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CONVICTS FOR ROAD WORK.

ANY SOLUTION of the problems attending prison management which does not take into account the employment of convicts upon public works will fail.

Colorado is one of the states employing convicts in road building, and the results of four years' experience are thus set out by Warden Synon:

"In four years we have built about 1000 miles of roads for Colorado with labor worth \$2 a day, but which costs only 25 cents. We now have 300 of our 800 convicts engaged in that work without armed guards and many miles away from the prison walls. One hundred more are employed under the same conditions on the 1500 acre farm of the prison. In other words the system has spread until 50 per cent of our prisoners are working outside the walls. We build practically \$250,000 worth of roads yearly. One prisoner out of the 200 escapes. The convicts build excellent roads, too. We have found that by working a certain number of our convicts on the public highways we have produced splendid results, not only from a monetary standpoint, but in the way of reforming the men."

This arrangement would be ideal if it carried with it provision for allowing the convict some pay for his labor, to be paid to the dependent members of the convict's family, if there are any, and otherwise to be saved for him to give him a start upon his liberation.

JOHN RUSKIN WAS A PROPHET.

FROM Batavia, Ohio, a baby boy was safely and successfully sent a mile by parcel post. The youngster weighed 10 3/4 pounds, just within the 11-pound limit. When wrapped up for mailing he measured 7 1/2 inches in length, which was also just within the law, which makes 7 1/2 inches the limit.

The baby was sent by his mother to his grandmother, insured for \$50 and the postage was fifteen cents. In a letter to the London Daily Telegraph in November, 1870, John Ruskin wrote: "Already the government, not unapproved, carries letters and parcels for use. Larger packages will in time follow—even general merchandise; why not, at last, ourselves?"

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

COOS BAY'S ODE TO THE RAILWAY.

As a pretzel needs a cold stein, As Jack Carter needs a star, As a hamburger needs an onion, As a joy ride needs a car, As a shallow bar needs lotties, As a broken child needs glue, As Marshfield needs pure water, That's how we need you.

Like a beefsteak needs some mushrooms, Like a fireman needs a phone, Like a cocktail needs a cherry, Like a mongrel needs a bone, Like a girlie needs a sweetheart, Like a logger needs a shoe, Like a collar needs a necktie, That's how we need you.

Some Coos Bay men are so crooked that they never do any thing straight.

Captain Harris was in town the other day and when asked about his new coal mine, said if it doesn't turn out as well as it seems it will be "good night," instead of lignite.

Some self-made men on Coos Bay are guilty of idolatry through their reverential regard for their maker. Many of them would have made a better job if they had hired an architect.

A lot of poems I have read Tell what the violet has said: Some quote the rose, and some The pansy. But you must agree, Although some call it loud that we Find the chrysanthemum.

Many a thing smells of sulphur That ought to be ambrosial.

that inside of six months she will be suspecting him of flirting with some giddy young thing near his own age.

A scientist alleges that pigeons fall in love. That's nothing. So do ducks and geese.

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS

Getting on and off the water wagon is about the only exercise some Coos Bay men get.

Teach politics in schools? Yes; but keep it out of school systems.

Seven men were killed in a Moro fight. Nineteen others were Moro less injured.

It's the interior of a man's head that counts.

Second thoughts may be best—if they arrive in time.

A woman doesn't believe everything a man tells her—unless he is a fortune teller.

One of the things that fall to come to him who waits is the money loaned to his friends.

STORY OF THE DAY.

"Sorry, Brown," said the doctor, after the examination, according to The Philadelphia Record, "you're in a very serious condition. I'm afraid I'll have to operate on you."

"Operate?" gasped Brown. "Why, I haven't any money for operations. I'm only a poor workingman."

"You're insured, are you not?" "Yes, but I don't get that until I'm dead."

"Oh, that'll be all right," said the doctor, consolingly.

No, Cordelia, the possession of a phonograph will probably not make your life one grand sweet song.

But when a man is sick a \$20 gold piece may buy him a lot more care than twenty friends will give him.

Accomplished. She doesn't care for homework, nor for sewing, nor for books; she hasn't any wealthy pa and isn't much on looks.

In fact, I'm frazzled to a fringe to name one charm she's got. Except, by gee, you ought to see her dance the "turkey trot."

She isn't what you'd really call an Intellectual maid; Her early education was neglected. I'm afraid.

Just mention art or letters, and she answers with a shrug. But, hully gee! you ought to see her dance the "bunny hug."

Her conversation at its best is strictly limited. To such remarks as "Sure, Mike," "Look who's here" and "oh you kid!"

She dresses like a house afire and doesn't seem to care. But, heavens, Mag, ain't she the rag to dance the "grizzly bear!"

An old bachelor gets a bad case of stage fright every time he thinks of marriage.

You won't be forced to eat your words if you pay compliments. Too often the charity that begins at home isn't worthy of mention.

What Could He Do? The teacher was reading the history of England to some of the little pupils. When she came to the statement that Henry I. never laughed after the death of his son, she noticed one of the little girls had raised her hand and seemed very desirous of attracting her attention.

"Please, ma'am," said little Amy, "what did Henry I. do when he was tickled?"—Selected.

OPPORTUNITY.

Master of human destinies am I; Fame, Love and Fortune on my footsteps wait. Cliffs and fields I walk; I penetrate Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by

Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late I knock unbidden once at every gate. And they who follow me gain every foe. Save Death; but those who doubt or hesitate, Condemned to failure, penury and woe.

Seek me in vain, and uselessly implore, I answer not, and I return no more. —John J. Inghalls.

THE REPLY.

They do me wrong, who say I come no more. When once I knock and fail to find you in: For every day I stand outside your door

And bid you wake and rise to fight and win. Wall not, for perished chances passed away! Weep not, for golden ages on the wane!

Each night I burn the records of the day— At sunrise every soul is born again. When down in mire wring not your hands and weep. I lend my army to all who say, "I can."

No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep But yet might rise and be again a man. Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell. Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven.

Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell; Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven. Wichita Beacon.

OREGON LEGISLATURE

News of Particular Interest to the People of Coos County

GAME LAW IS HARD PROBLEM

SENATOR SMITH SAYS THAT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DESIRES TO MAKE SEASON TOO LATE FOR COOS COUNTY SPORTSMEN.

Senator I. S. Smith in letters to Harry G. Hoy and Tom Hall says that they are having difficulties in getting the game law amended as desired by Coos county sportsmen. The committee in charge of the bill are apparently determined to make the open season for ducks date from October 15, which would cut off local sportsmen from the early fall shooting. However, he is working to get it changed to date from September 1 or September 15.

In appealing to Senator Smith, Mr. Hall wrote a letter congratulating him on the fine record he was making "even if he wasn't a Democrat." This is the reply he got from Senator Smith yesterday: "Please accept my sincere thanks for your nice letter and your words of commendation for the work I am doing in the legislature. Coming from a leading Democrat and former chairman of the Democratic committee I certainly appreciate the compliment you pay me and shall excuse you for the mistake you made at the election last November. There is no politics for me now. I intend that all shall receive a square deal and any measure that any one has to suggest, whether they supported me or not, will receive my impartial consideration. I remember a conversation I had with you before I left in regard to the opening season for ducks. Having had a number of letters and telegrams from some, all of them agreeing with your views in regard to the opening season. The present bill provides the season shall open October 15th, which of course would not suit our sportsmen at all. I handed the telegram from a lot of our sportsmen to Senator Beau, chairman of the game committee to which this bill will be referred. I intend to urge an amendment corresponding with the views of you people. At any rate, I may be able to compromise and get a fairly satisfactory bill. I cannot vote for it in the present form as it would practically shut out all of our hunters."

"Again thanking you for your letter and assuring you of my willingness to assist in any matter you have to suggest."

ROGUE RIVER FISHING.

Committee in Majority Report Urges Open Season of Closed Stream.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—Unable to reach an agreement as to the Reames bill, which had for its object the opening of the Rogue River to commercial fishing from the sea to the mouth of the Illinois river, the committee on fisheries today decided upon a substitute bill which will open the river to fishing for the same distance, and at the same time give the people of Grants Pass a fishing season of one month.

Representative Peirce insisted on abolishing seining on all portions of the stream during the Spring therefore, only gillnet fishing will be allowed.

The fishing seasons on the upper river will be from April 15 to May 15 and on the lower river from April 15 to August 10, and from September 1 to November 20. Provision is made that the bill now having a smaller mesh than eight and one-half inches must not be used.

Ever since the people passed an initiative measure two years ago this stream has been closed to commercial fishing. Representative Belland believes no seining should be allowed on the stream at any time and will submit a minority report.

SENTENCES BY JURY IS IDEA.

Bill Allows Jurors to Fix Punishment for First Degree Murder.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—When found guilty of murder in the first degree, a man or woman may be hanged only in case the trial jury so orders, according to a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Upton, of Multnomah County. In case the jury finds for murder in the first degree and decides that it should not be punishable by death it may find its verdict and report to the court, who must then sentence the convicted person to life imprisonment.

OLDEST OREGON WOMAN.

Astoria, Ore., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Frances Ellen Hare, of this city, who is believed to be the oldest living person in this section, is 102 years old. She was born at Winchester, Va., February 5, 1811, and during that last few years has lived in Astoria with her daughters, Mrs. Flora Hare Gilman and Mrs. M. R. Hoagland. Mrs. Hare is bedridden, but her mind is clear and she is able to recognize and converse with her friends.

MAY ARREST SOCIETY FOLK FOR GAMBLING.

Night Chief of Police Warns Matrons Not to Give Prizes at Their Card Games.

EUGENE, Feb. 10.—If I ever find sufficient evidence against people who give prizes at card parties, I will surely arrest them on the charge of gambling," said Night Chief of Police Thompson. "I will not discriminate and will arrest the most fashionable society matron if I find evidence enough to convince me that she is guilty of violating the statute against gambling. Gambling is gambling, no matter where it is conducted and I do not intend to be any respecter of persons in this regard. I raided a private residence Monday night because I was convinced that the man who lived there and three companions were playing cards for money. I made sure to get the evidence before I made the arrest, and of course no society women will be molested till I am certain she is violating the law." Such is the message sent forth by the night chief of police. He declares that he intends to enforce the law to the letter insofar as it is in his power to do so, and will enter any house for the purpose of arresting its inmates when he is satisfied that card games for prizes or any other form of gambling is being carried on.

So it is up to the society people to "cut out" the prizes at their card parties if they do not wish to be molested during the festivities and dragged to jail in the "hurry up" wagon. Night Chief Thompson claims to have the backing of the Clean City league and other organizations of the city in his crusade against this petty vice in society circles and he even hints that some of the University of Oregon professors have spoken to him in regard to these parties and have asked him if he is not able to stop the giving of prizes at card games.

This may be a radical step but the night chief declares that he was sworn in to enforce all laws, and as he has been informed by legal authorities that the giving of prizes at card parties is a form of gambling, he sees no reason why he should exempt those who take part in them from arrest and prosecution.

NOVICE.

All motorcycles, bicycles and automobiles run after dusk are required by the city ordinance to be equipped with lights. This ordinance will be strictly enforced and all parties giving these machines without proper lights will be arrested and their machine held as surety for the appearance of the offenders in court.

J. W. CARTER, City Marshal.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The Oregonian prints the following: "Am I entitled to the floor?" demanded Representative Peirce of the Speaker, at the close of a session of the House.

"The gentleman is entitled to the floor," ruled the Speaker. "Well, I don't want the floor, but I just wanted to know," said Peirce, amid laughter.

"People in my section, when they go at a thing, go at it right," said Senator Smith, of Coos and Curry. "I have received copies of resolutions showing that Marshfield wants up to \$1,000,000 for the Panama-Pacific Exposition; Bandon has declared in favor of \$500,000 and North Bend asks for a liberal appropriation."

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry told the Senate he had been selling potatoes for 25 years. Senator Farrell went one better and said he had been selling potatoes for 32 years. They were opposed to a bill which would require that a sack of potatoes weigh one hundred pounds, senator Day said the bill is "bunk."

"If I had my choice between voting against this teachers' bill and facing a double-barrel shotgun," said Senator Smith of Coos and Curry, gazing around at the array of Portland school teachers, "I would face the shotgun."

FOR MINIMUM WAGE.

Senator Smith of Coos One of the Principal Speakers for Women.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—The minimum wage bill of Senator Malarkey passed its first milestone when it passed the senate by unanimous vote. Out of the 39 senators, only Senator Bean was absent, no 25 were recorded in his favor.

Senator Smith of Coos made a brief speech in favor of the bill, which he declared is a splendid step in progressive legislation. Joseph detailed the conditions existing in department stores and said that competition is responsible for much of it. With competitors all on the same footing, no objection can be made, he said. He said he would have opposed the bill had it attempted to fix minimum wages, but with the power left to the commission he was entirely satisfied.

The bill will now go to the house. It is little changed from its original form, except that it now calls for only three commissioners, one from the ranks of the employers, one from the employes and one to be of the most impartial cast that is possible to be found, all to be appointed by the governor.

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ANTI-CUSSING BILL IS L...

Use of Profane Language in Public Places Made Misdemeanor in Oregon.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 10.—About 100 persons who have contracted the habit of using profane language at watering places or resorts outside incorporated cities or on highways have but few months in which to reform or pay a fine for Governor West announced that he had signed the house bill which Representative Schuchman the author. The bill will go into effect ninety days after the next adjourns, and provides that any person who shall be guilty of using profane or obscene language upon any grounds outside a watering place or public resort shall be guilty of any such act or deed on a public highway, shall be subject to conviction and a fine exceeding \$50. Those who oppose the measure declare that it is enacted to work a special hardship on mule drivers.

H. B. 35, introduced by Representative Anderson, of Coos, which provides that whenever a person shall be incarcerated as a result in a criminal case he shall be compensated at the rate of \$10 a day.

The senate refused, 24 to 11, to kill the anti-trading bill by immediate postponement.

RABBIT BOUNTY FUND DESIRE

SALEM, Feb. 10.—A levy of 10 mills on a dollar of all the taxable property in Harney county provide for a bounty fund for the banded or jack rabbits, is contained in a bill introduced by Senator Smith. Under the bill a bounty of 3 cents for the years 1912 and 1913 and of 5 cents for each year thereafter will be given for each rabbit killed.

APPEAL IS SHUT OFF UNLESS \$250 IS PAID

SALEM, Feb. 10.—The senate has passed Senator Carson's bill No. 128, providing no case pending less than \$250 may be appealed unless it involves a constitutional question or a question of personal liberty. Senator Carson's bill, providing for the deposit of county funds in banks at a rate not more than 2 per cent, with a similar distribution in the banks in the county, has also received approval of the senate.

You will find the Taffy at our Mid-Week Sale modeled after the Lincoln Character, combining honesty with purity. Only 15c lb. tomorrow February, 12, at Lewis' Confectionery

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LOCAL OVERFLOW

Judge Hall Better—Judge John E. Hall was reported considerably improved today after the attack of appendicitis he suffered Saturday night. He was able to be up and around the house some.

C. DAVIS and family of South Fourth street, near Hall avenue, will leave tomorrow for their old home in Oklahoma.

J. H. MILLS and family are moving into the Rogers House at Tenth and Central, which Geo. F. Murch and family recently vacated.

J. C. KENDALL and wife have given up their house in West Marshfield and taken apartments at the Wheeler house on Second street.

D. O. WOLCOTT, who has been visiting in San Francisco, leaves there today for Marshfield.

WESTERN WOMEN MAY HAVE THEIR OWN STYLE.

Pacific Coast Delegates in Convention Disagree on Width of Skirts. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Women of the East and West may be divided this year in the matter of skirts, according to reports emanating from the National Ladies' Tailors and Dressmakers Association convention here. New York tailors, it is declared, are determined upon making women's skirts at least six inches smaller around the bottom than worn last year, while Pacific Coast delegates have swung the other way and advocate that skirts be two and a half yards wide at the bottom.

While at odds on skirts, it is said that the women of both sections will wear coats of a shorter and more mannish cut.

A woman seldom finds any good in her husband by the detective method.

Do You Leave Your Doors Unlocked? You would not do that, and you should no more be without fire insurance. The open door would admit the burglar, and the fire flood is just as insidious. He plays no favorites, but attacks insured and uninsured property alike. Don't risk your savings for the small cost of a policy. Ours are the safest and best. I. S. Kaufman & Co.