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THE WAY TO FREEDOM.—Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32.

AT REDUCED COST

(Portland Journal.)

Four hundred and twenty thousand dollars was the appropriation for the Oregon penitentiary for the two years before Mr. Pierce became governor. He was given the same allowance by the legislature on his proposal that \$190,000 be used for establishing industries for employment of convicts in the institution.

On the \$320,000 he maintained the prison his first two years and turned back a small balance. The \$100,000 was spent in establishing industries in which many more convicts were employed.

The cost per convict when he took charge was \$46 per month. He cut the cost to \$25, the last month having cost a trifle over \$28. In an address before the Progressive Business Men's club, Portland, Governor Pierce pointed out that this cut in the cost effects a saving of nearly \$9000 a month.

Members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce recently visited the prison and saw a building 175 feet long fitted with flax machines. In charge of these machines and conducting operations were nearly 200 convicts. It was a busy scene that could easily have been mistaken for a great factory anywhere in the free world, operated by free workers.

The activity called forth many commendatory remarks from the visitors, who believe with Governor Pierce that there is a way to keep convicts employed and make the prison self-supporting.

The above from the Portland Journal of a few days ago is appreciated by the men who have so faithfully worked to get the industries of the Oregon penitentiary to their present status—

A condition of greater efficiency than ever before. But there is a long way to go yet, to the goal of self support, and to the mark of a wage for every inmate worker, and a number of other advances that will go with these.

But if the people of Oregon can be thoroughly sold on the idea of the self support of this institution; self support through the operation of industries, the time of the reaching of the goal will be much hastened—

For there will then be no hesitancy in giving the appropriations yet needed for machinery and appliances. If the savings of a year, or something like \$108,000, were now invested in new machinery and appliances, the time of complete self support might be moved up to a very near date in the future, with good management—

Though the time will come without this, under the operation of the revolving fund law.

By just keeping on keeping on, under that law, the institution will work itself out to the point of self support. Good management and good luck will of course help to hasten the time.

The revolving fund law is designed to provide industries making profits to the full extent of the working forces of the penitentiary.

Progress is being made very single day. But a full realization of what this all means, by all the thinking people of Oregon, would help a whole lot.

Some judicious investments now would pay more than 100 per cent.

NEW OFFUSES CHANGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(By Associated Press).—Renewed efforts by country publishers to have the government discontinue printing "return cards" on stamped envelopes were vigorously opposed today by Postmaster General New.

The Arizona Sheriff

Tales of his adventures, his courage, his humor, his keen intelligence—his collected by Major Grover F. Sexton, "The Deputy from Tavasol County." How with nimble gun and motor car he brings swift and sure justice to evildoers.

HE SAW 12 DIE

If any western tourist wants to see a real, honest-to-goodness Arizona deputy sheriff who can still look complacently on life after seeing a dozen men die in shoe leather and who can beat any living automatic pistol toter to the first shot with his old pearl-handled,



silver-mounted six shooter, just drop over to Florence, seat of Pinal county, and call on Chester McGee.

"Friendliest man you'd ever meet is Chester. Sociable and hospitable as any westerner, most interested in the new irrigation project going ahead east of the Salt River-Roosevelt Dam project, which soon will make his 140-acre home, just outside Florence amid the suhuaro, or giant cactus, bloom like a rose garden."

Killings are just killings—that's all—with him. They ought not to happen, for it's bad business to take a life. But they do happen, so there's no use getting squeamish about it and letting it upset your life, even if you are a deputy sheriff.

Now, there was the time when he was deputy under his brother, down at Ray, a Mexican mining town.

He had a fine old fellow for jailer. One evening, inasmuch as they only had a couple of vagrants in the lockup, the old jailer walked a piece home with Chester, stopping in the saloon for a glass of beer and a sandwich.

Hardly 10 minutes had passed, after McGee left him, before he got word there had been a shooting in that very saloon. In half that time he was running into the saloon.

There lay the old jailer dead. He had fallen upon his face, which means to McGee that he had been

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shot through the stomach. Jack Munroe, the killer, had come in, figuring that Chester was home, and tried to hold up the saloon. The old jailer had started to draw his gun, but too late.

For three days and nights, Munroe hid out in Crook National forest, keeping out of sight in the forests of cholla (pronounced choy-yah), the devil cactus, most terrible of the spiny vegetation of the Arizona mountains. But the Studebaker stops at nothing, and when he moved out for water, McGee was waiting for him, hidden behind the well. Munroe got the imprisonment.

Then there was Ed Fondren, surly, obstinate prospector of terrible temper, known for miles around as a bad hombre when "riled."

He had a mining claim up in the mountains and sought to stake out another. Another prospector had been there for some time, and the two quarreled. Fondren's temper rose, and in a terrific rage, he slew the other miner, and then, turning on the latter's two horses, two burros and his dog, killed every living thing on the place.

McGee was notified, and the old Studebaker car started for Superior, up in the Crook mountains, between Drummedary and Picket-post peaks.

"Give my 45 as good as his," says McGee, "so there really wasn't much argument, and I brought him in and he got life."

That's all he says, but he brought the murderer all the way into Florence, alone, without handcuffs. He forgets that in telling the story.

"Sometimes it's funny," smiles the placid-faced deputy whose blue eyes have seen a dozen men die, "I never laughed so much as I did the day Deputy Kent and I went over to get the Blackwater Indian, Big Blow, who had gone on a tear and dragged his squaws around by the hair something scandalous."

"We found him, but he wouldn't get off the ground," Kent, who likes his eats, was hungry, and he didn't have much patience. We always carry a rope on our Studebaker car, like we used to at our saddle."

"Kent got out the rope and laid it over the Indian's shoulders and I stared up, while Kent, whose figure is more comfortable than skinny, kinda gave him a lift once in awhile with his heavy boots. Then the Blackwater decided he'd rather walk than be drug."

"We brought him clean in to the pen with that rope, but you never saw so funny a sight as Kent encouraging that Indian to walk, unning to keep up with us."

Bits For Breakfast

They had to hurry—

Statesman ad men, printers and pressmen, and editors yesterday—

Had to get out a 30 page paper in a day, on account of the live business people of Salem having so many fine things to offer for Christmas buying.

If the ad men had only realized it in time, they would have doubled the number of pages. Sa-

lem is surely growing. Doing the greatest holiday business in her history, by far.

Salem Chamber of Commerce is approaching the point of having 1000 members, including the farmers who are joining. Very good.

What are we going to do about the public playground? Are we going to "lay down on it?"

Oregon had 184 less marriages in 1924 than in 1923, and 51 more divorces. Something ought to be done about it.

For the whole country, the decrease in marriages was 45,718, and the increase in divorces was 5,771.

Telephone wires now span the desert where the Israelites wandered for 40 years, waiting for completion of the call they had put in for the Promised Land.

Some one wants the Slogan editor to take up sweet potatoes as a subject. Nothing doing. The Slogan subjects are of things in which we excel or may excel. Suggestions along that line are more than welcome. Let's do the things we can do better than the other fellow; get above the dead line of mere competition on equal terms.

As was to be expected, the charge made by Winston Churchill, American novelist and best-seller of earlier days, that the publishers are charging entirely too much for their product, has drawn the thunder of several of the leading publishers. They make a convincing rejoinder, and have no trouble at all in proving that the price of books has risen only 55 per cent since the days when

novels, like Mr. Churchill's, for instance, sold for \$1.35, while the average advance in wages of the men employed by the publishers has been 106 per cent. Mr. Churchill was entirely wrong in bringing his charge against the makers of books.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET; 60 PRESENT

Thirty Districts Are Represented for Informal Talks on Problems

School officers of Marion county held a meeting in the circuit court rooms here Saturday, attended by over 60 members of school boards. Thirty districts were represented.

The meeting was entirely informal and a round table discussion of problems pertaining to school work occupied most of the day. The matter of correcting school boundaries was discussed, considerable unfavorable comment being expressed regarding the present irregular lines.

The report of the committee appointed to report on legislative work was read and the committee elected to continue to function during the next regular session of the state legislature. W. A. Jones is chairman of the committee. C. H. Taylor and A. E. Hedine are the other members.

Dr. Walter Brown, director of the child health demonstration for Marion county, was present at the meeting and answered many questions regarding school sanitation and child health work in the rural districts.

W. A. Jones of district 100, was

elected president of the organization and Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, was reelected secretary.

Soft Drinks Replacing Hard Liquor, Says Dry Official

CHICAGO—Hard liquor in the United States is being superseded by ginger ale and other carbonated beverages, in the opinion of Captain R. Q. Merrick, assistant to the prohibition administrator for the Chicago district.

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