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HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

SENSE AND NONSENSE (Woodburn Independent)

"A state penitentiary should not be considered a playground, should not be a place where prisoners are given time to bore holes in the roof, slide to the ground, kill guards and escape.

"At present it is a burden upon the taxpayers and the prisoners have been pelted until they have looked upon themselves as heroes.

"All of this has been the result of politics. It is not so in some of the states nor in countries where it is conducted solely as a house of correction.

"Among the favors enjoyed by the prisoners is the use of tobacco. If they were refused the use of this the news would quickly gain publicity and we venture the assertion that there would be fewer inmates on that account alone.

"This political complexion could easily be changed if the penitentiary were conducted on a business basis, prisoners deprived of privileges and treatment as the enemies of society.

"The penitentiary should be taken out of the hands of politicians and be placed with a board consisting of private business men.

There is good sense in the words copied in caps in the first paragraph of the above from the Woodburn Independent—

And that is the goal for which the Oregon penitentiary is headed, under the revolving fund law providing for industries.

If there is no turning back, there will ere long be no idleness at the Oregon penitentiary, and by the same sign the institution will be self sustaining—will be taken permanently from the backs of the taxpayers of Oregon.

But this will not mean that there will not be practiced a "kindly method of reformation"

And on the contrary it will mean that the Constitution of the state will be lived up to, where it is provided that: "Laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice."

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They were sent for punishment, but not retributive punishment; on the contrary, they were sent to be treated according to the "principles of reformation," as the founders of our state prescribed in the fundamental law, in their wisdom as well as in their kindly feeling towards humanity, erring and otherwise.

The idea of resting the pardoning prerogative in a board "consisting of citizens not holding office" would not work out greater satisfaction than the present method.

There is some sense in the article of the Woodburn Independent, but a good deal of nonsense.

RANDOM TALK

It does not require great effort to inform the public that any unfavorable condition of government is chargeable to the legislature.

Gasoline Waste Useless, Statistical Expert Says

PITTSBURGH—Statistics compiled by Prof. Alexander Silverman head of the chemistry department of the University of Pittsburgh, disclose that automobile and truck drivers annually are wasting 355,270,206 gallons of gasoline.

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them to vote for it. And, on the other hand, if certain individuals or organizations want a law which the legislature fails to pass they condemn the lawmakers although the latter may have received an overwhelming number of protests against it.

Against this unmerited and general condemnation the legislature is powerless. It is a composite body which meets for a few weeks and then disbands. It cannot reply. It cannot combat the slurs and unfair criticisms hurled against it. It can neither defend nor commend its members for their individual or session work.

And generally those who rail longest and loudest against the laws and lawmakers offer neither helpful suggestions nor give time or effort to the public good. Often they are disappointed over the failure of some selfish scheme to become law. Constructive criticism stimulates progress, destructive criticism retards or renders it impossible.

INDUSTRY THREATENED

Agitation at this time for purely political purposes, centers around the beet sugar industry. It is being made a football in connection with tariff reduction which the democratic party urges periodically as a campaign slogan for capturing the votes of the unwary.

To remove or even reduce the protective tariff on beet sugar will seriously injure or wreck it by forcing the beet sugar industry into unfair competition with the production of sugar by cheap foreign labor.

Farmers, city workmen and consumers generally should not tolerate tariff tinkering which injures home industry and lowers the price of American labor.

Monday, September 7th, marks an epoch in the history of Salem; in the growth of this city as an industrial center.

afterwards, you and Mother Graham and I can eat, while Jim and Katie serve themselves in the kitchen.

"Go to the head of the class, and pass me those pans of biscuits from the ice-chest." I retorted on my knees before the oven door.

"What do you know, Miss Graham?" Jerry yelled excitedly as soon as he entered. "That there bootlegger got clean away! Yes, ma'am; no ma'am, nobody ain't seen hide nor hair of him."

"You must be starved, Mr. Ticer," I said hospitably. "Just get ready for dinner, you and Jerry right away, and I'll call Mrs. Ticer down so she can eat with you."

"That's a very good idea, Margaret."

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"Couldn't we get Mrs. Ticer's dinner first on the pretext that she may have to go home at any time?" Katherine asked.

"That might do," I returned dubiously, for repeated experience with the problem had made me a pessimist concerning any solution of it.

"You don't tell me," came a drawing masculine voice from the kitchen porch outside, and for a panic-stricken second I thought that the words in Sam Ticer's unmistakable accents were ironically addressed to me.

"There's your solution, I fancy," Katherine said in a rapid undertone. "They're probably ravenous sitting around all this time with the troops, they'll not fix dinner for the boys."

My spirits sank as rapidly as they had risen, for I knew well that the bulky bundle contained Harry Underwood's overcoat.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Van Cleave and children, LaRoy and Charlotte and Richard spent Sunday with friends at Claxter. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Churchill of Salem called on friends Wednesday.

The Woman's Missionary Association will meet at the parsonage Thursday afternoon, September 10. Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis, had an operation in a Salem hospital, last week for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Nias Wilson and three children of Marion and Mrs. Joe Wilson of Salem, were visitors at G. G. Loomis' Tuesday. Ben Wilson moved to Brooks on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Portland spent Labor Day with Ben Clemens.

The families of Frank and Margaret Clark, who recently returned from their visit in Idaho, report that they enjoyed their outing. Prunes are very hard to remove from the trees this harvest and the trees have to be beaten severely.

Andy Stewart is working in the Williams hop fields this week. The school board met at the home of Mrs. Vera Coburn, clerk and prepared the budget for the coming year, Thursday night.

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E. Earl and family from Cottage Grove, motored in from a coast trip, Sunday evening to surprise his parents, with a stop over visit. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sr., have recently moved to the William Ramsden place, which they have rented for the year.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dowd all are confined with the whooping cough. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Gesner are the proud parents of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilie and Mr. and Mrs. Art Rogers have moved to Salem where Mr. Gilie has rented a home on N. 25th street. D. A. Terry is suffering an acute attack of indigestion with symptoms of appendicitis.

The ME Aid society ladies held a Silver Tea Thursday at the home of Mrs. Poque. After a short literary program, dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. L. Talbot and her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Baker drove to Roseburg Friday for a short visit with friends. James Hasslett of Hood River recently visited his mother at the home of S. A. Riches.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Duncan and grand daughter, Miss Marjory Walters called on friends Tuesday. On Wednesday they drove to Newport.

F. Herring of Salem is spending some time at his farm just vacated by C. R. Apple. H. S. Bond is convalescing from a week's illness. John Gale and Miss Edith Given drove to Oregon City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall left Saturday noon for Roseburg where they remained over the week end, spending the Labor Day vacation with Mrs. Hall's son, Orville Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roy and their two sons left Saturday for their home in New York City after a 6 weeks visit at the home of Mr. Roy's parents. They were accompanied as far as Portland by Mrs. William Smith, a sister of Mr. Roy's.

Mrs. Anna Stayton enjoyed a week end visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adele Schellberg in Salem, returning home Sunday evening.

Peter Hirsseifen and wife were among those coming from a distance to spend Sunday with Stayton relatives. They returned to their home in Portland after a visit with his mother Mrs. M. Hirsseifen.

Mr. and Mrs. Theil of Salem were here for a few hours Sunday visiting with their niece, Mrs. E. T. Matthieu. Among those motoring a distance away from town Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mach who spent the day at Eugene. Their children accompanied Miss Rose Dozier to her home near Shaw, where they enjoyed the day on the farm.

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When the Youngsters Go to See Jackie Coogan

Off they scamper with bright eyes and merry laughter on the road to adventureland. How secure you feel when you know the theater to which they are going is built of concrete. For concrete has great reserve strength and is fireproof.

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