the curse of God.

If Governor West can contribute anything to the solution of this great and grave problem which confronts society he will have rendered an inestimable service in promoting public welfare. It is a hopeful sign when our public officials are devoting their time and thought to the solution of such practical problems in the betterment of civilization.

THE NEW STATES.

WITH the admission of New Mexico and Arizona there are no remaining territories. Alaska is governed differently in many respects, while Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines occupy an entirely different relation.

A table has been prepared which proves their right to being accepted into the sisterhood of states:

Table with 2 columns: State/Territory and Population. Includes Alaska, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Philippines, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland.

It will be seen that, leaving extent of territory and resources to be represented entirely out of account, pop-

ulation alone, when compared with that of many of the other western states at the time of admission, these new states were entitled to their stars.

An interesting political incident is recalled in connection with the final successful appeal of New Mexico. In the seventies statehood had been voted for New Mexico in both houses of congress, when Stephen B. Elkins, at that time delegate from the territory, happened to publicly congratulate Julius Caesar Burrows on a bloody shirt speech, which so angered the southern democrats that they had the bill recalled.

With the admission of these states the west has now such a preponderance of influence in the Senate that leadership cannot but drift away from the New England group. It has been one of the anomalies of our system that the real domination of congress has always been with the little New England states that all together could be bundled up and lost in either New Mexico or Arizona.

COOS COUNTY PROSPERITY PYRAMID.

Good People Good soil Best live stock Fine Poultry Farms Land unexcelled for fruits Oregon's best dairy ranches Only coal field in Oregon Greatest timber resources in the entire United States. And a thousand other natural resources that will make its prosperity pyramid as permanent as its eternal hills.

LEAVE THE WORRIES AT HOME.

IT IS EASY to preach rest; to get the restless man to take it is one of the hardest tasks, sometimes, that a mortal can undertake. For often when men's arms would fain hold a gun, and their hands are quite willing to ply the oar or wield the racket or thrash the lake with a rod for trout, their minds refuse to take the same vacation that the physical frame is enjoying. They import their ceaseless worry into the heart of Curry county woods, take it camping with them up Coos River, or salmon fishing. Some Coos Bay men are so afraid of losing their trouble they will take it with them even on a trip to the beach or to a clambake at the seaside. They do not want to let it out of sight or thought, lest they should not recover it.

One admires the genius of the man or woman who can calmly turn the key in the closed door on a past incident, and not let the howling midnight banshee of deplorable by-gones assail his or her sleep. It is not vacation if in your grip, along with your shirts and collars, your toothbrush and your paper novel, you pack the little blue devil that so easily beset us if we let them, and the small nagging annoyances that are all the worse because they are so small, that, like South America insects, we cannot get at them to dislodge them. To know what to leave behind as well as the things to take along spells the secret of going away in summer for a rest—or of staying where you are, if you must, with an equable mind. There is no more useful baggage for a holiday than the disposition not to weep over split milk, nor be distressed about the reverse side of the moon nor manufacture trouble with any tools at hand, instead of shaping objects of communicative delight.

"TIP" CAUSES FATAL CLASH

One Killed and Two Others Injured Following Bell Boys' Quarrel.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

Macon, Ga., Aug. 26.—In an altercation between two negro bell boys as to the division of "tips" from a departing guest at the Elder hotel at Indian Springs led to a clash between the blacks and officers early today, during which one deputy sheriff was killed and two others were injured. Several persons were more or less hurt in minor fights. The shooting occurred as the officers neared the negro quarters. At the time of the assault one of the officers had fired. Judge Daniels has ordered the Jackson Rifles out and is holding them in readiness to go to the Springs about three miles away.

DERBY Thru its flavor won its favor.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA GOOD EVENING.

What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult to each other. —GEORGE ELIOT.

THE MOTHER.

Sometimes the little lips of him, all dewey wet an' tender Are laid against the lonely breast that never felt their kiss; The baby eyes look smilin' up in all their shinin' splendor— Oh, little son, my little son, that I should mourn like this!

Sometimes I see him comin' through the furze an' purple heather. An' oh, the toddlin' feet of him, that never stepped the earth! An' when we're settin' quiet like, Himself and me together. There's dimpled hands that beckon in the peat smoke on the hearth!

The happy mothers' children—sure they come and lean beside me— An' their eyes so full of pity that my own deep teardrops start— An' Himself so kind an' watchful that no evil shall betide me— But naught can ease the weary ache within my empty heart.

Oh, Mary up in heaven, if my little son be weepin' (Though heaven is grand, 'tis lonely; an' my babe is small, so small).

Oh, take him or your Mother-heart, an' soothe him into sleepin'. Lest sobbing through the long, long night, he hears his mother's call.

Down at Bandon these days interest is lively in aviators and their flying machines. They are rightly proud that the first flying to be done in Coos county is to occur in the city-by-the-sea. The old rhyme about the daughter going out to swim has been changed to the following: "Mother, may I go out to fly?"

"Yes, but have a care! Be sure and wear your nicest hose And don't go near the air."

It sometimes seems as if there ought to be a general revival of the little story about the man in Kentucky who became prosperous, popular and happy simply by attending to his own business.—Christian Science Monitor. There was one of the same kind of men on Coos Bay once.

Some Coos Bay men's idea of bravery is doing something their wives have told them not to.

Blue print and detail paper at Walker's Studio.

AWAIT ACTION ON INSURANCE

Waterlogged Saginaw In Charge of Capt. Jas Magee —Redondo Sails.

Pending instructions from the underwriters, the steam schooner Saginaw, which was towed in yesterday by the Redondo, lies on the East-side of the channel opposite Marshfield. Capt. Jas Magee of Empire has been placed aboard her to assist Capt. Koffold in taking care of her.

It is expected that divers will probably be sent here to try and ascertain the extent of the damage so that arrangements can be made to temporarily repair the damage to permit the Saginaw being towed to Portland or San Francisco to go on dry dock. The amount the Redondo will receive for saving the Saginaw will probably be fixed by the underwriters and it is declared that it will not be nearly seventy-five per cent of the value which was first estimated.

The Redondo sailed at 1 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Includes Portland vs Sacramento, San Francisco vs Los Angeles, San Francisco vs Oakland, San Francisco vs Los Angeles, San Francisco vs Vernon.

"MY VIEWS" A Record of Individual Opinion

THE RECALL.

IT SEEMS that the people are forever engaged in working out the details of our great and growing democracy. Government is progressive. New issues are constantly arising, and many an old problem comes back for re-solution, or at least for readjustment. The evolving order, both social and political, forever compels us to pay the price of intelligent vigilance over all of the processes of associated life. Once we thought it dangerous to admit the populace to participation in affairs political. It looked like inviting the rabble to a jubilee of debauchery and shame and certain revolution in the end. The old aristocracy did not take kindly to a division of responsibilities and spoils, when such division could only mean disaster. At first the extension of the suffrage was opposed as an astounding innovation. Public education was equally opposed as a futile means of spreading intelligence where it would do more evil than good in awakening discontent and passion and noble aspiration through a diffusing system of education, that was Utopian to begin with, and worse than mischievous if at length a partial success. But we have even freed and enfranchised the black man for his betterment, we sincerely hoped; and public education has grown into the grandest and most all-succoring structure of paternalism that the emerging world has ever known. All of our splendid institutions are the outcome of public education and increased political power, and democracy never was so sanguine. Not that it never makes mistakes. I would not deny that it does. It has long since been more than half suspicious that it went too far in extending the suffrage to the liberated slaves. But our ardent democracy corrects its mistakes, or adjusts itself to them as wisely as it may be.

But it is forever on the try, and will be till the end of the chapter. Evils in plenty arise and somehow they must be met. Where old remedies seem futile, or out of the question because of inapplicability to new conditions, popular experiment begins, and innovations inevitably appear. Ours by law and growth is a purely representative government. It is the only known effective instrumentality through which a huge democracy can handle itself. And yet it is everywhere felt that that instrumentality is seriously impaired. A phenomenal development and an awakened greed with its amazing contingent of graft accounts for the situation. Representative government has lost to an alarming extent its responsiveness and its prestige; and it is the purpose of the people to restore the old representative idea and function to their ancient effectiveness. There can be no mistake about that. Demagogism has nothing whatever to do with the widespread movement. The only question is: Is the movement in harmony with, or in antagonism to, the representative function?

I have chiefly here the recall idea of the movement in mind. Is that helpful, or destructive, of the representative principle? The initiative and the referendum, which are far more vital and about whose purport and political scope there is a difference of intelligent opinion, are omitted from consideration. Our thought is: What is the character of the recall and is its extension to the judiciary helpful, or especially and alarmingly dangerous?

That the recall is something radically new as a political device is not ignored, but that fact alone should not be prejudicial, else we should never move forward along ascensional lines. Progress forever means something new. Men are elected to office—such has been our wayward drifting—often by cliques and rings, whose creatures they become. Their object is organized public plunder. Often corrupt political alliances are so formidable that they are beyond easy public control. Conditions covering whole states need not be named. Under circumstances so overwhelming bad—so reeking with political turpitude—it would be pertinent to ask "What quick and effective remedy has the victimized public for malfeasance and maladministration in office?" The old one of impeachment seems too often utterly out of the question. Or at least so far off as to be reasonably such. It is a most difficult thing to prove corruption where it is absolutely known to exist. Call a corrupt official, whether senatorial or other, to pub-

lic account and see. It is not surprising that Roosevelt justified the recall in California. The wonder is he did not call for its invocation in many another state. It is a condition that confronts the public and not an academic theory.

Caesar's wife should be above suspicion and so should the public official. Whether legislator or executive, he is presumably elevated to office to do the will of the people. To call him down and out is not in itself unreasonable. But mere suspicion without the fact of criminal evidence, and uninformed popular clamor, should have no place in the statute of recall. The sole object of such a law should be the swift decapitation of any official who is known to have entered upon the career of a malfeasant. If he is known to have yielded to the pressure of corrupting influences, that significant fact should constitute his official Waterloo. Of course, he should have full redress for wrong inflicted by access to the courts. No such law could be wisely administered, no matter how many and careful its restrictions as to criminal official action, without preserving recourse to legal remedies, should the decapitated wish to avail himself of them.

With the Damascus blade of the recall suspended over his head, it should seem that the official would be a little chary of his actions and selective of his influences. At least he ought not to fail to see the "image of death" in a jackpot. It ought to be a most effectual memento mori to one who must move among a thousand insistent corrupting forces. It ought to make for better government and purer and more exalted public life. It should—and it will—invite into public life a better class of men, while it holds in check and minimizes the sordid aims of the predatory hordes, with whose misdemeanors society and politics have so long been unblest. Thus far, on the whole, I like the recall.

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GOV. WEST IN MARSHFIELD

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little cities I have visited in a long time. During my trip, many courtesies were shown me by the people of Curry county which I deeply appreciate."

Urges Good Roads.

Gov. West's talk tonight will be rather impromptu as he has not had time to prepare any set address. However, he will talk on "Good Roads" and "Prison Reforms," two subjects in which he is deeply interested and which he is working hard to solve.

"This section sorely needs more good roads," remarked the governor when the subject was broached. "They will need them even when you get a railroad and you need them more until you get the railroad. If you get good roads, the scenery, opportunities and hunting and fishing will attract hundreds of tourists to march in here. I want to forward the good roads movement as fast as possible and am certain of the cooperation of the people. The good roads bill passed by the last legislature was sorely defective and did not afford the solution of the question and that is why I vetoed them."

Governor West expressed great pleasure over the successful trip of the Boston to Coos Bay and praised the officers and men of the Oregon Naval Militia.

Governor West will be taken on a pleasure trip down the Bay by a party of Marshfield men tomorrow. He plans to leave Monday morning.

PROBE BANK FAILURE.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 26.—A grand jury has been called to meet at Wallace, Ida., September 1. While the purpose is not stated in the court, it is understood that the failure of the State Bank of Commerce of Wallace which failed July 12 will be investigated.

LANGFORD WANTS BOUT

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Sam Langford will sail from Vancouver for Australia October 6, determined before his return to make Jack Johnson "fight or crawl." His manager says Langford can make no money in this country because people know his ability and won't pay money to see him put out second raters.

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