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CONCERNING PAROLES AND PARDONS

"Sincerely it is to be hoped that the new pardon and parole board will not fall into the errors that marred the usefulness of the retiring board. While Senator Ritner, as acting governor, came under severe criticism for the wholesale 'Christmas' pardons, the board was by no means blameless. They recommended pardons except in a few cases, and Ritner followed their advice. Both are blameworthy for having ignored the public interest in so many cases.

"It would be no more than just to say that the spirit of the parole law was violated. This law was intended to give first offenders the opportunity for self-redemption, but it was never intended to cover criminals from other states who committed their first felony in Oregon. Instant return to crime by paroled convicts is sufficient evidence to show that the parole principle has been too often misapplied.

"Some of the pardons recommended by the retiring board were utterly indefensible. Those which were granted in the face of solemn protests by judges, district attorneys, sheriffs, and police officers were nothing less than nullification of righteous laws which Oregon, in common with all American states enacted to protect life and property.

"In humane spirit, Oregon wishes to perpetuate the indeterminate sentence, which always opens the way, after one year, for first offenders to secure release and become nominally free men. By their own effort they can become absolutely free and recover full citizenship rights; but the law of leniency is in danger of repeal unless more discrimination is used in administering it in future than has been shown in the past.

"Any convict except a life term may reduce the period of incarceration by good behavior. Mere obedience to prison rules, without reference toward repentance or non-repentance, automatically works to cut off a certain fixed number of years and months. It is a doubtful if not a dangerous policy, to reduce the term of imprisonment lower than the prison rules provide.

"The new board should do this: Subscribe to a resolution pledging its members to regard the interest of organized society as of more importance than the interest of a convict and then keep the pledge."—Portland Telegram.

The writer does not wish to enter into a discussion concerning the paragraphs of the above article down to the last paragraph.

A great deal has already been said; much of it unjust concerning some of the actions of some of the parties concerned, and perhaps some of it deserved criticism concerning some of the actions of some of the parties.

As to the last paragraph, suggesting the pledge: That pledge is scarcely to be presumed as necessary. It is assumed that any parole board would act upon that principle; on the principle that the interests of the whole people, or even a majority of the people, are to be considered above those of one man or a minority.

But, down deep in their hearts, the whole people, or a majority of them, or at least a majority of those who think and feel and have honest scruples and well directed sympathy, would not desire to have their servants in any capacity do injustice to even one man, though that man were a convict.

The indeterminate sentence in Oregon is a good thing; but it is not good enough, according to the standards of modern penology, as held by all deep students who deal with such matters in this country.

For they hold that indeterminate sentences ought to be absolute, and not merely according to former rules prescribing certain terms of years for certain convictions for crime.

This doctrine, however, presupposes still greater responsibility and study and care on the part of paroling bodies. An absolutely indeterminate sentence must of necessity be complemented with discreet and just paroling rules and authority.

Else a man once sent to prison for a slight offense might be kept for life; or he might be turned loose haphazard, without any regard to his fitness for becoming a responsible and useful member of society.

Also, there is no place for the absolutely indeterminate sentence without the best possible government of prisons; excepting as they may be made schools of training for future responsibility and usefulness for those men once convicted of crime who may finally be trusted to go on their own resources as members of society.

So far, in Oregon, we can only approximate the highest aims of modern penology. We are only making a beginning, or about to make a beginning. After two or four or more years, perhaps this new parole board will be able to make some suggestions that will be of value in the domain of the best methods in the treatment and training and paroling of prisoners.

Former Secretary McAdoo has gone to Mexico. But, William, the Mexicans will have no vote in the next Democratic national convention.—Exchange.

Some day the wets are going to wake up to find that an overwhelming majority of the people of the United States are weary of bootleggers and dry-law violators. The bootlegger is fast becoming a man without a country.—Los Angeles Times.

Garden week next week. None too early for Oregon. Everybody's doing it, or getting ready to do it.

Joe Tumulty says that Woodrow Wilson will stump the country in 1924. But Tumulty does not speak for the ex-president as he once did. All due to that book, in which more attention was paid to Tumulty than to his former chief.

President Harding is arranging to dispose of the mercantile ships

FUTURE DATES

- March 31, Saturday—State fair board to meet.
April 6, Friday—'A Nautical Knot,' opera by music classes, in Salem High school auditorium.
April 7, Saturday—Shrine Vandeville Drive at Army.
April 2 to 9—Music Week.
April 2, Monday—Clarence C. Hamilton, field secretary United Society of Christian Endeavor, to speak in Salem.
April 2, Monday—Made-in-Salem week begins.
April 3, Tuesday—Septic tank and water bond election at Dallas.
April 4, Wednesday—Willamette Tent, Macabees' district initiation Degree week by Mt. Hood Tent, Portland.
April 12, Friday—Willamette Men's Glee club concert at army.
April 19, 20 and 21—Cherrian Cherrings chorus at Army.
April 28, Saturday—Whitney Boys Glee club at Army.
May 5, Saturday—Al Kader temple Ghrine ceremonial in Salem.
May 6, Sunday—Blossom Day.
May 18, Friday—May Festival, Haslam's arena, 'The Four Seasons.'
May 28, 29, 30 and 31—Oregon Jersey Jubilee.

THE PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME

Mexico has some curious criminal laws. For instance, it is twice as much an offense to mutilate the face of a woman as that of a man. The idea of this is a very sensible one, being based on the fact that to a woman her beauty is a great asset; to mar it is therefore a very serious personal injury.

Another quite sound law is that in a case of assault, the punishment of the offense if fixed by the number of days that his victim has to remain in the hospital or under the care of the doctor. If more than forty days, the penalty automatically doubles.

"HAFNIUM" WOULD HELP SOME

The discovery of a new element, that "will not wear out" suggests a number of profitable uses to which it might be put. "Hafnium" is its name, and if some method of producing it in cheap and workable form can be found it is to be rated as a great blessing to the race. Indeed, the possibilities of hafnium as an alloy, the ingredient or composition element are practically limitless. What a boon it would be if it could be so produced that it could be woven into the heels of socks or the seats of trousers or built into shoe soles and other perishable fruits of modern industry.

THE GIRLS OF TODAY

Dr. Arthur Holmes of Drake University indulges in an indictment of the modern girl. Kalkreuthers and rifles in feminine hands are his especial animadversions, he feeling that such things are the rightful belongings of the sterner sex alone. If they must fight, the learned savant insists, let them do so by shooting glances out of the eye, rather than wielding Colt revolvers or brandishing boxing gloves.

When will some of our sagacious professors learn that sitting coyly in a corner and wriggling one's orbs no longer intrigues the interest of an able-bodied young woman. As a sideline it is all right, but as the chief occupation of an adult mind it is somewhat piffing. And the first to flee the premises with shrieks of horror would be the good old doctor, if he were condemned to pass the evening in the society of a roomful of ogling girls.

Let us rather give thanks that our young people have learned to love the great outdoors. Far from lowering the standards of the human race, as the teacher avers, the modern girl, with her naturalness and ready companionship, has raised them a little higher. The old days of the simpering, helpless miss have passed and it is time for even the possessor of the most antiquated views to accustom himself to this fact.

The recent tennis match at Nice between Mlle. Susanne Langien and Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory brought no joy to the partisans of the American champion, but there was much about it that the general public could heartily approve. "Susanne," we are told by the dispatches, "was magnificent in victory, and Molla was dignified in defeat." Perhaps the one-sided character of the score, the American falling to take a single game in the two sets, had something to do with this condition, but we prefer to believe that even if the battle had been close and exciting the behavior of both contestants would have been the same. Each player has had time to meditate upon her previous display of gusty temperament and to be thoroughly ashamed of it.

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Case Is Appealed to Federal Supreme Court An appeal to the United States supreme court has been taken from the Oregon supreme court in the case of Edwin Reed vs. Fred Hollister, which is an attempt to recover half the estate of Frances S. Furry, all of which is said to be in the hands of Hollister, who is an attorney of Marshfield. The case was appealed from Lane county, and it involves the comity of states between courts of Oregon and California. Hollister is said to be a son of Mrs. Furry and Reed is administrator of the estate which aggregates about \$40,000. Reed

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The First Application Makes Skin Cool and Comfortable. If you are suffering from eczema or some other torturing, embarrassing skin trouble you may quickly be rid of it by using Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. This sulphur preparation, because of its germ destroying properties, seldom fails to quickly subdue itching, even of fiery eczema. The first application makes the skin cool and comfortable. Rash and h'tches are healed right up. Rowles Mentho-Sulphur is applied like any pleasant cold cream and is perfectly harmless. You can obtain a small jar from any good druggist.—Adv.



THE SHORT STORY, JR.

AN UNPOPULAR UMPIRE

The umpire made everyone mad, in fact, he got in very bad; To the coach's square code The mean fellow owed The narrow escape that he had.

Bill Thompson sat on the side lines and ground his teeth in anger. His team was being cheated out of the game, literally cheated. "Out!" shouted the umpire, and a loud hiss went up from the crowd. It was all Bill could do to keep from joining in. "What's the matter with that crazy umpire?" he grumbled.

"That fellow wasn't out at all. I wonder what the coach thinks now. He wants us to be good sports, but he surely doesn't want us to be sissies and let that old umpire cheat us like this."

The game was over and Woodlawn High school had lost. It was perfectly plain to everyone at the game that the umpire had not been fair. The fellows were all justly angry. "Let's lay for him," screamed Dick Brown above the noise and complaints of the bunch. "Let's egg him. He deserves it if every ay one did. The cheat!"

"But Dick," what would Coach Walker say?" Bill, who was president of the Athletic association, felt that it was his duty to see that the fellows didn't do anything they shouldn't. But Dick and the other fellows were too angry to care what the coach would say.

"Come on," they cried. "Let's get him. Let's clean up on him before he leaves town."

Bill watched the angry gang rush off towards the hotel. He wished he could go, too, but he felt he ought to tell the coach first. Mr. Walker was in the gym. Bill rushed up to his office. He gasped out the story of how the game was going to "get" the umpire.

Bill had never seen the coach so angry before. "Bill, I feel as

though I would like to help," he cried. "I'd like to beat that fellow to a pulp. Sometimes I think there's a limit even for a good sport, but, of course, there isn't. However, don't you worry. They won't get him." He pointed to his locker room. "I have him hiding in there. I guess he's learned his lesson. He's so scared he doesn't know what to do. Come on, you and I will see that he gets out of town safely. My car is outside."



PICTURE PUZZLE



"YORE" IS "WROTE THE ROBBER N LESS U" with 5000

Answer to yesterday's: Vineyard.

won in the California court where the case was tried and then sued on this judgment in the circuit court for Lane county where he again was successful. Hollister appealed to the state supreme court which upheld the lower court, and now Hollister takes the case to the United States supreme court.

Gasoline Tax Referendum May be Forstalled

Governor Pierce went into conference in Portland yesterday with the Oregon Automotive Dealers' association to attempt to make arrangements to have the referendum of the act increasing the tax on gasoline from 2 to 3 cents. The meeting was called by the dealers. They have started the referendum on the measure, and the referendum is being opposed by the governor and by a number of communities in the state that insist that if the tax were not allowed to become effective road development in the communities would be halted.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Statesman Annual tomorrow. It will be a part of the regular Statesman of Saturday. Coming to their senses—

Talking of leaving the additional one cent gasoline tax alone. It will take that, and the rescission of some of the serial bonds

as they are paid off, to keep the state road program alive—to finish the gaps and match the government money. And that ought to be done, at least.

England has a bachelor for judge of the divorce court. Is that to secure impartiality? The Fascist movement is

spreading from Italy to a number of other countries. It is the vigilance committee on a national or international scale. In Italy, it was obtaining orderly government by disorderly methods to begin with. Perhaps the Fascist movement is the thing that will bring order out of chaos in Russia; though an intelligent and active middle class is lacking there. Lenin and Trotzky fear the Fascist movement and are attempting to keep it out of Russia.

Too much cannot be made of garden week next week in Oregon. Also, the activities of the Salem Floral society ought to be increased. It will pay to make Salem more beautiful, as a straight business proposition, to say nothing of the satisfaction in an esthetic sense and the attendant benefits in numerous ways.

MUSTEROLE advertisement with logo and text: Better Than a Mustard Plaster. For Coughs and Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism and All Aches and Pains. ALL DRUGGISTS. 35c and 65c, jars and tubes. Hospital size, \$3.00.

Sam Small, out Highland way, says laugh a little more at your own troubles and a little less at your neighbors'.

The mammoth new paper making machine at the Salem paper mill, which will be ready to run in a few days, will a little more than double the output of the mill.

WHY STAY FAT? YOU CAN REDUCE

The answer of most fat people is that it is too hard, too troublesome and too dangerous to force the weight down. Marmola Prescription Tablets overcome all these difficulties. They are absolutely harmless, entail no dieting or exercise, and have the added advantage of cheapness. A case is sold at one dollar by all druggists the world over, or the price direct to the Marmola Co., 4612 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. You know this, you have no excuse for being fat, but can reduce steadily and easily without going through long days of tiresome exercise and starvation or fear of bad effects.

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NOTICE! TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS: We beg to announce the showing of the magnificent picture play—the finest production yet made—"Robin Hood" This film has cost us a tremendous sum—more than "Lady Billy" and "Merry Widow" road shows combined. We want everyone to see it at fair. ADMISSION PRICES: We have secured two prints and have scaled prices to fit the purse of everyone. It will be shown at the GRAND THEATRE Next Saturday and Sunday Only. Matinees—Adults 35c, Children 10c. Evenings—Downstairs 50c, Upstairs 35c, Children 20c. OREGON THEATRE Tonight 7:00—9:00 Sharp. Adults 55c, Loges 75c, Childs 25c. Only record breaking attendance will justify these low prices. We hope to repeat such bargains in the future with your help. OREGON - GRAND

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For Boys and Girls

THE FUN BOX Situation Wanted City Editor: "Who ruined the photo of this girl?" New Reporter: "She held a book in front of her face when we took the picture, and I tried to erase it."



Nature Faker "There is a real camel's hair brush," said the clerk. "You can't fool me," replied the freshman. "Camels don't brush their hair."

Today's Grammar Lesson "Do you know the difference between a cat and a comma?" "No, what is it?" "A cat has its claws at the end of its paws, and a comma has its pause at the end of its clause."

The Idea! Hotel Guest: "Has Mike Howe registered here?" Clerk: "What do you think this is, a stable?" True, Enough English Teacher: "Name a collective noun." Student: "Garbage can."

Approved Soph: "Is this cup sanitary?" Fresh: "Must be; everybody uses it." Foresight Bill: "My father knew a month before he died when he would die."

Jack: "My, that's remarkable. Intuition tell him?" Bill: "No, the judge." Natural "That's a flaming tie you have on." "Sure. I got it at a fire sale."



Fortunate Senior: "My brother fell against the piano and struck his head." Junior: "Hurt him much?" Senior: "No, he hit the soft pedal." (Jokes for "The Fun Box" are collected from high school newspapers all over North America.)