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## "THE WIFE AND FOUR"

Johnson S. Smith, superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, in talking to the ways and means committees of the two branches of the Legislature on Wednesday evening, told of the case of a new arrival at the prison at the east end of State street.

A stern but just judge in Marion county a short time ago was under the necessity of passing sentence upon this man. He sent him to the penitentiary for two years—

But this sentence carried another sentence—

It sent the wife and four children of this man to be charged upon public charity.

Who takes care of the wife and four? Marion county does, in this case, with a monthly allowance sufficient to keep body and soul together.

This is but a sample case. This same thing is happening in all the other counties of Oregon.

If the crime for the commission of which this man is now paying his penalty in servitude, and perhaps in idleness, had been committed in a Minnesota county, what would be the difference in the conditions? The difference would be this: He would be put to work at once. He would be paid a small daily wage; more than the \$10 a month Marion county is paying to keep his family from starvation; even up to \$1.50 and in some instances \$2.50 a day, in cases of extreme necessity in the families of prisoners on the outside.

Under such conditions, the man at work in the penitentiary would labor cheerfully; gladly; even joyfully. He would feel something of the spirit of independence, knowing he was keeping his family together on the outside, waiting patiently for the day of his release.

No wonder the reformations at the Stillwater, Minn., prison are the highest, perhaps, of any such institution in the world; 85 per cent.

That is the kind of a prison the Oregon penitentiary can be made; will be made, if the present program is carried out to the full.

There is seldom a crime committed in which the criminal is the greatest sufferer from its consequences. The greatest sufferers are the innocent sufferers; the mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers and wives and children—

Sufferers in spirit and in truth—

Sufferers in humiliation and disgrace and the wringing of hearts and drinking to the dregs of the cups of bitterness—

And in a large proportion of cases sufferers in want and privation.

The brightest rainbow of hope in all the long record of crime and punishment for the commission of crime is the modern and model prison, such as the one at Stillwater, Minnesota; and such as the one proposed to be made and molded from the Oregon penitentiary.

It used to be the "unspcakable" Turk. Now he is brushing off his sandals with the tail of the British lion. Oh, me, oh, my—

Exchange.

Governor Pinchot says he is going to make Pennsylvania dry. Other governors might profit from his ambition. — Los Angeles Times. If he makes it any dryer

Senator La Follette says he will not form a new party. There is no need of it, he is about the newest party of which we have any knowledge.—Exchange.

The Democrats are trying to work out at Washington some plan of party unity. When they get hold of a superior brand they might pass it around to some of the other folks.—Los Angeles Times.

Lieutenant Governor Bloom of Ohio did not appear to preside over the senate for three weeks after he was inaugurated, and a resolution was adopted asking him why he was not on the job. But what are lieutenant governors for, especially in Ohio? We could never see when we lived in that state. We did see one succeed to the governorship in 1906, when Hon. Andrew L. Harris became governor by the death of Governor John L. Patterson. But usually the lieutenant governor is merely an ornament.—Los Angeles Times.

The ambition of Johnson S. Smith, superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, is to make the institution self supporting through the employment at some task of every inmate able to work.

In the same process, he hopes to build up and develop a modern and model prison system, devoted to the principle of reformation instead of vindictive justice; in the spirit of the Oregon constitution; a system under which every inmate who works may be paid a small daily wage, largely for the good of dependent relatives on the outside—the innocent victims of his crime.

The Statesman believes the ambition of Mr. Smith is possible of realization.

And this consummation would establish Mr. Smith as the most successful head of that institution in all its history; it would reflect great credit upon the administration of Governor Pierce, and it would mark the present legislature and its ways and means committee as among the notable bodies and committees in the state's legislative annals.

The people of Oregon would be relieved of the annual burden of maintaining the penitentiary. That would be a notable accomplishment. But most of the counties of Oregon would receive relief from the support of the families and dependent relatives of the prisoners. And, more important even than any of the above, society would be relieved very largely of the weighty incubus of the released prisoners, turned loose in bitterness and filled with the spirit of revenge.

It is most gratifying to know that a sincere effort to bring about better things is to be made. Its success will mark Oregon as a progressive state, in the good opinion of all the people of this country and of this world who keep up with modern penology.

than Oregon after the new legislation being enacted gets to working smoothly, it will shrivel up and blow away.

A number of the committees of the legislature should provide themselves with a supply of chloroform. Let them put all the freak and spite bills to sleep. There is no time for them.

## PORTLAND IMPLEMENT AND TRACTOR ASSOCIATION UNANIMOUSLY FAVORS SENATE BILL 39.

A special meeting of the Portland Implement and Tractor Association was held at the Portland hotel Tuesday noon for the purpose of considering senate bill 39. By request of the association, Mr. John H. Lewis, former state engineer, and Mr. Arthur W. Arnold, president of the La Pine Chamber of Commerce, were present to explain the purposes and merits of the bill.

The bill was carefully considered by the members present and was found to be in line with the needs of the state of Oregon. It was found to be a means whereby isolated districts of Oregon may, if they so choose by a vote of 60 per cent of the residents, organize themselves into districts and vote bond issues for the building and operating of railroad transportation, in accordance with the requirements of such districts.

It was considered that this bill, which provides a way whereby a district can help itself, on its own resources, is a plan that has long been needed and one that will develop the state as no other plan can be expected to do. It was found that this bill makes this local development practical without state aid or state guarantees of any kind or nature, and that the operation of a number of these roads throughout the state will aid the localities, aid the main line transportation companies, and will also provide a safe investment for capital.

Since the preliminary work under this bill is under the guidance of the local county court and also under the supervision of the public service commission it is found that every practical safeguard has been provided in the bill. As the bill enables a district to acquire the transportation its production calls for, ranging from motor trains operating on rails of wood to the logging railroads that are employed throughout the state, transportation service can be had at much less than main lines provide.

Mr. Greeny, president of the association, gave a list of the members to be: The A. H. Averill Machinery company, International Harvester company, Advance Rumely Thresher company, J. I. Case Threshing Machinery company, Aultman & Taylor Machinery company, John Deere Plow company, R. M. Wade & Co., Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co., and J. W. Hill of the Holt Manufacturing company.

Mr. Greeny stated that the business of the members of this association is such that they must keep in touch with the conditions and prospects of the entire northwest, and therefore they are informed of the general conditions of the various districts. He stated that the backward state of rail transportation is the cause of low production and small population, and that the association is willing and anxious to give

every possible support to improvements.

Bill 39 was unanimously approved by the association, and support was pledged to aid in its passage by the legislature.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Doing good work—

The legislature is doing good work.

If it will now apply a sleeping potion to all the freak and spite bills, cut out the non-essential things, and apply itself the rest of the time to the constructive and economical program, this session will go down in history as a most notable one.

Of course, the bill taxing schools, the YMCA and other such institutions will be put to sleep. It was never intended to do the harmful things it would do, if it accidentally became a law.

Some one says Turkey hates the cross unless of the double variety.

Does anyone on the green earth imagine any war vessel of the United States staying away from any part of all the seven seas because some upstart nation, such as Turkey orders it to do so? Germany, in all her pristine power, tried this once. Now look at her.

The Marion Star, President Harding's paper, says: "The world never will be wholly civilized. Some outlying portions have no natural resources worth seizing."

"Bolshevism is the theory that tramps are trumps."—Washington Post.

"The people of Washington, as well as the people of Oregon have Confidence in Skaggs Methods—Skaggs Service, and Skaggs Savings."

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## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

### SENATE BILL 39

La Pine Chamber of Commerce, La Pine, Oregon, Feb. 1, 1923. Editor Statesman:

We are extremely interested in senate bill 39, which is the first practical plan for railroad relief for isolated districts of the state of Oregon.

At a hearing before the committee on municipalities held January 30th, there were fifteen to twenty representative men in favor of the bill, and two against it. The two against it were the general attorneys of the Southern and Union Pacific Lines. Representing the railroad interests, Mr. Spencer proved that standard railroads cannot profitably serve districts of low or moderate production. To prove his claims, Mr. Spencer referred to the losses suffered by the branch lines that are now touching the margin of central Oregon. Taking Mr. Spencer's statement as the attitude of the railroads, there is thus no hope that such roads will make further effort to develop the isolated districts of Oregon by building branch lines.

Though the railroads offer no relief for districts that are now off the main lines, and though they suggest no change of plans or construction to fit the needs of such districts, they appear and oppose a bill that would enable such districts to help themselves.

Oregon, on account of its peculiar topography, consists of a series of districts most of which is impracticable to serve by standard railroads. Some such districts lie only a few miles and others lie a hundred miles from main lines, and they are, in many cases, non-producing, due to inability of the railroads to serve them.

Light gasoline trains operating on rails of wood for districts of small production, and low-cost logging railroads for medium production, are the relief for such districts. To bring this development about it is necessary to provide for the financing of these local railroads, and senate bill 39 provides for this by cooperation of the land owners interested. By issuing a small bond per acre, such districts can begin to produce and to deliver their crops and lumber, and the increase in values makes the bonds a still safer investment, and this also enables the district to pay its taxes and other obligations. The transportation bonds will be paid from the earnings of the road, which will automatically increase property values and bring prosperity to the district. This is not always the case where railroad and the people's interests are not united. A district may prosper as a result of transportation and at the same time the railroad may be losing money by being regulated and required to haul freight at less than cost.

The writer is a banker of central Oregon, and knows from experience that people must leave that district, as they cannot move their crops, and that many eastern people have been turned away for this reason. Truck rates from Bend to La Pine are \$10 per ton, and from Bend to Silver Lake are \$20 per ton, and the trucks lose money at these rates. Parts of the year trucks cannot run at all

and business must stop. Gasoline railroads at a few thousand dollars per mile will overcome this difficulty. Local developments of this kind will increase our population, increase our production, and will decrease our taxes. We therefore urge you to support senate bill 39, under which property owners may cooperate in the construction of transportation systems. Respectfully yours,

—F. W. Tomes, Vice President La Pine Chamber of Commerce.

## WANDA WANTS DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Selma Hawley, motion picture actress, better known as Wanda

Hawley, filed suit for divorce in the Los Angeles superior court charging her husband, Allan Hawley with desertion and cruelty.

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Barrel (4 bags)	\$7.09	Swansdown Cake Flour	35c
49 lb. bag	\$1.79	Albers Flapjack Flour	20c
<b>COOKING OILS, ETC.</b>		9-lb. bag Pure Buckwheat	59c
Wesson Oil, gallon	\$1.80	<b>SOAP AND SOAP POWDERS</b>	
Wesson Oil 1/2 gal.	93c	11 bars Crystal White Soap	49c
Wesson Oil, quarts	49c	2 Large Citrus Powder	49c
Wesson Oil, pts.	25c	2 Lrg. Peet's Seafoam	45c
9 lb. Crisco	\$1.87	2 Lrg. 20 Mule Borax Chips	65c
6 lb. Crisco	\$1.27	Lux, pkg.	10c
3 lb. Crisco	67c	7 Ivory Soap	49c
8 lb. Snowdrift	\$1.49	3 Lrg. Peets Wash. Mach. Soap	99c
4 lb. Snowdrift	79c	1 Large White King Soap	49c
<b>SMOKED MEATS and LARD</b>		Chips	49c
Swift's Cottage Rolls, lb.	25c	3 Old Dutch Cleanser	25c
Swift's Bacon Back, lb.	22c	<b>COFFEE</b>	
Swift's Premium Hams, lb.	29c	5 lb. tin M. J. B. Coffee	\$1.93
Swift's Breakfast Bacon, lb.	33c	3 lb. tins M. J. B. Coffee	\$1.19
Swift's Silverleaf Lard		1 lb. tin M. J. B.	42c
10 lb. net pails	\$1.85	5 lb. tin Dependable	\$1.83
5 lb. pails net	95c	1 lb. Skaggs Blend	37c
No. 5 pail Jones Lard	79c	1 lb. S. U. S. Blend	29c
<b>RICE and BEANS</b>		<b>CANNED GOODS</b>	
7 lbs. Head Rice	49c	5 cans Std. Corn	49c
6 lbs. Mex. Chilli Beans	49c	4 cans Baltimore String Beans	59c
3 lbs. Bayou Beans	29c	6 cans 2 1/2 Solid Pack Tomatoes	99c
3 Tall Cans Federal Milk	25c	4 cans Std. Utah Peas	49c
<b>DRIED FRUIT</b>		4 cans Lily Valley Sifted Peas	98c
2 lbs. Fcy. Oregon Prunes	25c	4 cans Lily Valley Fcy. Corn	79c
2 lbs. Fcy. White Figs	45c	4 cans Lily Valley Cut Beans	89c
5 lbs. Seedless Raisins	69c	2 cans 2 1/2 Libby's Spinach	35c
3 lbs. Loose Muscatel Raisins	49c	1 can 2 1/2 Red Rib. Kraut	15c
2 1-lb. packages Cluster Raisins	45c	2 cans 2 1/2 Red Rib. Sweet Potatoes	35c
<b>CRACKERS</b>		3 cans No. 1 Baltimore Oysters	50c
No. 5 Boxes Graham Crackers	75c	3 cans 1's Fancy Red Ribbon Shrimp	50c
No. 5 Boxes Soda Crackers	50c	3 cans Domestic Sardines	15c
No. 5 Boxes Snowflakes	60c	Here is a Real Buy	
2 lbs. Crisp Gingersnaps	35c	23 oz. Jar Pure Apple Butter	
2 lbs. Asst. Cookies	45c	18c	
3 pkgs. Harlequin Cakes	29c	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>BUTTER and CHEESE</b>		1 lb. Bulk Coconut, Ceylon	25c
Best Creamery Butter, lb.	48c	2 lbs. Oregon Walnuts	49c
Swift's Brookfield Cheese, lb.	30c	2 dozen Large Oranges (126s)	85c
Tillamook Cheese, lb.	35c	2 Large Grapefruit	25c
<b>CEREALS</b>		3 lbs. Gemnut	65c
3 Kellogg's Corn Flakes	29c	Free Delivery on all orders \$5.00 or over (sack sugar excepted)	
Shredded Wheat, pkg.	10c	Order your meats and groceries together	
Kellogg's krumbles, pkg.	11c	Salem, Ore. Phone 478	
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# The Junior Statesman

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## For Boys and Girls

**Don't Blame Him**  
Son: "My teacher pulled something on me today that made me mighty sore."  
Mother: "What was that?"  
Son: "My ear."

**Using It**  
"Henry," said a mother to her ten-year-old son, "haven't I always told you to use your napkin at the table?"  
"Why, I am using it, mother," protested Henry, "with an air of injured innocence. I've got the dog tied to the leg of the table with it."

**Helpful Hints**  
Bassford: "Say, what can I use to polish ivory?"  
Martini: "Did you ever try a shampoo?"

**A Favorable Report**  
"Here, boy," exclaimed the excited little man as he rushed up to a page in a big hotel. "Run up to my room and see if my umbrella is there. Hurry now, because I've just got five minutes to catch a train."  
Three minutes later the boy came tripping down the stairs.  
"Yes, sir," he said. "It's there all right."

**What's that?**  
She: "Is football a summer or winter game?"  
He: "Neither. It's a fall game."

**Another Discovery**  
Teacher: "Who discovered America?"  
Student: "Ohio."  
Teacher: "No, Sonny, Columbus."  
Student: "Aw, that was just his first name."

**Helioisms**  
Freckles: "My father has George Washington's watch."  
Alec: "That's nothing. My dad has Adam's apple."

most parrots, had a store of language that no good church-going parrot should have. For many years she had belonged to an old sea-faring captain. Then, at the sea captain's death, Polly had been bumped around from pillar to post, practicing the language she had been taught, and quite often losing a good home because of it.

"What's that?" demanded the old lady. "What did you say? You'll have to talk a little louder. I'm a trifle hard of hearing."  
Rosa Marie blushed pink. "I didn't say anything," she screamed, right into the old lady's ear. "It was Polly."

"You mean the parrot," screamed the old lady back, loud enough for even herself to hear. "What did it say?"  
Again Rosa Marie blushed. "She said, 'Good morning. How are you?'" she fibbed.

"Oh! Does she say anything else?" asked the old lady. "She doesn't swear, does she?"  
"Oh no!" replied Rosa Marie sweetly above Polly's loud swearing. "She says 'Polly wants a cracker.' That's what she's saying now."

"I'll take her," said the old lady. "I always did want a parrot that didn't swear. But this is for my son. He's a minister; he likes parrots, too."  
Rosa Marie wrapped up Polly's

picture puzzle

**FORM A WORD—SQUARE OF THE WORDS PICTURED HERE?**



Answer to yesterday's: Tack, back, back, stack, sack.