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THE WAY TO FREEDOM:—Ye shall know the truth shall make you free.

"HIS KIND" (Portland Journal, Wednesday.) "Released Wednesday evening from the Multnomah county jail, Fred Smith of many aliases was caught within a couple of days in the act of jimmying open the back door of a residence.

"In 1910 Smith shot a woman in San Francisco and went to San Quentin on a 12-year sentence. He was paroled five years later. He broke his parole and served in another California prison until June, 1922.

"A few months later he was sent to the Oregon penitentiary for one year for a burglary in Portland. Released in September, 1923, he was sentenced to a year and 90 days in jail for larceny.

"Nobody can misunderstand from his record what this man is. He is a confirmed and hopeless crook. Fifteen years in jails and penitentiaries have had no more reformatory effect on him than would a kindly injunction that he 'ought to be good'.

"Parole him? Why? A parole means freedom to go out and jimmy open another house.

"Arrest, trial, conviction, sentence, a term in prison, release and other burglaries until caught—that's his life. Another arrest and a repetition of the program with its mounting costs in tax money for the public to pay.

"He and his type of criminal are a group for which society has made no provision. They and the manner of dealing with them are a weak spot in our system. It is a point in our civilization that is far from perfected.

"If it had been for such as he, the old system of Russia in deporting prisoners to faraway spots from which they could not escape would be effective. Why not an island in the sea from which they could not escape and where they could steal from one another to their heart's content?"

The editor of the Portland Journal can scarcely mean just what he proposes in his closing paragraph. There will be no island in the sea set apart for such a purpose; though England in the old days used Australia for a penal colony—and the descendants of her convicts sent there are among the progressive and enlightened people of the world now.

Such treatment as the Journal editor suggests would be a shutting and locking of the door of hope. It would be reactionary and unthinkable by men who keep up with modern ideas.

But the Journal editor is right when he says: "He and his type of criminal are a group for which society has made no provision. They and the manner of dealing with them are a weak spot in our system. It is a point in our civilization that is far from perfected."

That is, the Journal editor is right, assuming that the "Fred Smith" of whom he writes is the kind of man he assumes he is; though this can be only a guess on his part.

But the students of modern penology have worked out a system that will tend to perfect this "point in our civilization that is far from perfected." This system is advocated by every up to date prison worker in the United States—

It is the indeterminate sentence. Absolutely indeterminate. Not like the one provided by the Oregon law, which is a jumble and really amounts to a definite shortening of each sentence in its practical workings.

With the indeterminate sentence, this man "Fred Smith," if he is the kind of man the Journal editor assumes him to be, would never be discharged; would never be paroled. He would be kept till he was fit for parole; till he showed signs of being able to maintain himself as a law abiding and self supporting citizen on the outside—

And if he never showed such signs, he would remain in prison during his life. There would be no expenses of numerous pursuits and arrests, of many court trials, and of holding him in jail between arrests and trials.

There will be no island in the sea for confirmed criminals. The door of hope will be left ajar. But there will come a time when the indeterminate sentence will be universal.

OBSERVING THE LAWS There is just one way to get healthy people and that is to observe the laws of life. Men are social and like to mix with each other. They are influenced by the church, the school, the state, business, and the community. They have many opportunities for education but few opportunities for finishing an education. They get a smattering of everything, and unless they are mighty careful they are not educated in the true sense of the word.

The primary business of life is to succeed, and in order to succeed men must be first physically fit, intellectually rational, socially moral and spiritually in tune with the universe and the Maker thereof. An education that does not take these things into account

is superficial and does not go to the depth of things. Those who follow these fundamentals learn to think things through, and thinking things through gets results. A child inherits no culture. He must be taught everything. He does inherit certain capacities of suggestibility, sympathy and imitation, and through these he must be reached to enter the higher level of culture and refinement. The great problem of education today is to deal with pupils of varied capacity. Some are sub-normal and some are super-normal, and we must learn that there is a gulf between the two. We must teach for all of these and no hard and fast rule can govern. There are some statistics that are not encouraging. For instance one finds upon investigation that one-sixth of the lowest class of the population is produced

years more than 50 per cent of the race will be sub-normal. It is a condition and not a theory that confronts us. In Oregon we are doing our best to meet this by handling the feeble minded question intelligently, sympathetically, but drastically. We must go further than this. We must provide for our sub-normals so that they can be given special attention because they can be developed. In some instances, The imbeciles can not be

THE FISHERIES QUESTION

The state senate has made an order for a session at 2:30 Monday to consider the fish commission question. Fish hatcheries are always troublesome. No man seems to know exactly what is right. It is an experiment of one thing and another. If the object is to improve the condition of the fishing interests, the public will applaud because fishing has become a great industry in this country. But if the object is to humiliate Governor Pierce, the resentment will be so general that Pierce will profit by it if it succeeds.

There is a growing tendency in the legislature to take a fall out of the governor. They will make a martyr of that man if they are not careful, because Pierce is a mighty smooth proposition when it comes to appealing to the people. He may not be able to handle the legislature, but he certainly knows how to appeal to the people. Put him out on hustings and he is one of the most powerful men in Oregon. Put him up against plain politicians and he is not quite so effective, but there are more people than politicians.

A GOOD BILL

The senate yesterday passed an exceptionally good tax collection bill. In the first place it moved the payment forward one month. It should be two months. Hereafter taxes will be due in May and November. June and December seem more convenient because the farmers get their early things off by June and their late things by December, but one month will help out a lot.

The best part of the bill is reducing the interest to 10 per cent on delinquents. Of course this is computed monthly, and that increases the rate, but the old law was 12 per cent, computed monthly. The people who do not pay interest more than 50 per cent of the babies today. If this continues at the present rate for another 100 taxes are unable to do so. Of course the penalty should not be so low, as to attract men who need money to let the state carry them, but it should be low enough so that people who are forced to let their taxes be delinquent will not have to pay such a high penalty.

QUICKENING JUSTICE

One great trouble with this country is that so many men are able to wear out justice. This makes for disregard of the law generally and brings all law into disrepute.

When gold was discovered in California about the middle of the last century, outlawry and lawlessness flourished everywhere. The machinery of the law was unable to function in many instances at all and in most instances it functioned slowly. There was organized down in California what was known as the Vigilantes. This committee got quick results. It was outside the law, of course, but it taught the law that there was such a thing as administering justice quickly.

The results was that the state of California caught its breath and enforced the law, and the Vigilantes went out of business.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KERR

A most unusual proceeding was held in Portland the other night when 300 people sat down to a banquet to honor a man who was 100 miles away and on a bed of sickness. The meeting was for the purpose of honoring Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of OAC. He has been sick for some time. His work is of such a character that these admirers wanted to show their appreciation of him and virtually unite in prayer for his speedy recovery.

Dr. Kerr is a great man in Oregon. He is doing a great work and he cannot be spared very readily. The good news comes that he is getting better, and every body hopes for his early and complete recovery.

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CHAPTER 377.

THE REASON MADGE'S MEMORY WAS JARRED INTO WAKEFULNESS

My opinion of my own astuteness fell in proportion to the rise in my estimation of Miss Carrill's keenness. I had been sure I had deceived every one with my warm greeting of Dicky, and now I had found out that she might as well have listened to my whispered warning of the reporters' presence. I listened eagerly for Mr. Rickett's reply. Had he also penetrated my ruse?

"So you spotted that, too," he said with an admiring note in his voice. "There doesn't much get by you, I'll tell the city rone! And I agree with you. That young woman has her husband so baffled that he can't guess where he gets off. Do you know, I imagine that's the way she keeps him most of the time uncertain of her emotions—not of her actions—she's too well poised to give him any chance for criticism. Darn you modern women, anyway! We poor devils had a chance until you began to mix your brains with your heart."

"Why drag in the pronoun of the second person?" Miss Carrill murmured with a distinctly provocative note in her voice.

"Do you want me to tell you—Jean?" Mr. Rickett's tone was low, tense, and I scented a romance.

"Not this evening," Miss Carrill returned with apparent firmness, but I wondered if Mr. Rickett caught, as I did, the elusive tenderness in her intonation. "I've a theory, a wild one I'll admit, that he may have staged this stunt on purpose to see how she'd take it. I don't mean the accident—but the rest of the performance."

"A Marble Statue—" "Dream on, little one," Mr. Rickett advised sardonically. "It would be a pity to waken you. At that, there might be a souceon of truth in it. A man in love with a marble statue like the misadventurer might irv anything once to see if he could make her tearful jealous. But we'll never know you can bet on that. How about a hot chocolate before we tackle that drive? I suppose we'd better wait to eat until we get back."

"Oh, of course!" Miss Carrill assented. "But I'd surely enjoy a hot chocolate."

"They moved down the platform and into the road, while I stood lost in memories which Mr. Rickett's words had called up. It was not the first time I had been called a marble statue.

I remembered the very evening to which Harry Underwood had referred, the one of my first meetings with him and Lillian. I had torn my gown on one of the seats as Dicky and I walked up the aisle between acts, and in the woman's waiting room where I had gone to mend it I had—unseen by the speaker—heard myself referred to as "The Dicky-bird's marble bride."

Madge Files a New Idea.

And it was not so very long ago when referring to Bess Dean's attempt to annoy me by apparently having a flirtation with Dicky that my husband had exclaimed, with every appearance of earnestness:

"I wish I could make you crazy jealous of me once!"

Was it perhaps possible—I gave a short, ugly little laugh at my own folly, sipping at myself for trying to find a loophole of excuse for Dicky when there could be none. But, despite my own ridicule, I knew that I had filed the idea away in one of my memory compartments, and that some day I would bring it out again and look at it.

The headlights of a motor car pierced the darkness in which I was standing, and the next minute Dicky had sprung out of a taxi and rushed toward me. "What the devil?" he began excitedly. "Do you mean to tell me they shut up the station and left you out here alone in the dark? Where can I find that station agent?"

He turned to the taxi driver with an air that threatened instant annihilation to the railroad official. "Don't bother about that now," I interrupted imperatively before the man could answer. "I'm perfectly all right. Nothing at all happened to me, and we probably will never see the town again. So why make a fuss?"

"You said a monthful then," he returned emphatically. "This section is sure off the map for me from this time on. Of all the gossip-infested, God-forsaken—" "Not so loud," I cautioned in a whisper, as I moved toward the car, compelling him to forego his vengeance upon the station master. And then we were shut up in the taxi, the driver separated

GLENN YOUNG, KLAN DRY RAIDER, KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL WITH HERRIN DEPUTY



The latest outbreak between the warring Klan and anti-Klan factions in Herrin, Ill., cost four lives. Two of the victims were Glenn Young (shown above), Klan raider in Williamson County "clean-ups," and Ora Thomas, Deputy sheriff. Versions of the shooting vary, but the generally accepted story is that Young and Thomas shot within a fraction of a second of each other and that both dropped dead.

INCITEMENT CHARGED AGAINST CLERICALS IN OLD HAPSBURG STATES

BRATISLAVA, Feb. 5.—The conflict between church and state which has become keener in some of the succession states of the former Austro-Hungarian empire, is now reaching its culminating point in Slovakia. The dissolution of the old regime, which was fundamentally Roman Catholic, saw the rise of many parties that were either obedient supporters to the church or directly opposed to ecclesiastical influence in state politics. Consequently that section of the community that believed in the church factor, reorganized themselves more compactly into a clerical party, and it is in the less cultured provinces of the Czechoslovak Republic (Slovakia and Subcarpathian Russia) that the clerical party has the greatest influence and commands a majority of votes.

Thus it is that an exaggerated radicalism which in the first years after the overthrow prevailed, has been thrust upon these people and vehement exhortations to put citizenship before church interests has generally resulted in great commotion and has brought the opposing factions of socialists and clericals to sharp encounter.

Recently the clerics, headed by from us by a closed window, and were whirled out into the darkness of the road.

(To be continued)

Cross Word Puzzle

SNAPPY THINKING NO. 288 Cross Word Puzzle grid with numbers 1-56.

- ACROSS 1 Correct 4 Fruit of a tree 7 Pace 11 Past of "run" 12 Top of milk 14 Mineral substance 15 Not transparent 16 Noise 17 Passage 18 Beverage 21 Place for animals 22 Conclusion 24 Abundance 26 The ankle 29 Preposition 30 Ancient Order (ab.) 31 Eastern state (ab.) 32 Prefix meaning again 33 One who lances 36 Stop 38 Decay 39 Southern state (ab.) 41 Consume 43 To prick 46 Among 48 Speak rapidly 50 Pouch 51 Girl's name 52 Wrath 54 Victim 55 Part of the head 56 Measure of land

SAP AND SALT BY BERT MOSES

A frank sinner is better than a hypocritical saint.

Some are smart, others are clever, and a few are good.

Was there ever a woman kissed by a man not sort o' expecting it?

Only when advertiv comes does a man get an introduction to himself.

Love pays no heed to precedents, but creates new ones whenever occasion requires.

When a woman has both money and beauty, she can snap her fingers at the proprieties.

Hez Heck's wife says: "It's all right for a man to marry fer money, provided the money ain't mine."

The Slovakian bishops, issued a pastoral letter or manifesto, forbidding their members on pain of excommunication to take part either actively or by membership in hostile organizations, such as trade unions and socialist societies, making exceptions only in cases where a livelihood is concerned.

Whether this manifesto amounts to an incitement and whether the authors, the bishops, or their subordinates, the priests are the proper persons to prosecute is still to be determined by a cabinet council.

Gifts From Eastern Lands Emerge From Dusty Bins

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The State Department has reopened from its temporary war-time quarters in a sub-basement a collection of rare gifts from the east, presented to the American government as good-will offerings.

Swords from Japan and Siam, a stone from the Great Wall of China, relics from Korea, and rare embroideries are in the collection. Miscellaneous documentary material and objects of art, now in the keeping of the State Department, would, in the opinion of officials, be valued in the millions of dollars if offered for sale.

The swords from Japan seem to have been brought here by the first mission from Japan in 1860, when ratifications of the treaty of 1858 were exchanged. These

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MEXICO STANDS FIRM FOR PROTECTION OF LOCAL WILD ANIMALS TUSCON, Ariz., Feb. 5.—Dusk has fallen on the big game hunters' day in Mexico. Thousands of deer, bear and wild hogs roaming the hunting grounds of the northern mountain ranges will be saved from overzealous hunters under restrictions invoked by the chamber of deputies upon the recommendation of Ben Tinker, Tucson, Mexico's American game warden.

Free hunting gthe year round, without regard for season or bag limit, which heretofore has made the Sinaloa and Sonora mountains a hunter's paradise, has been abolished under a complete new structure of game laws paralleling the American game restrictions, and the first on record for the preservation of game in the southern republic, observers here say.

Establishment of specified open game seasons according to zones, into which the various states are divided, are provided under the new law, according to Mr. Tinker, who has returned to Tucson from an extended trip through the game regions of the Mexican west coast. But one month each year—October—is set aside for deer hunting along the coast, he said. The law protects both whitetail and black-tail deer from the hunters.

Three large zones, embracing respectively the central, northern and coast regions, are provided. In each zone the bag limit on deer will be four for a hunter during the open season.

In the central zone the open deer season will begin Sept. 1 and close Oct. 31, and in the northern zone the season will begin Oct. 1, and end Nov. 30. Similar seasons are established on bear shooting, with the one-month rule

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also applying in this instance on the west coast, where wild beasts are more plentiful than in other parts of the republic.

The hopes of Dr. William H. Hornaday, manager of the Permanent Wild Life Protection Fund, are realized in the new law, designed primarily, according to Mr. Tinker, to stop wholesale slaughter of Mexico's big game by Mexican trophy hunters and American market hunters.

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(Answer to yesterday's puzzle)