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Should Visit Oregon. While in the northwest Secretary Fisher owes it to himself to visit Oregon. This is the unanimous opinion of his friends.

Oregon has large confidence in the purposes and talents of Secretary Fisher. It looks on him as one guided by ideas of broad justice and stern integrity. People here have viewed his cabinet career and learned of his past with much satisfaction as reflecting ideals in which they can place complete trust.

Oregon has not been accorded justice at Washington. The state has been and is one of the heaviest contributors to the reclamation fund. A former law provided that each state should receive a distribution proportionate to the amount contributed.

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THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for September prints an article on "The Indeterminate Sentence" by a "prisoner." The first point made is that nearly every prisoner is now opposed to the plan. The reason alleged is that incompetent and irresponsible men are employed as guards, and that the criminal prefers the "five minutes' gamble with fate before a magistrate to the indefinite, soul-wracking juggle at the hands of Jim-Crow political beneficiaries."

of when the subject is fit for parole should be left to them. But proof of a change in character should be the test of eligibility. This prisoner believes that a system of punishment based on these principles would redress several pressing evils—one, that the imposition of definite sentences by judges of varying temperaments and prejudices works injustice, greatly in favor of professional and case-hardened criminals and against accidentals rather than deliberate offenders.

This same association with criminals in daily prison life has led this writing "prisoner" to suggest severer and more continued tests of reform as a condition of parole than those inspired by less intimate personal knowledge of the offenders now working out their terms.

NEW INVENTIONS. AN INVENTOR in Paris named Gaumont has, according to Modern Electrics, Chicago, accomplished the unheard-of feat of making moving pictures talk. The members of the French Academy of Sciences, at a recent meeting, saw, on a screen before them, and at the same time heard, one of their members deliver to them an address. The means used was the harmonizing of the records made by a moving picture apparatus, and by a phonograph. The inventors use two small electric motors of about the same size, running on direct current on the same mains. One operates the phonograph, the other the picture films, and the phonograph regulates the other. The armatures of the motors are divided off into a number of sections. Each section of the first is connected to a like section on the second, so that the first armature can only rotate for a certain fraction unless the other has rotated so as to keep up the connection.

Picture film theatres will take notice that the public will soon refuse to be contented with dumb show, and that the pictured actors must speak their pieces as on a real stage. The Literary Digest reproduced last week a more wonderful success. A German instructor in the technical school at Nuremberg has been experimenting with wireless telegraphy, or rather wireless electricity. With wireless currents which he captured and directed before the eyes of his audience he discharged cannons, operated electric switches, turned and returned bolts, and used force in various directions.

FRIENDLINESS WITH THE POLICE. AFTER THE farewell address a day or two ago at the Winona Bible conference by the Rev. C. Silvester Horne, M. P., of the London Whitefield tabernacle, this social service minister and member of parliament, met the ministers present for a final interview. One of the points he made was this: In every district of cities, everywhere, forces for order and disorder, for good and evil, are arrayed in battle. The spirit of order is embodied in the policeman, and every effort should be made to carry his functions still further—to the side of positive good. The evil-minded make it their business to be friendly with the police and to tempt them from the path of duty. They are in contact with them all the time and make the most of it. What are the good and moral people, and especially the ministers doing?

REVIEWING THE FLEETS. THE BRITISH fleet was reviewed by the king a few weeks ago, the German fleet by the kaiser, and the French fleet, for want of a single head, by the president and cabinet. Each fleet put its best foot foremost, burned a vast deal of powder in salutes, cheered and shouted for their respective rulers—and, then, lay still at anchor. The British, German and French people are assured by the press of each nation that the ships, one and all, are in apple order, fit to fight, and ready to engage. On whom is impression to be made.

On emperor, king and president? Not only they, but every board of admiralty, every parliament, every chamber of commerce, every banker, and every newspaper in the three

nations knows exactly in advance the number, the age, the tonnage, the armament, the ships' companies, of every ship in the three displays. Who is to be thrilled? Not the rulers—each of them is working and praying for all that is in him that not a gun may be fired in anger, and not one man hurt. Not the parliaments. Every man in them knows in his inmost soul that an incautious word, a hasty move, might be as a spark into the huge magazine that the world has ever seen. Not the bankers nor the financiers, nor the manufacturers. For them war spells the upset of business structures it has taken many years of peace to raise—it means prosperity ruined—international commerce cut apart—the works of peace at a standstill—the substitution of the fighter and destroyer for the builder. Not the peoples, who bear to each other no ill will, and whose sons would pay the price.

OUR OTHER CROPS. PRUNES HAVE PASSED out of the experimental and non-profitable status in Oregon. They are coming to be recognized as one of the premier fruit crops of the state. There are experts who hold them to be a safer and more profitable crop than even Oregon apples. Current prices are 5/4 to 7 cents a pound for the dried product. Heavy shipments of green prunes have been made from the state this season at 75 cents per bushel net. The Johnson-Jacobs orchard at Corvallis has already shipped seven cars at the latter figure.

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WHERE BEAUTIFYING PAYS. IN FIFTEEN YEARS Kansas City, Missouri, has spent, in round figures, ten million dollars on its park and boulevard system. Has it paid? The board of park commissioners answers, in its latest annual report, as follows: By detailed computations, which the board alleges would be received as competent evidence in any court of record, it shows just how much the owners of property fronting on the boulevards have profited.

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NO STATE SHOULD place its governor under the appalling alternative of assuming responsibility for a death. It is a relic of barbarism to give an executive the power to say whether or not a man shall be hanged. Having that power, if a human life be taken, a governor must feel his accountability to his conscience, to his country and to God Almighty for the tragedy, none the less a tragedy because it is the state that takes away the life.

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realization from which any man must shrink. The power to deprive a condemned criminal or to give the law its course should rest in not less than three men, so after consciousness should not be borne by one alone, but be shared by a number. Webb's crime was heinous. There will be those who will criticize Governor West for commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment. But how many of the critics, if brought face to face with the appalling alternative of saying whether or not the man should or should not be killed would have demanded blood?

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF. SMALL CHANGE. The mind does not necessarily age with the body. One could, nor a few millions, won't do for all people. Monopoly development of eastern coal has cost the people billions of dollars. Liberty in the highest sense goes with a patch of good, paid for Oregon ground.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Banks Herald: D. L. Smith is having great success with his onion and celery garden. These were never grown in this vicinity before. The seventh annual camp meeting of the Wheeler County Holiness association is to be held in Hood, this year, beginning Friday, September 15. Prairie City's new hotel, the Hotel Prairie, has been opened for business. It is constructed of red brick and contains 28 rooms.

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The Kaiser and His Navy. From the New York World. Kaiser Wilhelm in an address to the people of Hamburg told them that he "assumes" they wish him to have a navy so strengthened that "no one can dispute with us the place that is our due." In view of the dispute going on with France over the situation in Morocco, this is assuming much. But no indisputable navy is any longer possible, however eager the Kaiser may be to have it, however willing the Hamburgers may be to pay for it.

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