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THE RIGHTeous JUDGE—"Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" Gen. 18:25.

WOULD BE A WONDERFUL HELP

Editor Statesman:
 The writer read with interest your editorial, "Dressing Them Out," which appeared in yesterday's issue of your paper. It is not only quite different from a lot of the harping criticism we have been reading about our state prison, but it offers food for thought to all those who claim an interest, as does the writer, in reformatory measures, no matter what they pertain to.

First of all, the editorial in question does not frighten with a gloomy forecast as to the future, as far as the Oregon state penitentiary is concerned, but rather cheers us with the thought that "work" will tend to lessen crime and thereby decrease the number of state prisoners, at least during one season of the year. This optimistic view of things is commendable, to say the least.

I like what you said as to the amenability of the normal man—dressed out of prison—to the same influences and environments as ourselves; and also your statement that the prisoner's attitude outside will depend largely on the treatment he was subjected to while imprisoned. It is the kinder view—a word, perhaps, for the fellow who is down. But it is also good advice to those "higher up" who have to do with the disciplining of law breakers in whatever institutions they may be placed.

Finally, your comment on work and what it will do for prisoners and their families on the outside, hits the nail on the head. Let us hope our legislators will heed Governor Pierce's advice and see to it that the Oregon state penitentiary becomes self supporting, which can be effected on the same basis which made the institution at Stillwater that.

Only the other day, the writer met up with a released prisoner in this city who had earned a considerable amount of money during the months of his imprisonment—he had something to begin on in looking about for work, and therefore his chances of "going on the rocks" so soon after obtaining his freedom were lessened that much.

On the other hand, there are cases wherein the loved ones, left to the mercy of society, must eke out as best they can—God alone knows how some of them do it—an existence for themselves and often little ones. We happen to know of a few such cases.

The work and wages system, as put into effect at Stillwater, will perhaps help to lessen some of the mischief which we hear of as being done by idle hands within so many of our state prisons—and certainly it will go a long way toward making life more bearable for those waiting loved ones on the outside. Respectfully,
 CAPT. A. PITT

Salem, Oregon, January 11, 1926

Captain and Mrs. Allen Pitt are in charge of the Salem corps of the Salvation Army. They come in contact with many of the men who are dressed out of the penitentiary—

And they know, as well as any one in Oregon, of the problems and difficulties that confront the man who faces the ranks of free society after having served time in prison—

And they are daily called upon to help smooth the way for men under that necessity.

If all the people of Oregon who have sound minds and sympathetic hearts could come to study and understand the conditions at the penitentiary as Capt. Pitt has studied them and understands them, it would be a wonderful help in the work of making that institution self supporting at an early date; self supporting and paying a small wage to every worker. This can be done. It will be done, under the operation of the present revolving fund law, which provides for establishing and conducting of industries in the penitentiary. This law does not specify the flax industry. It contemplates the putting in of any industry that will serve the purposes of the plan for giving suitable and profitable employment to the inmates.

A number of additional lines are being considered now. As The Statesman has said many times, the revolving fund law as it stands, if sympathetically administered, will finally bring about the conditions named—self support for the prison and a daily wage for the inmates—

But some wise investments in machinery and appliances for new lines would bring about these conditions at an early date, and the investment would pay 50 to 500 per cent directly, to say nothing of the vast indirect benefits.

If this fact should be generally understood, the Legislature at its next session would vote all the money or credits necessary to make the job of self support complete.

This would not necessarily take any money of the taxpayers out of the state treasury. If it could be arranged so that the necessary money could be borrowed, the industries at the prison would soon pay back the principal, with the interest.

FOREIGN TRADE OUTLOOK

The year 1925 just closed with foreign trade improving while the prospects for this year are for the agriculturalist still more bright.

The treaties of Locarno should result in a new spirit and a new attitude among the European nations where our markets are maintained. The principal nations of Western and Central Europe have pledged among themselves mutual guarantees of peace, stability and good will. This condition should at least furnish the basis for undisturbed, progressive internal development.

And with this greater national stability and opportunity for greater industrial activity the nations with whom we have trade relations will enjoy increased ability to buy from the nations abroad including ourselves. These improved conditions should mean the outlet for a larger volume of agricultural products and greater prosperity for the American

THE AMERICAN FARMER

The modern American farmer is a most alert and interested observer of world events. He is by nature and circumstance peculiarly fitted to become a thinker, a thorough student of the economic stresses of today. He is keenly alive to the needs of education and liberally fosters its growth.

A man who must daily meet so many of life's difficult problems; who must seize upon pertinent facts and judiciously apply them to his farm, his home and his community; who must be dependable and of worth to his neighbors—this man must have knowledge and faith.

The American farmer thrills no less responsively to the beauties of nature than does the dweller in cities. By intimate association he early learns the poems of earth, the melodies of streams and the noble colors of the sky. He lives upon the hearthstone of nature, hence upon the very threshold of God.—Roy Denman in Pennsylvania Farmer.

The Arizona Sheriff

Tales of his adventures, his courage, his humor, his keen intelligence—as collected by Major Grover, a Senator. "The Deputy from Yavapai County." How with a single gun and mule car he brings swift and sure justice to evildoers.



DANCE

Bad Manners

"Get away from that door, you red headed cow wrangler, or I'll drill a hole clean through you."

Fred Geiss was cornered, but it was dark, and if he could hold the deputy sheriffs off long enough to get out the back door of the combination saloon, dance hall and gambling institution, Chihuahua Mountain was less than half a mile away, and the

friendly recesses of Mule mountains would lead to Mexico.

Fred had been more or less of a bully around the less pretentious saloons and back room gambling places in Bisbee, Arizona, and in other mining camps nearby.

Brewery Gulch was an institution, then, before prohibition came. Known all over the state. There were about sixty-five buildings along the narrow gulch, running up from the Southern Pacific railroad station.

Every hospitable door in the Gulch led either to a saloon, to a gambling-dance-eating hall, or to a "ranchita"—a ranchita, which means "pig ranch," being the habitat of gaudily dressed, or partially dressed women of evil repute and long lost reputation.

On mine pay nights, or Saturday nights, there was quite a lot of money on Brewery Gulch. Maay's raid made on it by bad men temporarily out of funds.

Fred Geiss was in just that condition, so he and a friend of his, the friend being a six shooter with an 8-inch barrel and a bore like that of a tunnel, dropped in on the Gulch.

A restaurant was his first port of call, and when Curley and Louie saw Fred's "friend," they quite voluntarily passed over what money was in the place.

Then Geiss committed the social error of tarrying a moment by a roulette wheel, while Curley and Louie were burning up telephone wires to Deputy Sheriff Red Gannon.

Gannon picked up Tom Mooney, a long, rambling policeman of Blaine who in odd times had been a deputy U. S. marshal, deputy sheriff and what not. City Mar-

shal Al Kemper saw them start in Gannon's big motor car and jumped onto the running board.

A friendly tip from town that "Kemper and Gannon are out in the Studebaker" came onto the Gulch. That car's name meant there was no chance to escape across country.

Geiss beat it for a more or less remote institute of chance and locked himself in. He had a Krag Jorgenson army rifle and a .38 automatic pistol.

Wasn't much trouble locating Geiss. Kemper went to the back door and Red and Mooney to the front. The door was locked. Gannon knocked and called for Geiss to come on out and stop fooling.

"Get away from that door, you red headed cowpuncher, or I'll drill a hole clean through you with this Krag," Geiss answered.

Gannon reached for his own gun and found he'd left it back at the office. Not that it bothered Red much, for he is about two feet thick through the chest and carries a young ham on the end of each arm. Fighting is just fighting, with him; guns, if you've got them, and if not, why, just anything that comes to hand.

He kicked in the lower panel of the door and borrowed Tom Mooney's gun.

Bang! went a shot right over his shoulder, through the door, and this annoyed Red enormously. He didn't want to scratch up Mooney's fancy pistol, so he just busted the door right down over Geiss' head and landed on top of them both.

"I just cuffed him up a little," Gannon tells it, "and we brung him down and locked him up. He got two years, if I remember right. Good enough for him, too, hiding behind a door and shooting into the dark, thataway. He might have hurt somebody."

There was a slight delay in the trial. Red's "cuffing" so discouraged Geiss that the bandit was laid up in the hospital almost a month.

DINNER STORIES

A young couple had been courted for several years, and the young man seemed to be in no hurry to marry. Finally, one day he said:

"Sall, I canna marry thee."

"How's that?" she asked.

"I've changed my mind," said he.

"Well, I'll tell thee what we'll do," said she. "If folks know that it's thee as has given me up I shanna be able to get another chap; but if they think I've given thee up, then I can get all I want. So we'll have banns published and when the wedding day comes the parson will say to thee, 'Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?' and thou must say, 'I will.' And when he says to me, 'Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?' I shall say, 'I wina.'"

The day came, and when the minister asked the important question the man answered:

"I will."

Then the parson said to the woman:

"Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?" and she said:

"I will."

"Why," said the young man, furiously, "you said you would say 'I wina.'"

"I know that," said the young woman, "but I've changed my mind since."

The preacher's evening discourse was dry and long, and the congregation gradually melted

Cult-Mother Seeks New Homes in America for Her Followers



"Mother" Veregin, leader of the Doukhobors, Russian religious cult, and two of her lieutenants, Nicholas Plotnikoff (left) and Harry Vreetschagin, are in Canada to visit the colony of 12,000 Doukhobors in Alberta, and make arrangements for the emigration from Russia of the remaining members of the sect. Canada is welcoming the Doukhobors because they are skilled farmers and are opening up unsettled territory.

away. The sexton tip-toed up to the pulpit and slipped a note under one corner of the Bible. It read:

"When you are through, will you please turn off the lights, lock the door, and put the key under the mat?"

Bits For Breakfast

Salem is the nut city—

And will be more so all the time—

Not referring to the institution provided over by Dr. Steiner, either.

The slogan campaign of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, for filberts or walnuts on every farm with suitable soil, is on its way. Its success will mean millions annually.

The new contracts for the farmers wishing to grow flax for the state will be ready in a very few days—just as soon as the price schedule can be agreed upon, and the contracts prepared and printed. The limit is 2500 acres, but it is to be hoped that several of the cities of the valley may arrange to build retting plants and get flax grown. However, they will have to hurry.

The new Elsinore theater is being rushed to completion with all



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Did You Ever Stop To Think?

By E. E. Waite, Secretary
 Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

That you should say with enthusiasm the good things you advance in praise of your city.

That you should make your city noted for its progressiveness and as a good city in which to trade.

That the merchants of your city are progressive and have a forward vision.

That these merchants advertise, knowing that advertised goods are the backbone of a profitable business.

That they realize that the printed page reaches every home.

That you should read the advertisements to find where, when and what to buy.

That you should not handicap yourself by buying from distant cities. Buying away from home is costly, as you cannot see what you buy and the goods sometimes are not as represented.

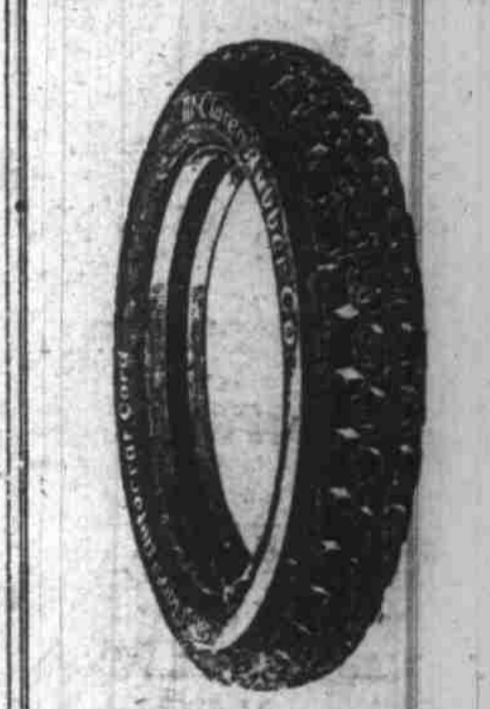
That you can buy advertised merchandise in your own home city; goods that you can see before buying, and if not as represented, the matter can be easily adjusted at home.

The merchants of your city carry large stocks of seasonable merchandise. Read the advertisements and then shop where the best buys are.

on that highway from 22,000 to 16,500 pounds. Request by truck companies for an injunction restraining the commission from enforcing an order to that effect issued on August 22, 1925, was refused by the court.

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STATE HAS RIGHT TO DECIDE WEIGHT TO BE CARRIED

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