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house its prisoners decently; it is obligated to teach them while in prison. But there is no greater obligation than recognition of a reformed prisoner's usefulness in the world.

hundreds of drunken fish were taken from its waters. As usual, the drunkenness was followed by the frying pan the morning after.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF... SMALL CHANGE... OREGON MIDDLETOWNS... RECOGNIZING MURDERERS

Heat and animosity, content and conflict, are what the wife, although they rarely do, they never altogether clear the fog of capacity, guide the judgment or improve the heart.—Lauder.

BACK TO CHAOS

NUMEROUS defenses of the I. W. W. propagandists have been printed by The Journal in the "Letters from the People."

Most of these defenses are by persons who do not know the real aims of the I. W. W. scheme.

There would be no country with the state capitols in ashes, the national buildings at Washington in ruins, every church burned and every national institution destroyed.

The universal ensign would be the red flag of anarchy. There would be no police. There would be no sheriffs nor deputies.

There would be no canon but the forbidding rule of the brute force of numbers. There would be no government but the dreadful tyranny of the unbridled mob.

We burn up half as many buildings as we erect every year. Set side by side, the buildings we burn would line both sides of an avenue all the way from New York to Chicago.

It would usher in a condition that by all the experience of history would mean bedlam, bloodshed and plunder. It would mean rapine, butchery and the survival of the strong.

Out of such a swelter and welter of brute force, history would be repeated, and there would rise the strongest, craftiest and bloodiest captain of them all, to establish another kind of government that in rigor, ruthlessness and relentlessness would be the ultimate of power for the governor and the ultimate of subjection and submission for the governed.

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THE MEXICAN PROBLEM

SELFISH interests are insisting that the United States recognize the Huerta government in Mexico. President Wilson is being unjustly criticized because he withholds recognition.

It is well at this time to recall the fact that the United States did not recognize the Diaz government, the strongest and most brilliant this generation has seen in Mexico, until nearly a year and a half after Diaz had declared himself ruler.

If the United States is to insist upon the Monroe doctrine, it is imperative that it make no mistake by recognizing a tottering government. President Wilson is right in insisting that Huerta establish his right to authority before recognition is given him.

FIRE MANSLAUGHTER

THERE is no excuse for penning up girls and women in an overall factory and permitting them to be burned alive like rats in a trap as at Binghampton yesterday.

There should be no building construction in which such a wholesale murder could be possible. The fifty women and girls cremated in the Binghampton building because there was no means of escape is a literal massacre.

It is almost a duplication of the scenes in the frightful Asch fire in New York two years ago in which 147 girls were caught on a ninth floor and perished from incineration or while jumping to the pavement.

What we ought to do is to build our buildings so that escape could not be cut off. When we fail to provide safety we stake lives against dollars.

We boast of our civilization but what was yesterday's horror but a perpetuation of the jungle. What is such wholesale manslaughter but a reckless disregard for everything that makes for civilization.

Investigation at the Asch tragedy showed that there was fire hose on the fatal floor, but no means of properly connecting it with the water pipes. It also showed that for lack of care some of the pipes were not in working order.

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THE NEW PRISON REFORM

NEW YORK is amazed at inhuman conditions and practices permitted at Sing Sing prison. Disease breeding quarters, housing conditions that would bring the health authorities down upon a private establishment, human beings forced to live as beasts are not asked to live, have been disclosed by investigators.

We shall not congratulate the state merely because it ceases to infect its prisoners with disease, reduce them to a level of existence below that of animals maintained by beasts, and force them into corruption so vile that even trained investigators blanch when its iniquities are revealed.

The Sun is alive to the new idea of prison reform, of which Oregon is giving practical demonstration. Two objects must be kept in view. One is punishment; the other is reclamation from evil ways and restoration to usefulness in the community.

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BUILDING MEN AND WOMEN

CARNEGIE builds libraries, and has his name attached to them. Rockefeller endows a great university, and has his influence attached to it.

A new dance called "The Fish Walk" has been introduced at London dancing parties. Lobsters are presumably ineligible.

The Bulgars found to their sorrow that they had stirred up the old Hellenic spirit with the "ent" largely eliminated.

Letters from the People

A "Progressive" Elucidates. Portland, Or., July 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—In an editorial in Monday's Journal you ask, "Who Are Progressives?" and assign the fact of Progressives being slow to register as one reason for a probable weakening in their enthusiasm.

Every man has his own way of serving humanity. Carnegie builds libraries and Rockefeller builds universities. Charles Page proposes to build men and women.

THE ROOTS AND SMOOTS

SENATORS ROOT AND SMOOT are again invoking the constitution. Senator Root professes worried lest the constitution interfere with practical operation of the amendment giving the people right to elect their United States senators.

Smoot is fighting tariff reduction where the battle should be fought. He is losing, but it is doubtful if the courts will ally themselves on the side of retreating privilege.

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QUARTERLY WATER BILLS

COMMISSIONER DALY asks for expression of opinion on his proposal to collect water bills once every three months in advance instead of every month in advance.

The plan, Mr. Daly says, would greatly reduce the cost of collecting water bills. The proposed change is an effort, along with other changes to reduce the water system to an economical and business like basis.

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Defective Property Titles

Portland, Or., July 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Having had disagreeable experience with titles to property, with attendant expense, I cannot but think the state should have full power to right such defects, and with less expense.

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Offensive Tobacco Using

Portland, July 22, 1913.—To the Editor of The Journal—I want to commend and endorse your editorial in Sunday's Journal entitled "Smoking the City's Name." You earnestly urge that the boys of Oregon shall be warned against

THE VIRTUES OF TWEED

From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. The reported statement that Charles F. Murphy, the boss of Tammany Hall and incidentally of New York city, that he "is out of politics" may or may not have been made seriously, but it is a fact that he is no longer in the city.

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THE CHEST OF SILVER

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