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ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

At last the work has been started for the improving of the road leading to the Point. This is a very important movement, as is the repairing of many other roads near the mill site. It is all important that the city should have fine roadways, but it is just as essential that the ones in the manufacturing districts should be improved. Perhaps a movement in the direction of making these improvements would not be amiss.

WORK IS SUCCESSFUL.

The regatta committee at their last night meeting reported a very successful beginning. The enterprising citizens have volunteered their services and assistance and everything in connection with this movement seems to point toward a great success. Of course there are a few whom never approve of anything in the line of improving the city, but Astoria has sufficient wide awake people to carry out the program and greatly benefit the city. It is exceedingly pleasant to hear the different merchants speaking of the committee's work; and they are worthy of much praise as are the different people who are ever watchful of the city's welfare.

THE QUALITY OF MERCY.

A few centuries ago hundreds of men in authority—Christian men—conscientious men—sat in judgment on their conscientious brothers and sentenced them to the most barbarous punishments.

They sat by their victims and saw these sentences executed. They watched the writhing victims as their hands or feet were burned off, or their tongue torn out in punishment for some slight infraction of laws which now seem absurd to us.

We read of these things with a shudder. We say that these judges and executioners must have been absolutely pitiless and inhuman—cold-blooded brutes in whom every gate of mercy had been shut; and we pat ourselves on the backs and rejoice that modern men in authority are not as judges of the Dark Ages were.

And yet, as a matter of fact, those men were generally, in their social relations and home life, men of as much gentleness and tenderness as you will see about you today. They were cruel and implacable only toward those whom they had been taught to regard as malefactors of the most dangerous type, whom it was their duty to wipe out of existence in the most spectacular manner possible. They honestly believed they were doing the world a service.

Men of today believe they were giving the people object lessons in brutality that held the civilized world in the thrall of blood-letting and brutality for centuries; and yet it is an open question whether men in authority in this year of our Lord 1902 are, in their relations to the unfortunate under their control, at heart very much less harsh and cold-blooded than were the pitiless officials of old typified at their very blackest by Jeffreys and men of his stamp. At any rate, we have to look about us to see that the eternal principle of universal brotherhood—the natural corollary of the one Fatherhood—is a plant of very, very slow growth.

Nothing distinguishes a people's advancement in real civilization—the civilization of the heart as well as of the head—so much as the exercise of kindness and compassion to the unfortunate, the helpless and the undeveloped ones among them.

It is true we no longer scourge or kill the mentally deranged, the imbeciles, the idiots among us; but we practically imprison them, and we place men in charge of them whose natures almost invariably undergo a strange transformation after a few months of contact with their irresponsible charges.

ed, our houses of correction, our orphan asylums, our penitentiaries? We find the officials and attendants almost invariably becoming calloused to human suffering, looking upon the younger brothers, the undeveloped ones in their charge, as inferior beings, things scarcely human, belonging to an order of animals apart from themselves, and not of their own kind.

We see these various officials thrusting imbecile boys and girls into dark cells, feedings them on bread and water, punishing them for offenses which their darkened intellects cannot comprehend. We see prison wardens imitating Torquemada, inducing their offending charges to eat to repel, then administering powerful purgatives and lacing and strapping them up in the cruel straitjacket until their bowels burst and death comes after sufferings never exceeded on the rack of the spiked, steel "maiden" in which malefactors' lives were crushed out in the old days. We see our officials who are, among their friend and equals, gentle and polished enough, punishing the unfortunate orphans or idiots or demented incapables under their control with all the cold-hearted cruelty of the savage overseers on the Southern plantation before the war.

We see policemen clubbing the helpless and unfortunate. We see the physicians and nurses becoming so hardened by constant association with human suffering as to laugh and joke while they cut into the quivering human flesh. We see jailers and prison guards in many instances growing so callous to human suffering as to look upon the unfortunate ones in their charge as so many dumb cattle.

There are shining exceptions, but this is the rule. What is the remedy? We believe the one great remedy is education in the great principle of human brotherhood. More than anything else, men need to be taught from infancy up the great law of kindness to every living creature.

In the meantime, however, society should protect its more unfortunate and helpless members from those who place in authority, by making cruelty to these helpless ones a misdemeanor, and in its aggravated forms a felony.

Any man so calloused as to beat an insane patient or attempt to govern the feeble-minded through fear and bodily suffering should be sent to the penitentiary for one year.

Officials who do not show mercy and who do not recognize that construction, educational work and not brute force is demanded of them, should in return receive little mercy at the hands of the public.—Ex.

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Chicago	From Portland	
Portland	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	4:30 p. m.
Atlantic Express	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	5:10 a. m.
St. Paul	Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East.	7:00 a. m.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE
—From Astoria—

DATE	All sailing date subject to change	exc.
7 a. m.	Columbia River To Portland and Way Landings.	Monday

Steamer Nahotta leaves Astoria on tide daily for Ilwaco, connecting there with trains for Long Beach, Tiona and North Beach points. Returning arrives at Astoria same evening.

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Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar, which is a sure cure."—Sold by Frank Hart, druggist.

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J. C. CLINTON, County Clerk.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Bids will be received by the county of Clatsop, Oregon, until the 21st day of July, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the delivery in the court house yard of 25 cords of wood, bids to state kind of wood to be furnished; the same to be of sound quality, full cord lengths, and delivered on or before the 1st day of September, 1902.

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By order of the county court.
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8:00 a. m.	Portland Union De-	11:10 a. m.
7:00 p. m.	pot for Astoria and	4:00 p. m.
12:30 p. m.	way points	

ASTORIA

LEAVE	PORTLAND	ARRIVE
7:45 a. m.	For Portland and	11:30 a. m.
6:10 p. m.	way points	10:30 p. m.

SEASIDE DIVISION

LEAVE	PORTLAND	ARRIVE
8:15 a. m.	Astoria for War-	7:40 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	renton Flavel, Ft.	10:30 a. m.
11:35 a. m.	Stevens, Hammond,	4:00 p. m.
2:50 p. m.	Seaside,	5:50 p. m.
5:55 p. m.		

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