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MORE SELF SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS

The idea of making prisons in the United States self supporting is growing; decidedly.

There are three that are entirely self supporting now—that have large surplus accounts in their revolving funds—the Minnesota, Missouri and Alabama penitentiaries. The first named has a surplus fund of over \$4,000,000, the second named of over \$9,000,000. The profits of the Minnesota prison are around \$300,000 a year, although all workers are paid small daily wages.

The South Dakota penitentiary is approaching self support; so is the Michigan penitentiary, the Indiana penitentiary, and others. The Oregon penitentiary has fairly entered upon a career that will make it self supporting—the writer believes soon; perhaps in the present two-year term; most likely in the next biennium, if not in this.

Now comes the Literary Digest in last week's issue with excerpts from an article in the Washington Times-Herald by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who is a widely known newspaper correspondent, even though a scion of great wealth. Following are quotations from the article of Mr. Vanderbilt:

"The most remarkable prison on the North American continent—a genuine prison de luxe—

"Picture to yourself, on the banks of the broad Mississippi, a veritable garden spot, surrounded on three sides by high embankments, on the fourth by beautiful hills, with a wonderful air of peace and security, and seemingly an attitude of contentment; with beautifully cultivated fields stretching for miles and miles, dotted here and there by little clusters of long, low white buildings; and in the center of this peninsula, a huge factory-like structure with the usual towering black chimney, and groups of humans everywhere working industriously. All this is Angola, some forty miles north of Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana. And this penitentiary, one of the lifetime ambitions of John M. Parker, Governor, is conducted for making men out of derelicts. And in this making of men it employs the system of letting those convicts who through good work and exceptional service become trusties, guard themselves. For, although over 1,600 men are confined at Angola, there are but eleven paid guards in the camp, and not a man has been lost in many years.

"Furthermore, unbelievable as it may sound, there are no cells, no bars, no high walls, no iron fences, no vermin, no uniformity of clothing, no prison pallor; all this a most radical change from the present type of penitentiary.

"There lived in Louisiana a man of vision, a man who believed that humanity and progress are the watchwords of the generation, a man who had courage enough to come out in the open regardless of party politics and declare that his platform as chief executive of this famous southern state was one of businesslike institutions run by business men. This man was Governor Parker, the present incumbent, whose proud boast is, 'I am not a politician, and this is the first public office I ever held.'

"Like Oglethorpe, of Georgia, back in Revolutionary

days, he thought he knew how to make a man. And Governor Parker has made many men in his state in the past three years.

"Today Angola penitentiary is fast becoming one of the show prisons of the country. Soon it will be known as the most remarkable institution of its kind in the world. Certain it is that its plantation will be the largest in the entire South, and the most fertile.

"There are 17,800 acres of land within the plantation under cultivation. Of this 6,000 acres are pasture land and 8,000 acres sugarcane.

"The prison is self supporting, with the single exception of wheat. Over 3,000 head of cattle, 387 mules, 200 horses and colts and 20,000 fowl are kept within the reservation.

"The fourth largest sugar refinery south of the Mason-Dixon line is situated in the middle of the institutional levees. In 1921 over 6,000,000 pounds of granulated and 1,000,000 pounds of lump sugar were produced by the convicts at this refinery. Twelve of the largest sugar refinery boilers in the world are located here. Five of them consume 20,000 barrels of oil per month."

That is surely an inspiring picture, especially for a state that, only a few years ago, had a convict system, in common with most of the states of the South, that was a disgrace to the section, and to the world—a system of contract prison labor that was as bad as slavery; or worse.

Modern penology is making great progress; going ahead faster on the right lines than ever before—and the most promising of all its advances is in the field of self support for so many of the penitentiaries of the United States.

France says she will stay until she gets the money. Oh, well, it that is the way she feels about it.

The Democrats are worried lest there be no issue in the national campaign in 1924. Why worry, they could not win with one in 1920.—Los Angeles Times.

Christmas has been abolished by the Russian soviet. If they ever get a hold in this country they will wipe out Washington's birthday celebrations, for it will be recalled he was a capitalist.

The Statesman will have a lot to say about grapes tomorrow. This is a great grape country—for the Concord varieties. Salem ought to be a great center of the grape industry. Can be.

In every branch of the fruit industry excepting the loganberry end of it, the prospects are good to fair. And there will be a lot of loganberries, too. The thing

FUTURE DATES

- April 25, Wednesday—Elsie Ferguson to be in person.
- April 27, Friday—State peace intercollegiate oratorical contest, Waller hall.
- April 28, Saturday—Whitney Boys' chorus at Arseny.
- May 2, Saturday—Pioneer Celebration at Champeer.
- May 5, Saturday—Al Kader temple Shinto ceremony in Salem.
- May 5, Sunday—Blossom Day.
- May 7, Monday—Twilight baseball league season opens.
- May 9, Wednesday—Monthly membership meeting Chamber of Commerce.
- May 11, Friday—"Come Out of the Kitchen" presented by Junior class of Willamette University at the Grand.
- May 12, Saturday—North Marion and South Clackamas county school districts to vote on consolidation.
- May 26, Saturday—May Festival, Haystack's festival, "The Four Seasons."
- May 28, 29, 30 and 31—Oregon Jersey Jubilee.
- June 18 to 24—Chautauqua at Dallas.
- June 16—Saturday, Marion county Sunday school picnic.

THE WEAKER VESSELS

It used to be that when a girl looked up dreamily and murmured, "Oh, I could dance with you forever!" her partner knew she was only indulging in a figure of speech. But now—

Well, a Houston (Tex.) girl danced sixty-five hours and thirty minutes the other night—or the

other night and day and night and day and night, rather—and is reported to have finished strong. Probably she only quit because her shoes were worn out or in order to attend the funeral of the trap drummer or the orchestra which started out to accompany her.

The heroine of this thrilling story, it appears, was inspired by a noble ambition. She wanted to establish a world's record which would be unbroken for at least a week.

It all started over in England, it appears. Some girl there astonished the world by dancing a whole hour or so without stopping. Then she had to take second—then seventy-second—place for folks who could really dance, until a Scotch girl was heralded as world's champion with an unbeatable record. She had actually danced the clock round twice, and then some—more than twenty-four hours.

But, even as she was being photographed, so that her picture might be placed on every package of Scotch oats to prove how much pep and vigor come from them, another Scotch girl danced thirty hours.

Not till then, to judge by dispatches, did America really become interested. But, as soon as that thirty-hour stunt was cabled to this land of champions, a New York girl broke it. Then a Cleveland salesgirl, used to being on her feet all day and dancing all night, put all European competition out of the running by tripping the more fantastic than light for fifty-three hours, plus. And so on till this Houston girl started out for a week-end dance and almost made it a week dance.

It is easy to foresee the finish of all except mechanical orchestras if this goes on.

But if the musicians don't start a movement against it the women's organizations should, for it's going to mean the final annihilation of that chivalry women love. Why shouldn't women who can dance sixty-five hours at a stretch get up and give their seats in street cars to tired business men? Why shouldn't the feminine and masculine positions in 100 daily occurrences be transposed by this startling revelation of the marvelous strength and endurance woman has been con-

THE BIG CITY

The department of political economy in Chicago University has concluded that the manifest destiny of Chicago is to reach and maintain the rank of third city of the world. London and New

York are expected to divide first and second positions between them. According to the last official figures Berlin and Paris were leading Chicago, but that was during the war period and it is quite possible that at this moment an accurate count of noses would show Chicago in the lead. The Illinois city now claims to be housing nearly 3,000,000 souls. As the center of the world's dining room it may safely hope to retain its commanding position. But it will not be very long before it will feel itself in spirited competition with Los Angeles for third place. There are optimistic parents in this city today who expect their children to live in the foremost city of the globe—and

this without moving out of the Wilshire district. Even now they are considering New York and London as the only competitors of the early future. We are nothing if not courageous.—Los Angeles Times.

CHEAP RATING

Jack Johnson was fined only \$3 when he was arrested in New York for violating a traffic ordinance. It would seem that the black ber, 1.25.

WHEAT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 24—Wheat: Cash No. 1 northern, 1.27 1-8 @ 1.35 1-8; No. 1 dark northern fancy, 1.37 1-8 @ 1.50; No. 1 dark northern, 1.29 18 @ 1.37 1-8; May, 1.27 1-8; July, 1.27 1-8; Sept., 1.28 7-8; Septem-



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For Boys and Girls



"neath the trees, A tramp tried the children to seize; He might have succeeded, But Lawrence proceeded To call on the help of the bees.

The boys and girls were playing in Thayer's side yard. It was a regular southern garden. Birds sang sweetly from the tops of the trees. Bright colored flowers smiled from every corner, while bees hummed lazily from flower to flower. At the back of the garden against a row of stately hollyhocks stood the beehives. They were the old fashioned beehives, the kind you seldom see now except in pictures.

Mrs. Thayer came out on the side porch. "Lawrence," she called to the largest of the boys, "I'm going down town. Watch the little children. Don't let them get hurt."

Lawrence nodded and smiled. "You can trust me," he said. "I won't let anything happen to them. I'll be careful to keep them away from the bees."

For some time the children played in the yard. Lawrence, being the oldest, watched carefully to see that none of the little ones got hurt. They were just deep in a game of "Blind Man's Buff" when he heard a noise behind him. Turning quickly he discovered an ugly looking tramp coming through the gate.

"Hello, my little man," he said. "You kids are all alone, ain't you?"

Lawrence looked at him hard. "Yes, we are," he said, "and I'd advise you to stay away."

"Oh, ho, you ain't very friendly, are you?" sneered the tramp. "Well, I ain't used to hospitality, so I guess I'll just come in anyway. I kinda want to see this little girl."

"Go away!" cried Lawrence, running after him, but the tramp only shook off the boy and walked over towards the little girl.

"You're Mayor Frank's little girl, ain't you?" he asked. Mayor Frank was the richest man in the town. His little daughter was frightened. She turned to run,

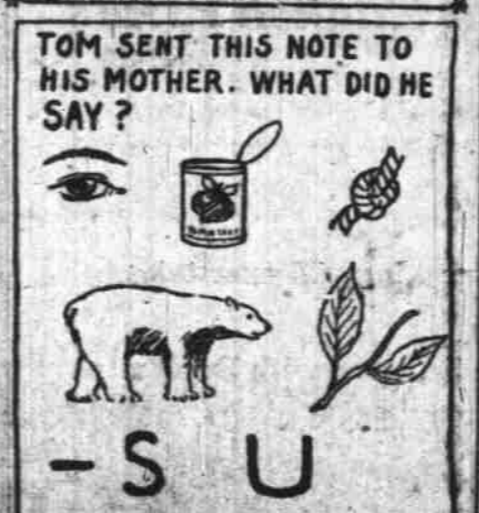


but the tramp ran after her.

Suddenly Lawrence was very frightened, too. What could he do against that big man? Then, quick as a flash, he had an idea. Turning, he grabbed up one of the beehives and flung it at the tramp. Hundreds of angry bees swarmed out and over the running man. With a loud howl the tramp turned and fled out of the gate. Craned by the stings from the bees he ran right into the policeman on the corner, who recognized him and marched him off to jail.



PICTURE PUZZLE



NUT DOLL NEWS

A letter has been received from Miss Hazel Nut, who, with her brother, Philbert, left recently for a western trip. She states that they missed their train when changing, as they lost track of them, the colored mammy who accompanied them.

Just after the train pulled out she came running up the platform having finally found her way back to the station.

These attracted a great deal of attention on the trip, as she looked striking in her bright yellow crepe paper blouse, skirt, and bandanna with dots of red, and her neat white apron decorated with a strip of red.

Except for this mishap, Miss Nut reports that their trip has been very pleasant.

(This is the third of a series of 12 nut dolls which you can make of nuts, millinery wire No. 7, and crepe paper. The features are put on the nut faces with black and red crayon.

To make the body of the doll cut one piece of wire 7 inches long, another 3 inches, and another 3 inches. Bend one end of the 7-inch and also of the 3-inch wire into a loop about an inch long. Bend each end of the 6-

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

HELPED BY THE BEES

The FRENCH SHOP

Month end sale of all wearing apparel including gowns, hats, furs, coats and capes, to make room for incoming quantities of ready to wear. An unusual event, for its appeal rests not only on its prices, but on the character of the merchandise offered.



WE ARE closing out our entire line of furs, to make room for other lines of merchandise.

All millinery at greatly reduced prices. This sale on high class millinery coming at this time will be of utmost importance to all interested buyers. Featuring hats, at \$6.75, \$8.85, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.50. During this sale no hat over \$18.50 including Meadowbrooks, Italian Milans, etc.

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- \$22.50 Dresses for Sport, Street and Afternoon wear.
- \$29.50 Sport, Street and Afternoon Frocks, in Flat Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Georgette and Satin Canton, also high grade dresses developed in Poret Twill for street wear.
- \$39.50 Street, Sport, Afternoon and Evening Gowns of Roshanara Silk, Canton Crepe, Beaded Gowns, Velvet and Novelty materials.
- \$49.50 Covering many exclusive garments in all fabrics.
- Hand Beaded Over Blouses of Canton Crepe. Frock Blouses of Paisley on sale at \$12.50.
- Sport Coats of English Tweed and Camels hair at \$27.50.
- Silk Dress Capes from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

Sale Begins Thursday, April 26th and Ends Tuesday May 8

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