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## FINEST PENITENTIARY IN THE WORLD

Missouri claims to have the largest penitentiary in the United States, and one of the finest, and it is entirely self supporting.

And has a revolving fund of over \$9,000,000. Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the Oregon state tuberculosis hospital, has just received a letter from E. S. Tillinghast, until last September superintendent of the Oregon school for the deaf, who is now the superintendent of the Missouri school for the deaf—and the closing paragraph of the letter refers to the Missouri state penitentiary. Thinking Governor Pierce would be interested, Dr. Bellinger sent the Governor this reference, which is as follows:

"Our Missouri penitentiary claims to be the largest and one of the very finest in the country. The new cell houses, models of their kind, are lined entirely with glazed white tile brick, giving a wonderfully clean white light effect. This penitentiary with 2250 inmates is entirely self supporting and has a revolving fund of over \$9,000,000."

The Missouri penitentiary is located at Jefferson City, which has 12,500 population, a little more half the size of Salem, which has now around 22,000.

The manufactures in the Missouri prison are binder twine, brooms, shirts, overalls, coats, leather and shoes; and the annual report says they do besides farm and road work.

This is interesting, in view of the fact that the Oregon penitentiary is now, by the action of the present Legislature, about to enter upon a program calculated to make it a self supporting institution, through its industries to be extended and established.

The next largest penitentiary revolving fund, of over \$4,000,000, that has come to the notice of the writer is that of the Minnesota state prison at Stillwater, built up almost entirely on the profits made on the manufacture of binder twine; though annually thousands of binders, mowers, rakes and trucks for Minnesota farmers are made there.

The superintendent of the industries there, Mr. McMillan, writes that he thinks the Oregon penitentiary can make a success of manufacturing twines from flax fiber and tow.

From the reports of other prisons, it is evident that the spinning of twines is a line of manufacturing well adapted to prison labor. No doubt the Oregon prison will find its greatest profit here; and that the profit on flax twines will be found greater than on twines made from sisal and hemp, which are used in all the other prisons. But the manufacturing in the Oregon prison may and no doubt will be extended to other lines; when they are tried out and found both practicable and profitable.

There would no doubt be a dispute now as to which is the finest penitentiary in the United States, and therefore in the whole world; between Minnesota and Missouri and other states. But there is no doubt that the Minnesota

prison stands at the head of the list in percentage of reformations. It is 85 per cent, and the system that brings this about is the payment of a daily wage to the inmates; to every one of them who does any kind of work; even the cooks and barbers and scrubbers of floors and washers of dishes, etc.

But the writer predicts that the Oregon penitentiary will now enter upon a successful race to become the finest penitentiary in the world; that it will be able to make the largest per capita profits of any prison, being located where the best fiber flax grown is and can be produced in unlimited quantities—thus enabling our prison to make several profits, from the treating of the straw to the spinning of the fibers and the weaving of rugs and towels—and on up through the various branches of the flax and linen industries, as far as it may be found practicable to go with this sort of labor, which is more or less temporary and more or less unskilled.

Our prison is off now, or will be within a few days, in the long fight for the highest place; for the distinction of being called the finest penitentiary in the world; the model prison for the whole earth.

And, aside from the present revolving fund that is being created, there will not likely ever be necessary another cent of money contributed by the taxpayers of Oregon; nor for more than four years more, and perhaps not for more than two years more, any tax money necessary for the maintenance of the institution, or for the erection or repair of buildings, or for the purchase of a single thing needed in or about or for the institution.

Both Republicans and Democrats at Washington are trying to work out a plan of party unity at Washington. Whoever strikes it first has promised to loan it to the other fellow as a sample of how it can be done.

Senate bill 39, defeated in the senate yesterday, ought to be reconsidered and passed. There is not a single valid reason against this bill. It merely proposes to allow backward districts to help themselves; to connect with the markets without which there can be no great development.

Tennessee has taken the place of Ohio as the leader in the number of associate justices on the United States supreme bench. That state now has two members, Justices Sanford and McReynolds, while Ohio has but one, Chief Justice Taft. But in avropodis he is equal to about three of his colleagues.

### THE ARMY IN PEACE

The practical usefulness of the army in time of peace probably accounts in large measure for the small amount of antagonism toward the military branch of the government service in this country. While, of course, the privates in the ranks of the army are not engaged in productive work, they are a constant insurance of public peace and safety.

### COMING EVENTS

- March 1, 2, and 3, Flying Squadron, in interest of Prohibition enforcement.
- Afternoon and evening meetings in Presbyterian church.

Army officers are more than that. A great many of them, in time of peace, are engaged in work that promotes the industrial and commercial welfare of the nation. It is well known that the war department has charge of river and harbor improvements; that it has established peaceful governments in the half-civilized island possessions that have come under our supervision, and that it is taking the lead in aviation, which is now developing into commercial importance. Speaking of the past record of the war department in constructive work in time of peace, Secretary of War Weeks said in a recent address:

"The great Lewis and Clarke expedition which opened up the northwest was conducted by the army. The army conducted nearly all preliminary explorations in the early days of the country. It constructed the early roads. It built bridges and canals. It alone was able to conduct the early surveys and make the maps which are so essential in the opening up of a new region. Army engineers initiated most of the accurate methods which are now employed in the geodetic, topographic and hydrographic surveys of our possessions. The army was virtually the pioneer of the pioneers. As our citizens moved west over the prairies and through the forests they traveled routes which were surveyed by army engineers, constructed by the army, and protected by military posts. They settled on locations which had been surveyed by the army, and their titles were established and valid only because of the surveys. In developing the land the settlers were protected against Indians by

troops of the army. Finally, when the time came to link these outposts to our eastern civilization, it was the army that located and constructed the railroads. Only after the railroads had developed engineers of their own and the country had become safer for travel, did the army relinquish its tasks and turn elsewhere for its missions. The troops of the line remained on the frontiers.

"Up to 1855 there was scarcely a railroad in this country that was not projected, built, and operated in large part by the army. Army engineers located, constructed and managed such well known roads as the Baltimore & Ohio, the Northern Central, the Erie, the Boston & Providence, the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and the Boston & Albany. Practically all of the transcontinental railroads were projected by the army. An army officer built the best locomotive of his time, after his own design. So widespread was his fame that when the czar of Russia desired to build a railroad from St. Petersburg to Moscow he chose the American officer for the task. The officer, Lieut. G. W. Whistler, died before completing the work, but he passed it to another army officer to finish. Americans are proud of their railroads. They owe their early development to the army.

"The army built the Chesapeake & Ohio canal and the Erie canal. The most effective influence in opening up the middle west was the old Cumberland Pike, running from Cumberland, Md., to St. Louis, Mo. This was built by the army. Practically every boundary of the United States, and most of the state boundaries, were surveyed and marked by the army."

### WOMAN THE FIGHTER

(By Harry Bowling.)

Are not the peace advocates who rely on the influence of woman to end the reign of war reckoning without one of the oldest biological facts?

In which sex did nature implant the stronger fighting instinct—the male or the female? Which is the fiercer, father-love or mother-love?

Look into the pages of history. Remember Catherine de Medici; how, when the Austrians threatened to kill her captive children unless she surrendered the castle, she replied scornfully, defiantly, she could bring forth more children to go on fighting them.

What group so terrible as the Paris viragos of '89, seated at the foot of the guillotine, making a knot in their knitting for every head that fell into the blood-stained basket?

In the gladiatorial shows of the Colosseum ask Juvenal who were always the first to point their thumbs downward? Not the men—it was the fair young daughters of Rome who set the fatal signal.

Let the allied prisoners taken through German cities—when the war hatred had been fanned to the fiercest—tell you from whom they received the harshest evidence of that hatred. Not from the men, but from the women.

So among the Irish irregulars today the spirit of rebellion is fostered and the passion of revenge inflamed more by the daughters than by the sons of Erin. It is the women of Ireland who swear they will never forget, never forgive.

But it isn't necessary to go back into history to find out which is the fighting sex. Any man can prove it in his own city, his own neighborhood, possibly in his own home.

Who start 90 per cent of the neighborhood rows that from backyard sarcasm finish at spite fences, slaughtered poultry, slapped children, masculine fistcuffs and actions for damages?

After the scrap is once on, it is true, man does the active part of the fighting, but who, as a rule, does the starting? Is it dad?

This being so, why look so confidently to the influence of woman to end war?

### MARRYING TEACHERS

"We must not again obtain the services of such good looking schoolma'ams," declared a member of the Huntington Park board of education when it transpired that four teachers there had just been married, three of whom were employed in the same school.

Presumably teachers are going to have to pass an entirely new sort of examination in Huntington Park hereafter. The examiner probably will be some former assistant casting director from Los Angeles, but the system of grading will be exactly the reverse. An applicant doubtless will score about ten points against herself by exhibiting pretty teeth, will be penalized at least five points each for dimples,

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

They are still with us—

The legislature is still here—

And the members are working for nothing and paying their own board; working as hard as any man with a \$75,000 salary, too.

There is too much pride of authorship in the legislature. Forget it. There is no time left for trimmings of any kind.

Senate bill 39 was defeated in the senate yesterday. But it should not be left at that. It ought to be reconsidered and passed. It would be a great help in the development of the far away districts. Of course, it must be remembered that there are some men who do not want the backward districts developed. It would interfere with their schemes.

Is the farmer coming back? Bless your soul, he is the only fellow who hasn't been away—Omaha Bee.

Europe's great trouble is too much preparation for the new war and not enough preparation for the last.

The Statesman noted a few days ago the death of Henry Clews, the Wall street authority. James B. Clews carries on the business. He is a son. In the current weekly financial letter, the following is a head line: "Confident feeling regarding business prevails." The letter gives many particulars supporting this.

Never criticize a movie star till you figure out the kind of an ass you would be if you had that kind of a salary.—Exchange.

The Reptile society has just had its annual banquet in New York. Great snakes!

## Auction Sale

SATURDAY, 1 P.M.

### A Big Lot of Goods For Saturday Selling

1 overstuffed davenport, 3 rockers, 1 library table, 5 room sized rugs, 1 bookcase, 3 stand tables, 4 pictures, 1 Morris chair, 3 extension tables, 2 sets diners, 1 organ, 1 buffet, sewing table, 3 heaters, 3 Congoleum rugs, 2 ranges, 2 magazine racks, 2 kitchen cabinets, 3 kitchen tables, several remnants linoleum, 5 iron beds, 5 sanitary springs, 2 coil springs, 4 mattresses, 2 dressers, 3 commodes, 2 cots, 3 bedroom rugs, wash bowls and pitchers, 2 clocks, dishes, utensils, tools, musical instruments, 1 settee, baby carriages and thousands of articles too numerous to mention.

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE**—Lodging house proprietors, hotelkeepers, logging camps, and new comers, will find these sales an economical way to purchase furniture. Don't miss one. New furniture as well as used.

## STIFF'S AUCTION HOUSE

Court and Liberty

### F. N. WOODRY

Auctioneer

# The Junior Statesman

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## For Boys and Girls

### PLAY NO. 1 FORWARD TO FORWARD

### PLAY NO. 2 FORWARD TO GUARD

### PLAY NO. 3 CENTER TO FORWARD

XXX—PATH IN WHICH PLAYERS RUN ————PATH IN WHICH BALL TRAVELS

### BASKETBALL LESSONS.

#### No. 12 Signal Plays

**Forward Dashes to Basket**  
The forward who is to receive the pass under the basket should dash toward the basket and catch the guard unawares and a score can be made.

**Another good play is the "forward to guard."** In this play the tap is received by the forward, who tosses it backward over his head so that the ball lands near the spot at which the forward stood before the ball was tossed up. This should be a gentle toss about eight feet high, so that the ball will hit the floor and bounce easily straight upward.

The guard on the same side as the forward receiving the tap starts up the floor along the boundary line as soon as he sees the referee toss up the ball. He should time his run so that he reaches the ball just as it bounces upward. Then a simple dribble and shot is used, and a goal is scored, because the forward will never follow the guard, and the defensive guard will be drawn into the center by the forward.

**Center to Forward**  
A third play that could be used if the center can easily out-tap his opponent is a direct tap under the basket. Either forward, according to the signal, cuts for the basket, grabs the ball, and shoots. This play can't be used very often in one

### THE SHORT STORY, JR.

#### BEN'S NICE CHICKENS

So fond of his chickens was Ben, He couldn't keep them in a pen; He knew them by name— When he called them they came; He prized every rooster and hen.

"Oh, Ben, aren't you ready for church yet?" Mrs. Clark looked into her son's room and frowned to see him still in his old clothes. "Don't you know it's getting late?"

"I'll be ready in a minute, mother," he said. "I just have to change my clothes, and wash and comb my hair. Oh, yes, and I have to catch the chickens, too. They got out last night and are running all around."

"Well, do hurry. The first rang ever so long ago. It oughtn't to take you long to catch the chickens. They are such yets."

"They're mighty fine chickens," Ben admitted. "Did you ever notice the way they follow me around? Just like a dog," he added proudly.

"There's the bell now," cried his mother, thrusting his clean collar at him. "What did I tell you! I'm going on over. You can come as soon as you get ready. I don't like to be late every single time. Now do hurry, please! Don't bother to lock up the chickens. They can't do any harm this time of year."

"All right," Ben mumbled, his collar button between his teeth. "I'll be there in a minute."

He hurried as fast as he could. In a little less than five minutes he was all ready and running across the vacant lot to the church. Mother would be surprised to see him there so soon. Why, he was hardly late at all. Mother made such a fuss about little things. He did wish they didn't sit on the front seat,



though. It looked such a long way clear down the middle aisle to their pew.

His head high, he sailed down the aisle, proud to think he was not really late, after all. But what was the matter? People were looking at him and laughing. He wondered if his face wasn't clean. What could be the matter. He strained his ears and heard giggles and stifled laughs behind him, and then he heard a strangely familiar sound, but one he had never before heard in church.

Quickly Ben stopped short and looked back over his shoulder. There following him down the aisle were his six nice fat chickens.



### PICTURE PUZZLE

THREE TOOLS ARE HIDDEN IN THIS PICTURE. WHAT ARE THEY?



Answer to yesterday's Sunflower, Sunday, sunrise, sunrise, sunbeam.

## What About Sunday?

Every person in Salem should attend church services some place tomorrow. At every Methodist church here there will be

### Special Revival Services

These Revival Meetings have been running for a week and are a culmination of the Great Methodist Evangelistic Crusade.

## Sunday is to be a Big Day

Don't miss these Sunday services, both morning and evening. Special music that will delight you, preaching that will inspire and uplift you, and a personal welcome that will warm you. Special evangelistic services at all of the following churches:

<b>FIRST METHODIST</b> State and Church St.	<b>LESLIE METHODIST</b> South Commercial and Myers
<b>JASON LEE METHODIST</b> Jefferson Ave. and Winter St.	<b>SCANDINAVIAN METHODIST</b> Fifteenth and Mill Street
<b>WEST SALEM METHODIST</b> West Salem	<b>CENTER STREET METHODIST</b> Center and 13th St. (Services Sunday and Thursday-night only.)

Sunday morning at 11; Sunday night at 7:30. Also every night next week Except Saturday