SYSTEM OF CODDLING CRIMINALS SCORED SITUATION REVIEWED

Stern Methods Advocated in Treatment of Offenders Against the Law.

CASES IN OREGON CITED

inals Are Not Mentally Deficient sally; Some Have Very Keen Minds, Says Writer.

By George A. Thacher. Last month Judge Kavanagh of Chi ago made a bitter attack on the modcago made a bitter attack on the mod-ern criminologists who have pointed out that many criminals are victims of mental deferts. He said, "It would be difficult to find a body of men and women possessed of minds more active and intelligent than those housed in the county jail. The fact is these per-sons are lazy and selfish but not de-fective mentally.

"Toe much sympathy has been wast-

"Too much sympathy has been wasted on the woman of the streets. She is not mentally defective. She does not want sympathy but wants to be let alone. It is also true that she is uneducated, but for the same reason that the thief is uneducated. She was too lasy to acquire an education. It is high time to stop coddling criminals. Stern and inflexible handling is the way to stop the pernicious activities of young criminals."

Orime Trust" Found. This is one phase of public opinion which overlooks the fact that the education of the great majority is acquired in childhood and youth. Another side is shown by the report

of the city council committee on crime in Chicago, published March 22, 1915. In 1913 there were 109.764 arrests in Chicago and of this number 14,340 were on criminal complaints, burglary, murder, etc. Fifty-eight per cent of the men and 61 per cent of the women. arrested were under 30 years of age.

The committee reports that there is "crime trust" in Chicago with roots running through the police force, the bar, the prosecutor's office and po-litical officials. The committee located 39 "fences" where stolen goods could be disposed of and says that the burglars' trust has its wholesalers, jobbers, retailers and interstate branches, and that the value of property stolen by organized thieves reaches millions of dollars.

Delinquent Boys Feature. The army of thieves is recruited from the ranks of delinquent boys. Of 700 boys sent to the boys' court and examined in the psychopathic laborstory during six weeks, \$4 per cent were found mentally deficient, and no provision is made for the care of such cases. Of the women of the street, 126 were examined in the house of cor-rection and they were so defective mentally that only two were found to have the faculties of a child of 13 years. Thirty-two had the minds of nine and 10-year-old children; 29 ranged between 10 and 11 years, and 36 between 11 and 12 years. Fifteen

The conclusions of the committee were that the chief causes of crime first, defective mental and physical condition of the delinquents ncluding feeble mindedness, and, second, bad environment. This is the re- 10. Reginald J. Lincoln of a committee of four aldermen of the city of Chicago, which has just been published, and which should be onsidered in connection with Judge 13. Frank G. Smith Kavanagh's opinion that these criminals are not defective but simply willfully ignorant and selfish.

Of course there are highly intelligent criminals but these as a rule beome criminals in early youth, and practically no studies have been made of the development of these offenders. Prison Management Scored.

Every jailer and policeman knows that prison is the best school for crime of the close association of woman at Philomath a few years ago offendess with hardened crim-under circumstances which showed an utter absence of foresight and selfscause of the close association of young offenders with hardened crimprisons, but it is a terrible charge control. They were convicted and gainst the management of prisons, hanged at Salem, showing great stolid-Idleness in prison is the rule and the ity and lack of comprehension of their influential leaders in prison society crime. The presecuting attorney told are the most wicked and depraved persons to be found in the state. This is minded. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, supersons to be found in the state. the present practice of "reforming" intendent of the insane asylum, assured the young persons whom Judge Kava- me that he was the family physician pagh describes as willfully selfish and and that he knew them to be feeblegnorant and lazy.

There are three prominent qualities of mental defectives. The first is an young woman was killed in Portland by utter lack of judgment. The second is Fred Tronson, a feeble-minded young an absence of foresight, and the third man, who could not hold any kind of a lack of self-centrol. At the same ime, the defective may possess a good nor salf-control. The prosecuting atlegree of cunning and manual dexter-He may even have a special tallike that of Blind Tom for music. He may have a faculty of language like that possessed by Guiteau, who assas-sinated President Garfield. It is very common for these mental defectives to have unusual mechanical abilty.

Pine Mechanic in Prison, Probably the best mechanic in the state of Oregon is in the penitentiary at Salem for an offense against his little daughter of very tender years. Some weeks ago I went ever the rolls of the penitentiary and found 75 men serving long terms for sexual offenses, usually against the female children of their own familes. These men, in the opinion of the chaplain and others, were feeble-minded. This illustrates the lack of judgment, foresight, and es-pecially the lack of self-control, of the

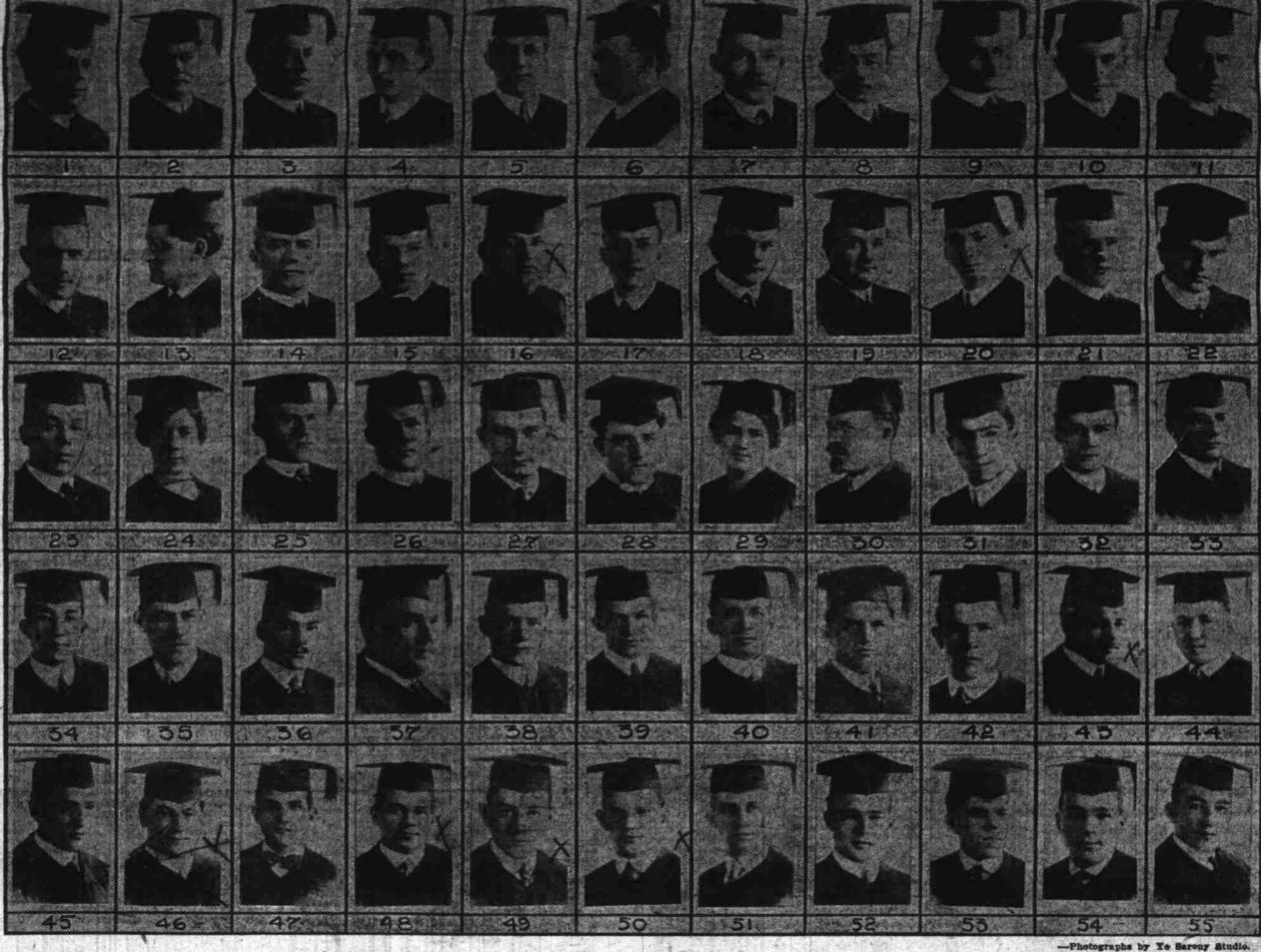
mental defective.

Probably a majority of the hoboes, the women of the underworld and petty thieves are feeble-minded, while the forger for small sums, some burglars and occasionally murderers are feeble-

The assassin of Carter Harrison was weak-minded young man, and so was be assassin of President McKinley. At the time President Garfield was as ussinated, I was living in Washington, and circumstances led me to get a pretty complete history of Guiteau, who committed the murder because he refused a foreign appointment for the had absolutely no qualifica-s. Guiteau had all the markings a high-grade mental defective. He as always changing his business and retting into trouble because of dishon-sety. He could not make an honest living, and so landed in the class of lead-beats who rarely paid board bills, while his personal habits were those of the typical feeble-minded. His lawyer set up the defense of insanity, but the court ruled that he knew the differ-snce between right and wrong, and so he was convicted and hanged, babbling on the scaffold, "I am going to my Goddie in the sky." tting into trouble because of dishonidie in the sky."

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GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON LAW SCHOOL, 1915



1. Samuel W. Poole 2. George Estes 3. George E. Moore 4. Leverett T. Newton 6. Horace L. McCoy 7. William F. Collins 8. Isago Gomys 9. Sigurd Wold 11. Charles J. Shelton 12. David A. Mobley

minded.

they say, he passed during his life for a near-crook of bad habits, and at the end for a particularly vicious murderer.

Leaving to one side the women of the underworld, the constitutional drunk-ards and hoboes who commit petty of-

fenses, I will refer to cases of

murderers who are undoubtedly feeble-

The Humphreys brothers killed a

Last fall a beautiful and intelligent

job and who had neither intelligence

torney referred to him as a flend, and,

so far as his actions went, he had the

defectives with criminal tendencies are

examined and permanently confined in

institutions. Very little can be done in prison reform until the mental de-

fectives are recognized as incurables and segregated. When that is done,

there will be an opportunity to study and help the normal-minded criminal to

reform, and where he refuses all as-

sistance to confine him permanently. The first step is to understand the

Girl for One Dollar

Which Is Duly Recorded by Motary

New York, July 10 .- When he signe

a bill of sale yesterday that looked like an ordinary legal document used

in real estate transactions, Samuel

Gaines gave up all his rights to his

5-year-old daughter Mollie and trans-

ferred her as a tangible piece of prop-

erty to Morits and Becky Green, in

Father Sells His

Public.

14. B. A. Berry 15. Grant W. Raymond 16. Dow V. Walker 17. James Stovey Gay 19. Benjamin L. Norden 20. A. C. Dickson 21. A. B. Wordling 22. Blain B. Coles

23. Valentine Brown Jr. 24. Willametta McElroy 25. Carlton E. Spencer 26. Merrill A. Reed

37. T. H. Wentworth 38. Frederick E. McGrew 39. Charles E. Hess TO BE EXAMINED AS

American Charged

New York, July 10 .- (L. N. S.))-On the night of June 5, five years ago. 28-year-old Porter Charlton beat his middle-aged wife to death with a mal-let in their villa on beautiful Lake let in their villa on beautiful Lake Como, northern Italy, and when he recovered from his drunken fury, forced her body into a trunk and threw the trunk from a pier into the lake. His trial on the charge of murder, which was to have been started this week, has been postponed until autumn in order to allow further mental examinations of the young prisoner. fiendishness of irresponsibility.

Not all feeble-minded persons have criminal instincts, but those who have must be permanently detained or they
will always be dangerous to society.
Nothing can be done in the way of
prevention of crime until the mental

Justice has moved with leaden feet Justice has moved with leaden rest in Chariton's case, but most of the long delay has been his own fault. For three years he fought extradition from the United States. Then he was taken back to Como. After being confined in Italy one year he would have been tried last summer, but the war caused him to spend still another year in iail an unconvicted another year in jail, an unconvicted

man.

Chariton's obvious defense is adolescent insanity. He married when an inexperienced youth a woman wise in all the ways of the world, a divorcee, a woman of violent character, who is known to have tried to slay one of her admirers. Dominated by her, he led a life of idleness and dissipation after their marriage, and his love for her did not long blind him to the fact that he had wrecked himself for a woman with whom life was soon to woman with whom life was soon to become impossible.

Charlton can look upon the five years he has spent in prison with some equanistity, for they will be deducted from whatever sentence he receives. He is not indicted for cold blooded murder, but for "unpremeditated murder," the maximum penalty for which is 20 years' imprisonment.

Maximum Penalty 20 Years.

consideration of \$1.

This remarkable transaction was recorded in the register's office today. Mr. and Mrs. Green wanted a child badly, and Gaines, whose wife died some time ago, leaving him five boys and a girl, preferred to sell his little girl to the Greens, who coveted the child, rather than place the infant in an institution.

The Greens were afraid, however, that Gaines might regret his action, so they decided to the convict is either dead or the chaines might regret his action, so they decided to the convict is either dead or the con

28. Francis A. McMenamin Helen Allamanda Glover 30. Joseph A. Lagerfield 32. Quinton C. Burg 38. Julius A. Nagel 34. Hidetaro Uji 35. C. R. Moulton

27. Enoch E. Mathison

36. R. W. Cabell

Sixty-six students of the Portland law department of the University of Oregon recently received their degrees of bachelor of laws, and it is believed that more than one-third of these will actually engage in the practice of law. More than two-thirds of this number are included in the list of 83 persons who passed the state bar examinations held subsequent to commencement. Next September the law school will be moved to Eugene. Juniors and seniors

now enrolled in the school will receive their diplomas from the state univer-

Following her divorce she went on With Murder Will Be Tried the stage and next became an artist's model in New York. On August 3, 1909, the sensation of the day was her attack on William B. Craig, a young lawyer, in the crowded main corridor of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York. York. She fired a revolver at Craig but her aim was poor and he escaped injury. At his request she was not prosecuted and the exact nature of prosecuted and the exact nature of their difficulties was never disclosed.

A few months later Charlton fell in her way and he wooed her swiftly and successfully. They were secretly married in Wilmington, Del., in April, 1910, and sailed for Europe on their honeymoon. Charlton's father, Paul Charlton, then a judge of the courts of Porto Rico, and other prominent relatives, made no attempt to conceal their displeasure at the match. their displeasure at the match.

Body Found in Lake. On the morning of June 10 fisher-men found the dead body in the trunk and it was at first thought that both husband and wife had been killed by a Russian friend of theirs who lived in the neighborhood and who was ar-

Then it was learned from the pro-prietor of the hotel at Cernobbio that Mr. and Mrs. Charlton had often quarreled while stopping there. On several occasions the woman had been

before he picked him out of a crowd leaving the Princess Irene, and had him arrested.

At police headquarters Charlton

made a written confession in which he said that while his wife was "the best woman in the world" they often quarreled and she called him foul names. The night of the murder she went into a temper and, in a daze, he struck her with a mallet he had been paint to the late. been using to straighten the leg of a couch. He then placed the mallet and body in a trunk and disposed of

In his later accounts Charlton has some time ago, leaving him five boys and a girl, preferred to sell his little girl to the Greens, who coveted the child, rather than place the infant in an institution.

The Greens were afraid, however, that Gaines might regret his action, so they decided to have it recorded in legal form. They all went to the office of a notary, and had a regular bill of sale drawn up, signed by all parties and recorded in the register's office.

ever see freedom with a sane mind are shows that at the end of every ten years' splittary confinement, according to the Italian from New York on their wedding trip they were never for a single hour formula, the convict is either dead or raving mad.

Porter Chariton was a clerk in a New York bank when he met Mrs.

Neville H. Castle. She was the daughter of Henry H. Scott, a San Francisco coal merchant, and her first in which she lay, as well as her moans, and recorded in the register's office.

42. Roy H. Glover 43. Arthur J. Gram 45. Frank A. Dudley 46. Frank A. Rice 47. Eugene K. Oppenheimer 48. Charles Owen Chatterton 49. Harvey W. Black 50. Harrison W. Trueblood

40. P. R. Johnson

41. Orin J. Ulrich

 Thomas Ralph Kelly
 Not included in photographs; Robert C. Bradshaw W. G. Dunlap, John Failin,; Alan Clyde Fulton Charles Henry Gritzmacher Hugh Henry Herdman William J. McGinn George Earl Murphy

53. Roy C. Taylor 54. Jay Earl Davis

51. J. George Johnson 52. Joseph W. Kehoe George F. Scott, Harry B. Murphy cessive drinking. It was only at day-break the next morning, when he had partially recovered from the effects of the debauch, that he realized to his horror that the woman lying at his side was a corpse.

Bill was doing and brought in the big trout to show his patient, who nearly had a relapse. Now Bill declares Doo just operated on him to get his ap-pendix for bait and caught that big trout with it.

Loses 70 Pounds in

New York, July 10.—Nagging by his wife Minnie in one year reduced his weight from 175 to 165 pounds, Charles Gerhold, of Clifton, N. J., treasurer of Scotland Yard is working on the case. the New Jersey Manufacturers' ass ation, testified yesterday at Jersey City in a suit for divorce.

Physicians said he would die unless
he was relieved. After remaining away from home for a year his normal weight was restored, he testified.

on the other hand the prosecution

Used Appendix of Patient for Bait

Smith, La., July 10.—Bill Case to mad. He says it is all right for Doc Holmes to be a fisherman, but he'll be doggoned if Doc didn't carry it too far with him, and he is entitled to a three-pound-seven-ounce trout Doc caught. Bill and Doc went fishing the first two days of the season and brought in nice catches. A couple of days later Bill was taken sick. of days later Bill was taken sick.

His wife called up Doc on the phone and caught him just as he was starting fishing. He diagnosed the case as appendicities, got out his instruments, performed the operation, got Bill back to bed and hurried off to go fishing. He came back to see how

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London, July 10 .- London has mystery in the discovery of the mummified bodies of two babies in a building where many women employed by Year When Nagged a large commercial firm live. The bodies were discovered in a trunk. seemed to have been there some time Scotland Yard is working on the case

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CORONER TRIES DEATH OF WOMAN

Uncovered Well, Where Victim Was Drowned, Called Death Trap by Police,

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Mary Jones, wife of C. L. Jones, 351% Third street, who was drowned when she fell into an open well near Fifteenth and Spring streets, Friday, while gathering blackberries are not to be made until word is received from her two daughters in Ohio. The body was removed from the morgue to Finley's parlors yesterday afternoon.

The body was found at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Patrolman Stanton after saarching parties had searched all night Friday and several hours Saturday morning. The top of the well was obscured by swamp grass, and it is believed that Mrs. Jones walked directly into it.

According to the police, the swamp and well form a regular death trap and several people and animals have fallen into it before. Investigation is under way by Deputy Coroner Smith to determine who is responsible for the well having been left uncovered.

Mrs. Jones left her home early Friday morning to pick blackberries in the woods on Portland Heights. Her absence was discovered by her husband when he arrived home Friday night.

Search imediately instituted was continued by the police and friends all night Friday. Shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning searchers reached the vicinity of the well and Patrolman Stanton, remembering that there was a deserted well in the neighborhood, led searchers to it.

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The body was found floating in the water which was about 9 feet deep. It is believed that Mrs. Jones fell into the well Friday morning.

Death Story Finds One Long Lost Son

Chicago, July 10.—Wide publication of the pathetic story of how Abraham Littlejohn died a few days ago in Chicago after having called daily at the postoffice for years hoping vainly to get a letter from his son, John, who left 27 years ago, resulted in locating the son at Wichita, Kan.

He read the story in a paper and wrote home.

Woman Plans Own Funeral, Then Dies

Yankton, S. D., July 10.—Arrangements which Mrs. Zimmerman, a Sioux Indian woman, perfected while in good health were carried out at Some time ago, when Mrs. Zimmerman was in the best of health, she called an undertaker to her home, instructing him to bring his catalog and samples. From these she selected her monument and casket. She supplied the undertaker wish an inscription and wished carved on the stone. these arrangements were completed she wrote out a check covering the full cost of her funeral. When she died these arrangements were carried

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is said to be preparing to prove that is said to be preparing to prove that Mrs. Charlton was not yet dead when Charlton doubled her up inside the 166-168 FIRST STREET (Near Morrison)

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