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SAFE STEPS—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way, Psalm 37:23.

YES, THE GLITTERING STEEL, BUT—

"An Oregon man is a grandfather because he is father of his 13 year old daughter's child. He is an inmate of the Oregon penitentiary, and was an applicant for a parole at Thursday's meeting of the parole board. Not the mercy of a parole, but the glittering steel of a surgeon's knife, is what state authorities should apply in his case."

The above is an editorial paragraph that appeared in the Portland Journal of last Sunday.

The very able managing editor of the Portland Journal is Marshall N. Dana. Mr. Dana was, several days ago, appointed a member of the state parole board. The Thursday meeting of that board mentioned in the Journal paragraph was the first one attended by Mr. Dana.

So he was officially talking out loud editorially.

As a general proposition, and as applied to the case in point, Mr. Dana will find few sane and decent people to disagree with what he says—

And nearly every one will wish him success of his idea; will mentally without reserve reflect that he should go to it, world without end, amen.

Mr. Dana has the assurance and enthusiasm of a new convert, but he is booked for some disappointments.

The first thing he should read, on the line of the above paragraph, is section 2387 of the Oregon code, with the sections following on the same head. They are sections of the law creating the state board of eugenics, composed of the members of the state board of health, together with the superintendents of the asylum for the insane here and at Pendleton and the superintendents of the penitentiary and the institution for the feeble minded.

The superintendents of these state institutions are required by this law to report quarterly the habitual criminals and moral and sexual pervers in their charge. Upon investigation, the state board of eugenics may order the proper type of sterilization to be applied to such moral and sexual pervers and habitual criminals, in order to improve their physical and neural conditions—

But a copy of each such order must be served on the person so designated, or his or her guardian, and the case may be appealed to the circuit court, where the person whose case is at issue must be represented by an attorney, at the charge of the state, if not otherwise provided.

The law also undertakes to define what is a habitual criminal and a moral or sexual pervert. Conviction three or more times for a felony makes a habitual criminal under the law, and moral and sexual pervers are declared such when addicted to the practices which caused the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

So there you are, Mr. Dana. In the cases of inmates at the institution for the feeble minded, the administration of this law is being carried on quite generally, in the cases that come under its purview, and without much friction. And there can be no doubt of the beneficial effects, upon the persons treated and upon society in general, to say nothing of future generations—

But at the other institutions there are difficulties, especially at the penitentiary.

Mr. Dana may do a fine work, in his new position, in securing a more general observance of this law—

But if he takes the matter up in earnest, he will be in for many stiff fights; and the fact is that he will find need for amendments to the law, to say nothing of the wisdom of getting public opinion behind the movement to cut off crime and degeneracy at its sources.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

With tomorrow's closing, Children's Book Week will be come for this year a matter of history. During this week, from the eighth to the fourteenth of November, there is being carried out a campaign national in scope for stimulating the interest of boys and girls in books.

Parent-Teacher organizations, librarians and thousands of parents and others have been striving to encourage appreciation of good books by the children and young people.

And throughout the year this book week inspires a growing consciousness of the importance of children's books, of their influence in character development and in the building of citizenship. The contribution of helpful books to the happiness as well as the influence and effectiveness of the individual is tremendous throughout life.

Children given opportunity early to "browse" among books suited to their ages and to their interests will carry the influences of them throughout the years. Children are interested in books of adventure, biography, legends and myths. Youth enjoy also fiction including romance and character studies. Boys' and girls' reading should be differentiated somewhat including science and mechanics for the former and art for the latter. With properly selected books and other reading material at their command during childhood and youth the cheap "yellow" meaningless or harmful reading which occupies so much space on the bargain counter will have little or no appeal for later life.

Under the stimulus of this nationally observed week there is opportunity for the accomplishment of great good by the encouragement of better reading, through the emphasis of interesting, helpful and inspiring books. If you have so far passed this opportunity by, be sure to contribute something to this cause of civic, social and educational improvement TODAY and TOMORROW.

Good books are to the young mind what the warming sun and refreshing rain of spring are to the seeds which have lain dormant in the frosts of winter.—Horace Mann.

All the known world, excepting only savage nations, is governed by books.—Voltaire.

In the highest civilization the book is still the highest delight.—Emerson.

The greatest pleasure in life is that of reading while we are young.—Hazlitt.

Let every man if possible gather some good books under his roof.—Channing.

Let there be a good supply of books and a yearly store of provisions.—Horace.

LUTHERANS PLAN HOME FOR SCHOOL

Student Service Program Will Be Carried to State School This Year

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 12.—(Special).—The Lutheran Brotherhood of Oregon will establish a student service program at one of the state schools this year, according to the report given by Rev. William Schoeler of Aurora who has charge of this department of the Brotherhood. The report was given at a meeting of the Silverton unit of the Lutheran Brotherhood of America Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Schoeler in his report stated that up to this time the Brotherhood has \$6,000 in pledges, and that one congregation alone at Portland gave \$2,000. The student service program was recently inaugurated by the Lutheran Brotherhood of Oregon. The plan is to establish a Lutheran home, or hut, as it will be called, for the boys and girls at the state university, at Monmouth and at Corvallis. The home will be provided with a chapel, study rooms, and an all around home. Inasmuch as neither Corvallis nor Monmouth have a Lutheran church these two places are bidding strongest for the home.

The Rev. Luther Deck of the United Lutheran church of Vancouver, Wash., was present Tuesday night and represented his church as whole heartedly endorsing the movement of the student service. "We are not only endorsing it in sentiment," said the Rev. Mr. Deck, "but also in whole dollars." This congregation has to date pledged \$600 with but one fifth of the membership visited.

The Rev. George Henriksen of Silverton then spoke giving a report of the national convention of the Lutheran Brotherhood of America which was held at Minneapolis in October. The Rev. Mr. Henriksen reported that while the organization plan was not as perfect as it might be, the movement was going forward with wonderful strides, and that he had never seen such enthusiasm as shown by that large body of Lutheran men gathered for the convention. He went on to emphasize the importance of supporting the church schools, at the same time giving a hearty endorsement of the student service program being established at the state schools. Rev. Mr. Henriksen was the first one to suggest that the matter of the student service program be taken up by the Brotherhood.

At the business session the LBO voted back the pledge of \$10 which the Rev. Mr. Henriksen had

made at the recent national convention. The money will go to the work of the LBA. Inasmuch as both St. Johns and Trinity Lutheran churches are striving to solve the language question for their congregations the proposition of the LBO to establish an all American Lutheran church at Silverton was postponed until the January meeting. No December meeting will be held due to the business of the holiday season. The next meeting will be held on the second of January. During the social part of the program for Tuesday evening, Dr. Woodmansee gave a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by Miss Dora Henriksen, and Miss Marie Corhouse sang a solo with Mrs. John Goplerud as accompanist. A lunch was also served. The meeting was very well attended.

FORMER ATHLETE DIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Robert R. Wrenn, famous Harvard athlete and four times national tennis champion, died tonight of Bright's disease in his Hotel Madison apartment. He was 53 years old.

REVIVAL MEETINGS CONTINUE TO GROW

Young Peoples' Program Planned at First Baptist Church Tonight

Revival meetings at the First Baptist continue to grow in interest and attendance. Last evening there was a well filled house when the pastor, Rev. Ernest H. Shanks, preached on "The Present Tense of Christian Living."

Song service, led by Fred G. Fisher, was enthusiastic. In a pleasing voice and excellent interpretation Mr. Fisher sang "A Clean Heart." Choir and audience sang one of the Billy Sunday choruses, "I Need Jesus." The pastor, in dealing with the subject, took for his text: "Now Are We Sons of God." He said in part:

"Many Christians living might be described best by 'Hark!' from the tomb a doleful sound. Living in the past is usually pretty poor picking. Time moves in an ever-present now. The world does not care very much about the past. That is soon forgotten. What we are today counts for most. Just as our yesterdays make up our today, so we make our tomorrows. 'Be not deceived,' God is not mocked. It is only the grace of God that can redeem us from our past and make us what we ought to be today.

"If a man is a son of God, then he should live, act, talk and love like a son of God. How far short we fall of our privileges as sons! Some men who profess to be children of God, yet live, act and talk like the children of the evil one. The walk and conversation should be as becometh those who are sons of God.

"We become sons of God by adoption. We have all the rights and privileges of the heirs of the inheritance. We are adopted sons, having received such adoption by the Spirit. But God goes further, and by the spiritual birth makes us 'born sons' of God, imparting the new nature, the new heart, the spiritually awakened soul." This evening is young people's

Frenchman Asks Nations League to Admit Berlin



The German government chose M. de Margerie, French ambassador to Berlin, to present its petition for admission to the League of Nations to the league council.

night, and the subject will be "The Challenge of the Cross." The young people's choir will lead the singing and Mr. Fisher will render a special number. All are invited.

SALVATION ARMY PLANNING SERVICE

Rev. E. H. Shanks to Speak at Hall Saturday; Fred Fisher Will Sing

The Salvation Army has secured the services of Rev. E. H. Shanks, of the First Baptist church, and Fred G. Fisher, evangelistic singer, for a special meeting to be held Saturday at the Army hall on State street.

During the present revival campaign which he is conducting in his own church, Rev. Shanks has been "resting" on Saturday nights, but being a warm friend of the Army and in sympathy with its work, he has kindly consented to preach for the Salvationists on this occasion. His message will be evangelistic with a special appeal to all.

Mr. Fisher will lead in the singing and be heard in vocal selections. "Never Lonely" and "The Bird with a Broken Pinion" are two songs he will sing by special request.

The public has a cordial invitation to attend the service, which commences at 8 p. m.

OLCOTT AGAIN WELL

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Attributing his recovery to the power of prayer, Chauncey Olcott, noted singer and actor who less than a week ago was brought from Ann Arbor, Mich., critically ill, was up and greeting friends tonight.

HIGH SCHOOL MEET SLATED AT EUGENE

Highland School Selected for April Meeting of Marion County Group

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 12.—(Special).—Miss Marion A. Brown, dean of girls and vice-principal in the University high school, Oakland, Cal., will talk at the high school conference in Eugene December 4 and 5, the committee in charge of arrangement announces. A new division of the conference will discuss problems of interest to faculty advisors has been organized. Miss Brown, in addition to addressing the student body girls, will speak at the faculty sessions. Miss Brown has charge of student advisory work at the University high school, which has 1350 pupils.

Other outside speakers, including J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and a number of Oregon educators will be on the program. The editors, presidents, secretaries and faculty advisors programs are being worked out separately by the committees. Approximately 500 high school students from all parts of the state will attend the conference, it is estimated.

Harrisburg.—S. P. and Harold Shutt buy and will publish "Harrisburg Bulletin."

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Morocco Has New French Governor



Theodore Steeg (above), is quitting as minister of justice in the Painleve cabinet, to become the French governor-general of Morocco. He succeeds Marshal Lyautey, forced out as a result of the Rif uprising.