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the pardoning and paroling powers
"Laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded Oregon Constitution.
"The quality of mercy is not strained. It thesseth him
hat gives and him that takes. It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown. It is an attribute of God him-"-Shakespeare
"There is corruption in high places. Officials are obivious to their public duties, Children are no longer obedient
o their parents. Civilization totters to its fall. The crash is mminent."-Assyrian tablet, 2800 B. C.
We have heard a great deal here in Oregon of late against the pardoning and the paroling powers, and one of the Port
and newspapers has appeared to demand that there shall 0 pardoning and no paroling of prisoners-
That the sentence of a judge in Oregon, once pronounced
shall, ike the laws of the Medea and the Persians, change not. But fortunately our Constitution putz Ore on upon $r$ ground. The men who laid the foundations of this stat were far seeing, even beyond the average of the men of their
time. Under our fundamental law, if a trial judge believes that a parole from the bench will serve the ends of justice
and at the same time give promise of the reformation of the He may be mistaken. But who is not often mistaken? legislature at the session of 191 provided a progressive pa role law, with a parole board, which law has been amended
at subsequent sessions and as it now stands provides for indeterminate sentences in a limited way, and which system with the full cooperation of all judges, gives Oregon a very Not a perfect law; but there will never be a perfect h
an law, or one perfectly administered. Under this law is the duty of the parole board to act, with judgment, and f the Governor to cooperate with it. Mistakes will be made. of well administered, without abuses, and that the whole system is being improved, by general cooperation:
The pardoning power must rest somewhere. It is unthink That would not be America. It would not be Oregon. would be barbarism.
And, lastly, the common scold and pessimist is referred
the words of the Assyrian tablet, unearthed a few weeks ago, quoted above. They might have been writteni'yesterday They might have appeared in the columns of the Portland ditions.
The quality of mercy is not strained. It blesseth th tate or the society that gives ad dercsseth him that takes modern penology, There can be no progress in this field without mercy.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. present day alms
exchange is authority for the statement that th church was once the almoner of the world but now busines
is the chief financial contributor to benevolent agencies. Mo rn methods of dealing with social benevolent problems ar employed through civic and commercial organizations very
generally; is the observation. The community chest is an ex pression of commercial and financial activities extended to th solution of problems of social misfortune and lack of thrift on that business and civic-scial organizations, will lead in responsiveness. The purpose and means are both commend ale, the result usually gratifying, and the service render immeasurable benefit.
The church counted above as a secondary factor in the
reat work of benevolence is still a power, in fact the fund great work of benevolence is still a power, in fact the fund
mental teaching of the church is charity. The complete charity are faith and hope. The great Exemplar of a men in the dispensation of new courage, increased faith an renewed hope is the Christ himself. Without the stimulation unfortunate and the hopeless are but temporarily benefited by the receipt of alms. There is no other human agency s society as the Christian organizations of the world sind this statement in no degree detracts from the glory of the wort of every secular organization engaged in human welfare.
Obedient to the divine command in the work of benevo could organizations and individuals generally and alway should distribute alms in the spirit of letting not the righ hand know what the left doeth. The present trend is to dis
tribute good cheer and to give freely but judiciously with view to making the receiver happier, more self-reliant an kind of giving which loses sight of self in the permanent betterment of individuals,
pe of the Galilean leader.

EARNING-SAVING-SPENDING
education has gone no further. No greater tragedies appear
on the pages of fiction than many of the stories of these persons whose accumulations have been swept away by yield-
ing to the glib, unprincipled investment solicitor. ing to the glib, unprincipled investment solicitor. work through the press and in the schools, encouragement has been given only to the saving of money. The saving of money is only the beginning of thrift. To save, only, does no
go far enough. As much attention should be given to teach ing prudent methods of investing and spending money as is



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