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### PAROLE AND INDETERMINATE SENTENCE

This is a big subject for a newspaper paragraph, with space much limited-

other time, leading towards the ultimate solution of this posted penologists.

In a thumbnail sketch, here is the argument: Crime charity. is the result of ignorance, wrong training, bad environment, hereditary or congenital defects. Contrary to general belief, heredity and congenital defects are accountable for only a small proportion of the crime. The chances for reformation fathers. Men who believed in the inerrant, devine inspirain these cases, however, are small; almost nil; about the tion and verbal accuracy of the Bible yet found it so imchances for the inmates of the criminal insane wards of the possible to agree upon its meaning that they formed more

states approach this.

treatment to render him less brutish and dangerous.

The indeterminate sentence and the parole make not the world. necessarily a "soft" system of prison treatment. They make cientific treatment. A sensible treatment. They apply some rules of common sense with which men have learned to treat domestic animals to the treatment of men in prison; plus rules of education of head and heart and hand that are applied in the best schools of this country.

# THE DECADENCE OF SECTARIANISM

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The recent union of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Canada into a single denomination to be known as the United Church of Canada is the culmination of several years of effort. After the Methodist and Congregational bodies had almost unanimously approved the union the Presbyterian General Assembly of Canada finally on July 7, at Port Arthur, Ontario, voted 426 to 129 for the adherence. Although the majority was so overwhelming, we are advised that the minority are strong enough so that it is likely that in some places in Canada independent Presbyterian churches may still be maintained. Such is the strength the sectarian spirit has upon some people. The parliamentary nabling act very properly provided that any local church anization might, within six months, withdraw from the nbination and continue under the old order. Should any no longer applies very strongly of the Presbyterian churches do this, it seems inconceivable to governors. In county offices, that they will remain out long. There appears to be no the people have almost entirely for Homer Davenport at his old serious dissent to the union among the Methodist and Con- disregarded this. The agitation home in Silverton ought to meet gregational churches. This church union has aroused very wide discussion both themselves had ambitions for world a rare genius, and his tal-

n this country and Canada. The Chicago Journal declares county office. It is also true that ents were used always to make hat "it is a sign of the times. There was a time when people do not aspire to these as life sweeter and lovelier. Mr. people thought souls were lost or saved by refusing or they used to. The attractiveness Davenport was given to the world cepting small points of doctrine. The modern church is less concerned about doctrines than about service, and the great service to be rendered by united effort is plain to all." Dr. Pidgeon is quoted by the press as saying in the present term of four years is too final debate in the Presbyterian Assembly, "It is a crime against the interests of the Kingdom of God to waste men and money by perpetuating denominationalism." He stated that fifty-two out of fifty-six Presbyterians had declared in favor of the union.

The Presbyterian Witness of Toronto declares: "If ever there was a time when the need was urgent for the union of Christian forces in a great spiritual movement for the regeneration of our social order and the redemption of the orld, surely it is now." The entire comment of the secular nd the Protestant religious press, both of Canada and this entry, seems to be wholly commendatory of the union. except that most of the Baptist and Episcopal journals withhold approval until it is demonstrated whether the results of the union are beneficial or otherwise.

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The motive of the opponents of sectarianism is declared by one of them to be "to perpetuate the force which has been sanctified for nineteen hundred years by One who came that men might have life and have it more abundantly. They want to get off the desert island of denominationalism to walk in the larger spaces of brotherhood." Nonsectariansm, service, brotherhood! All are great ideals, and no tions of the court are subject to purch can get far in the effort to reform the social order and regenerate the race except it be animated by the spirit ed at a judge is just as fair as all of them. Let us hope that the new church will elevate service to men far above doctrinal considerations, and that the bringing to the world of true Christian brotherhood may be always the ideal toward which it will strive.

as the sectarians of the past in their bickerings judge sets out to throttle free prosperous business man of the

over small doctrinal points missed the spirit of Christ, so city, and he, too, took the gas. Bridegroom is Fined for now the opponents of dogma, in their yearnings for this indefinite brotherhood and their attempts at the service which is inseparable from real Christianity, may forget fountain, the electrical fountain that human brotherhood can only come to the world by the growth of the Christ spirit in the hearts and lives of the people, and that service to amount to much must be inspired and directed by the Spirit of Truth, without which men ber there. walk in spiritual darkness and labor very largely in vain. Spiritual results must be spiritually wrought, and how can men successfully strive for spiritual results when the spirit is dead or inert within them?

And there will doubtles be room in the church of the future, however mighty and perfect it may come to be, for certain doctrinal considerations. Broad, charitable and spiritual they will be of course. Among these must be the reality of God, and the presence of His life and Spirit in the human soul, and the regeneration of the individual human life by this spirit when men work with it by earnestly striving to purify their hearts and by honestly seeking to ing of many kinds of elbows, a know and do His will.

An church of the future which rejects dictrinal points of this kind, if they may be so termed, will be very little but a mockery of and travesty upon Christianity. Its motive But while prison matters are under discussion in heated may be good and its efforts even commendable, but, lacking arguments and propaganda appeals in Oregon, the matter the force and inspiration that come only from the Source may get more consideration now in this state than at some of all power and wisdom, its efforts will fail to reach the end sought. The church of the future can not be a soulless phase of prison problems, as looked forward to by all well or a Godless church; it must be something more than a maudlin voice crying in the wilderness for brotherhood and

One of the hardest things in religious history to understand is the spirit of sectarianism developed by our forethan one hundred sects, each of which claimed to have found Every sentence to prison ought to be aboslutely inde- | the only correct interpretation and each in open warfare terminate, because the circuit judge cannot predict that for against all the others. It is impossible for the impartial reformation the convicted man may need one, two, five or religious student of this age to escape the conclusion that twenty years of time-any more than a doctor should say that none of them were right. By the emphasizing of unimporevery disease must have a certain sized dose of calomel. tant dogmatic doctrines they failed to understand and ade-Kansas already applies the indeterminate sentence to first quately appreciate the holy and glorious gospel of spirituality, offenders; and in varying degrees several other progressive love and peace on earth living and breathing in every chapter of the four gospels.

The complement of the indeterminate sentence is the Even though our forefathers may have been narrow secparole; justly and scientifically administered. If the con- tarians, dogmatic, bigoted, intolerant and often guilty of victed man can never be reformed, he is never released. If unchristian and cruel persecution of the adherents of other he can with reasonable safety be trusted to mingle again with sects, still they were generally loyal to the truth as they society in a short time, he is given a trial. If in the judgment saw it. They were bold in its defense and often sacrificed of the paroling authorities, a longer time is necessary, a fortune, friends and home-even life-for it. If we of this longer time is taken. If there is danger of the transmission age, with our enlarged knowledge and our wonderful opporof criminal hereditary taints upon release, he is rendered tunities, can be as loyal to the truth as it is revealed to us impotent, or he may be given the third degree of this and as ready to labor and sacrifice ourselves for it as they were, a brighter, better, and happier day may soon dawn for

### THE PRESIDENTIAL TERM

about from any worry over a re- good conscience must be met. nomination, but it makes pertinent the discussion of the langth of the presidential term. in this connection there is also discussion as to a third term. This is unnecessary. The people have already Lord in the garden, the world has passed upon that. Some presidents can get a second term, but no president can get a third term. Mr. Bryan had three nominations | again?" Thomas A. Edison, who without any election. Mr. Cleve- gave to the world as much as any land had three nominations and two elections. General Grant, tic and almost an infidel for many with all his popularity, was unable to get a third term. We do not believe any man in America could his vision of immortality. How-

else, the third term idea is no now he cries with the philosophlonger odious. It never did apply ers of old. "Plato thou reasonto senators or congressmen and it eth well. It must be so." office life decreased.

be so honored by the people.

The length of the presidential him honored, term is one of expediency. The much for a bad man and not enough for a good one. But we do not believe the time will ever come when the American people will elect a bad man president. With all our responsibility in electing men to this high office, the parties will put forth their best men and the country is always sure of a fair president.

# NEWS IN COURTS

A Wisconsin editor is facing contempt charges because he refuses to heed the admonitions of the judge, and not comment on a case now being tried. The judge responsibility to his public.

In New Mexico, Carl McGee has been the storm center for two one leveled at an executive offi- little place, almost 50 years ago.

It is true that our judiciary is the bulwark of our life and that tablishment was finally merged we must respect it, but when a into The Statesman, was then a

, speech and to dictate what the There is the usual agitation moment he beaomes c menace. ust now for a one term president, Very few newspapers willfully inthat term to be lengthened to six terfere with the trial of a case. or eight years. Of course, Mr. but all newspapers have a respon-Harding's death was not brought sibility to their readers that in

## EDISON AND IMMORTALITY

Since the time poor, weak, sinning Adam and Eve faced their been asking unceasingly the same question that was in their hearts. "If a man dies, shall he live years. Dealing in what was almost a miracle constantly, he lost ever, the years have mellowed him However, in almost anything and also restored his vision and

of only two terms for these minor with a hearty response in Oregon. offices was started by men who Oregon gave to America and the of business life is increased and via the Oregon Statesman and naturally we would like to see

### DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN GAS FIRST CAME

postoffice, and Farrar Brothers. one of them the father of John Farrar the present postmaster, was next to him on the list as of the first 10. The Patton block, the upstairs

of which was recently remodeled into apartments, was one of the early gas-users. That was 53 years ago. R. R. Earhart, of the firm of Cox & Earhart, merchants, later became secretary of state. S. Durbin & Co. had a livery stable where the Salem Hardware now stands. They used gas. Uzafovage & Wright were merchants on Commercial street. warns that any comment that Later John G. Wright became might influence the jurymen is steward out at the state hospital, contempt of court, while the edi- and he died there some weeks tor contends that he has a larger ago, after having served the state faithfully for almost half a century. The Statesman was No. 27, signing up under the name of S. A. Clarke. James Lenaghan had a gas-lighted restaurant in the review and that a criticism level- opera house block. R. J. Hendricks of The Statesman, ate his first meal in Salem at this queer

> Waite Family Prominent E. M. Waite, printer, whose es-

He prospered enough that his widow later presented to the city the beautiful Waite Memorial in Willson park. The city of Salem had rented quarters in the Patton building, and took out a gas permit for its council cham-

Only 10 out of the first 110 names were signed up for residences. All the others were for some sort of business. Here is a list of the entries on one page of the original book:

Strangely Assorted Baptist church, dwelling, bakery, state superintendent o schools, effice of oil company. M E. Church South, Brewery, Academy of the Sacred Heart, R. E. church, Saloon.

A little of everything, a jostlmelting pot of the strangest sort that one could imagine. A few pages later there is an entry of a contract to light a China gambling house, and there are contracts with saloons and state offices all through the book-more of these, it seems, than of any other two classifications.

Ray Baker of Capital City, Is Decorated in Athens By King of Greece

ATHENS, July 25 .- Members of the Near East Relief, who have been studying the situation in the western provinces of Greece, attended a luncheon and fete in the National Exposition hall, where King George conferred the Cross of St. Xavier on 11 of the workers for their efforts in behalf of the refugees since the Smyrna dis-

Those honored were Col. Stephen Lowe of St. Louis; Roy Jackson, Whitehall, N. Y.; Ralph Knapp, Washington; C. O. Morris, Olean, N. Y.; R. C. Baker of Oregon; R. R. Reger, Philadelphia; Emma Cushman, Boston; Mrs. Dorothy Sutton, Colebrook Conn., and the Misses Glee Hastings, Spencer, Iowa; Sarah Corn ing, Yarmoth, Nova Scotia, and Gertrude Anthony, Los Angeles.

The American speakers were A. public shall or shall not learn, that M. Brodie, Washington, chairman of the delegation; Dr. Chester B. Emerson, Detroit; Chester Boynton, New York; Dean Warren L. Rogers, Detroit.

### Baker Is Sarem Man The above news item, clipped

from the Detroit Journal of July 25, will be of special interest to many readers of The Statesman, as one of the names appearing in the honor list belong to Salem. Who among Salem folk had formed the habit of buying groceries just before and during the World it and now Ben was anxiously war, till the United States got awaiting the coming of the junk mixed up in it, does not remember | dealer. the cheery, smiling, happy face of Ray Baker (of Foster & Baker), who delivered the goods? Ray Baker, who with his partner Mr by the Grecian king. He left Sa-7em shortly after the United States became involved in the war, having, having disposed of his interest to his partner, Mr. Foster, and entered the service overseas with the YMCA. A few of his friends His clerical efficiency and executive ability soon attracted attention, and he was entrusted with many important missions. He was later assigned to general headquarters office in Paris to assist in the task of winding up the affairs of the many stations affeeted by the armistice. After the Smyrna disaster he went to Athens as the YMCA representative to do all in his power to alleviate the suffering of the poor, destitute, starving hordes arriving from Turkey. His letters to his friends describing the scenes that awaited him would melt a heart of cold granite. Meeting the king, who bestows his royal honor, is a mere incident, but an incident that acclaims a work of wonderful human service in the name of the Master who wrought his wonderful works in the Judian hills just a little way to the southeast. Mr. Baker holds his membership

with the First Congregational church of this city, and claims Salem as his home.

## **FUTURE DATES**

August 1 to 15-Annual summer can of YMCA. Trask river. August 1 to 29-Annual encam Boy Scouts at Cascadia. ingust 12. Sunday-Annual meeting Mar-County Jersey Cattle club, at Fox

ugust 12, Sunday-Home-coming at cet Christian church. August 12, Sunday-Third annual homecoming of Aumsville Pioneer associa

Brothers' farm, six miles south of Sil

August 15, Wednesday-Minnesota pic nic, state, fair grounds, August 17, Friday - Iowa picaic, fair grounds.
August 16-19-National guard rifle

matches at Clackamas rifle range. September 19, Wednesday-Willamet

Violating Dry Amendment SANTA ROSA, Cal., Aug. 11 .-Within a few minutes today Fred W. Swahler, a farmer of Boyes Springs, faced Judge Lester Small twice-first, as a bridegroom, and then as a violator of the prohibition laws. Swahler paid the usual fee in the first instance and a \$20

fine in the other case, While still in the courtroom, after Judge Small had pronounced Swahler and Miss Lena Asplund man and wife, Swahler produced a bottle of wine and offered the liquid to those present to drink a toast to his bride. Instead of drinking the toast Deputy Sheriff Joe Ryan arrested Swahler and the fine followed.

To Do

### PERSONAL

J. G. Moore, former Marion county treasurer, was in the city yesterday. He is now a resident of Portland.

C. G. Cowles, Albany, was a business caller in Salem, Satur-Miss Ruth Daugherty, stenog-

rapher at the Morris Optical company has returned from a vaca- Jobelman at the Bligh hotel. tion trip to Newport. Mrs. Sadie Keyt and Miss June

Whitmore spent several days last to southern Oregon. They will reweek in Newport. Lloyd Rigdon left yesterday for

country. Mr. and Mrs. Glen McAllister . cial.

turn late in September. J. B. Vibbert of Brooks sp a vacation trip in the Puget sound | Saturday visiting his, brother, J L. Vibbert, 1120 South Comme

will leave this week for a trip

and Mrs. William Barr

Mrs. W. W. Chadwick.

yesterday on business.

was in Salem yesterday on

ton, Wash., are guests of Mr.

L. R. Applegate was in Eugen

Dr. H. O. Hickman of Geryale

Miss Violet Jobelman and Miss

Catherine Priegnetz of Portland

are visiting in Salem. Miss Joh-

elman is a daughter of Fred

Mrs. Maude Pointer and family

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You can draw a camp scene like a regular landscape

artist if you follow carefully the lines shown in the two little

pictures beneath the big word "camp." Doesn't it make you

think of that day in camp when you came in a shungry as

three bears and hung the old coffee pail over the fire?

Cartoon Magic-A Day in Camp

Edited by John M. Miller

Randy Riddle Says ..-What is three sevenths of chicken, two thirds of a cat, an

one half of a goat?" Answer' to today's picture The rhyming word puzzle

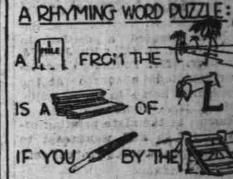
The bunny is a feeble foe, His weakness is his strength To shun a gun

A bun will run To almost any length. She Had Faith in Him

"He: "I could dance on like mean it! You're bound to

Answer to today's riddle: Ch a go; Chicago.

Ought to Be More Careful My, how rough the seas for can winter jump to summe without a spring, or summer drop to winter without a fall?



YOU WILL LINGER, AWHILE

# THE SHORT STORY, JR.

PAID IN FULL

Of a junkman who was a bold

thief; He quickly retreated, But the boy that he cheated, Soon brought the bad bandit to

grief. All summer long Ben had been

working hard gathering rags and old rubber to sell to the junk man these on," Ben said. The barn was stacked high with

Ben," his father warned. "He's dishonest old beggar. You can't trust him. He's done enough to that he knew must be the old wabe sent to jail half a dozen times gon. He wasn't going to be cheatif someone could only catch him ed like that! once. But he's too sly for them. He's likely to take advantage of a kid like you."

"A kid like 'me!" Ben was



hands full taking advantage of of expression on the boy's face me. I'm going to stand right over "Changed your mind, didn't you?" him all the time he's weighing the leered, stooping to put the stuff, and I'll make him use my scales, too."

The following evening the junk dealer came to town. True to his word, Ben watched him carefully as he sorted and weighed the rags and old rubber. Then he helped carry the sacks out to the wag-

Only one more sack remained to be carried out. "I'll go back after the last one while you load

Several minutes later when he returned from the barn the junk man was gone. He had taken Ben's rubber and rags and driven "Don't you let him cheat you, off with them! Quickly Ben dropped his sack and ran off down the road after the cloud of dust

> "Stop, you thief!" he called out. "If you don't pay me what you owe me I'll get the police after

> The old man stood up in his seat and laughed at the angry "Come on after me," he invited, brandishing his big whip threateningly in the air. "I reckon I ain't much afraid of a kid like you."

Ben stopped short. What chance had he against a big ruf fish like that? The junk man laughed when he saw the change

whip back and driving on. as the man stooped over Ben sav something bright fall to the ground. He waited till the jun lealer had driven down the ron before he rushed out to pick up. It was a beautiful, big gol watch! Surely it did not be to the funk man. Ben opened and was surprised to see a pi ture of the banker's wife in th

mough," the banker declare when Ben took it to him. 'And offered a good big reward for it too. Come on in the mone

"This will pay me for my junk Ben laughed as he accepted th "Pretty high priced junk." He told the banker how the ju man had treated him.

"No, sir," Mr. Green objected "That will pay you for getting th goods on that old thief. we catch him we'll make him pa in full for every ounce of junk h bought-from you besides."





## In Every Nook and Corner

Throughout the entire community and section, yes, into the whole Northwest, you will find the long arm of United States National service touching through its connections. It is only through such thorough contact that we are able to keep in touch with the business developments of the country.

That is why we may offer you business counsel based on a knowledge of general conditions from our own observation. Whether it be one of investments, markets or credits, the bank's angle on the problem may be entirely new.

> United States National Bank Salem, Oregon