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**TEMPTATION RESISTED.**—“And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said, How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” Gen. 39:7-9.

## A SCHOOL IN THE OREGON PENITENTIARY

S. C. White, superintendent of the federal prisons, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., is making a survey of the educational facilities and methods of the penitentiaries of the United States government.

And in connection with this work, he is attempting to have the same kind of a survey made by the states, of their prisons and reformatories and other institutions. He has asked Governor Pierce to request such a survey to be made for Oregon, by the president of the state university or some one else capable of getting together in proper form the information.

And Governor Pierce has made this request of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, who will undertake the task. He will not find it an arduous task to secure this information for the state industrial school for girls, the training school for boys, and the institution for the feeble minded, where regular school work is carried on, after the manner of that of the public schools of Oregon, with industrial training fitted to the needs of each institution.

But for the Oregon state penitentiary the matter will require special study.

Soon after the Oregon penitentiary was moved from Portland to Salem, when there was a superintendent who did not reside at the institution, as well as a warden who did, the late Hon. Asahel Bush of Salem was the superintendent. His salary was \$1000 a year. He drew the salary, but used the money in buying books to start the prison library. In various ways, books have been added from time to time, till there are now 4000 books on hand. And they are used in about the same proportion and type as books are used by such a community as Salem, from its public library.

But there is no school at the Oregon penitentiary. There should be one. It need not cost anything for the teachers. The teachers are there, among the prisoners. Such a school was conducted, a number of years ago, when Frank Davey was the bookkeeper there. He had a general supervision over the prison school, but prisoners did the teaching.

The proposed survey for the whole country will find schools in a large proportion of the prisons. In some of them, educational systems have become very well developed. This is true of the California penitentiary at San Quentin.

The first requisite for a model prison is industries; of a kind to render the institution self supporting, as in the Minnesota and Missouri prisons—self supporting and paying a small daily wage, proportioned partly to the needs of the innocent dependents on the outside.

And the next most important thing is an educational program, to teach the illiterates, and to further the training of those who are not illiterate, along approved lines.

The Oregon penitentiary, under its revolving fund law, is making progress towards measuring up to the first requisite.

And it is in line for a properly regulated educational program.

## WE ALL BUILD STATUES OF SNOW

One of the Medici once employed Michelangelo to make a statue out of snow—

Surely a stupid waste of time—

But if the great Michelangelo's time was precious to the world, our time is just as precious to ourselves, and yet we too often waste it in making statues of snow—

And, even worse, in making idols of mud.

Said Seneca, Roman philosopher: “We all complain of the shortness of time, and yet we have more than we know what to do with. Our lives are spent either in doing nothing at all, or in doing nothing to the purpose, or in nothing we ought to do. We are always complaining that our days are few; and acting as though there were no end of them.”

As it was in the time of ancient Rome, so it is today—and yet, fill up your time as wisely and well as we may, even the most fortunate of us must leave many things undone, many books unread, many a glorious sight unseen, many a country unvisited.

Never waste anything, but, above all, never waste time—For today comes but once and never returns.

As Dryden observes: “Not Heaven itself upon the past has power, For what has been has been; and I have had my hour.”

And Sir John Lubbock admonishes: “There are no sadder thoughts than ‘too late,’ and ‘it might have been.’ Time is a trust, and for every minute of it you will have to account. Be spare of sleep, spare of diet, and spare of time.”

“Even before the ink is dry on the World Court resolution many of those backing the proposal are talking about our entering the League of Nations,” says the New York Commercial. Good! Hope they may keep on talking. The fact is, a great majority of the people of the United States now want our country to become a member of the League of Nations, with and without reservations. It will be nearly unanimous if the talk keeps up.

The Hartford Times refers to him as Senator Borah. Either is correct. He boras as he roars.

## STILLMANS ARE RECONCILED; SAIL ON “TRIAL HONEYMOON”

“Interests of the Children” Is Given as Reason for Reconciliation; Occupy Separate Staterooms on Same Deck of Liner

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(By Associated Press.)—Out of the darkness which precedes the dawn, James A. Stillman and Anne U. Stillman sailed aboard the steamship Olympic today toward marital reconciliation and a new day.

They were en route to Europe on a “trial honeymoon” which they hoped would be the first step toward a permanent reconciliation. The “interests of the children,” they said, had directed this drama.

A few days ago to include Mrs. Stillman. They occupied separate cabins on the same deck.

Before their departure they announced that they had “cleared” all allegations made in their suit that the boy was the son of Fred Brevais, Indian guide, whom Stillman had named as co-respondent.

At a farewell dinner at the Stillman home last night which was attended by their 14 year old son Alexander, they announced that they were “through with outside advisers” and that they were going to “go straight with each other and themselves.”

One outsider, however, still figured in their plans. They planned to see Dr. R. F. Haynes, English psychologist, whose psycho-analysis of Mrs. Stillman at the time of her husband's divorce suit, “helped her to find herself again.”

It was her belief and hope that Dr. Haynes would be able to draw them permanently together, despite the allegations and recriminations which have passed between the two during the years of their court battles.

They expected to stop for some time in Paris, where their daughter, Mrs. Henry P. Davidson, the former Anne Stillman, is now living.

By coincidence, the Olympic, on which the Stillmans are making their second “honeymoon,” is the vessel on which Mrs. Stillman, embarking for Europe in 1920, was served with the papers in her husband's divorce suit.

Although there had been several reports in recent months of attempts at reconciliation, the sudden ending of the Stillmans embittered court fights and their departure together came as a surprise to the attorneys who have carried on the legal fight and to the judge who had presided.

Mrs. Stillman's counsel is Isaac N. Mills of White Plains, is now on a hunting trip in the south, but his son and law assistant, Leroy N. Mills, said he knew nothing about the case.

At the home of the former Governor Nathan N. Miller, counsel for Mr. Stillman, a butler said Mr. Miller knew “nothing about the departure of the Stillmans,” and he refused to be disturbed.

Justice Morschauer, who presided at the divorce trial said: “If it is true, I am delighted. It would be a gratifying conclusion to the case.”

carry on to win? That is the question—WHY?

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And you who have entered—get wise to the fact that entering is but the start. Carry on. Don't be a quitter. Don't be a coward. Fight! You know 1926 will reward fighters.

## NEW THEATRE PLANS READY FOR CONTRACTOR

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people. New conveniences are to be installed, and, it is understood, Bligh will even put in some that are original.

This theatre will occupy that part of the block now occupied by the Buzz shop, the Oregon Magazine headquarters, and the space back to the Elsinore theatre.

While nothing definite has been decided, it is understood a big department store, doing business all over the coast, is trying eagerly to lease the corner rooms of the new building. There are other rooms to be leased, but considering that the location is one of the most important in the city, the prediction is that all the space available will be snapped up before work on the building has begun.

Architects who drew up plans are Tourtelotte & Hummel, of Portland. Wrecking of buildings now on the property will start immediately after they have been vacated. Latest contracting methods will be employed, although, it is understood, the general contract as yet has not been let. The building is to be completed in six months.

Second floor of the new building will be devoted entirely to office rooms. It is understood that Bligh might have his office there.

Positive move to construct this new theatre is significant of the latest trend in the moving picture industry and romance. There is no friction between Guthrie and Bligh in the business. They have worked side by side for many years without friction. But Guthrie is building the new Elsinore theatre and Bligh is building the new Bligh theatre, it is understood, in order to protect themselves from the outside.

Moving picture producers have started the custom of building their own theatres throughout the country. In Portland at the present time the Paramount company is constructing a 4000 seat movie house. Another company is constructing another theatre in the metropolis. Eventually, it is thought, these national producers will attempt to invade Salem and crowd out the individual movie house owners.

Both the new Bligh theatre and the Elsinore theatre will be so far in advance of the general run of theatres throughout the state that it is thought unlikely outside producers will attempt to compete in the very near future.

As soon as the new Bligh theatre is ready for business, the old Bligh theatre, located next to the Bligh hotel on State street between High and Liberty streets, will be done away with. In the new theatre Mr. Bligh will continue his vaudeville, it is understood, and will run only the best pictures.

Frank Bligh has been in the theatre business in Salem for the past 17 years. He and his father, T. G. Bligh, killed sometime ago in an auto accident, opened their first theatre in the space now occupied by the Brownell electric shop on State between Liberty and Commercial.

This first theatre was a dime show, and only two or three reels were shown at a time. That was way back in 1908, when the photo play industry was in its infancy. The seating capacity was 108. At that time there were seven shows in Salem. Because each was only a dime, all the shows paid, for the patrons would wade out of one show and into the next. Farmers spending the day in the city took advantage of their vacation, and

the shows the same day. Bligh has been in the show business in Oregon, it is understood, longer than any one else in the state.

Johnny's Liagnosis

“Mother,” cried little Mary, as she rushed into the farmhouse they were visiting, “Johnny wants the listerine. He's just caught the cutest little black and white animal and he thinks it's got halitosis.—Union Pacific Magazine.

CHANGE IS SOUGHT IN LIQUOR LAW (Continued from page 1.)

All new employees would have to qualify before entering the service. Both civil service and the reorganization measures are expected by some observers to provide a vehicle for further arguments by wets in opposition to the Volstead act in its present form. Attention was called to the fact that the parliamentary situations which would result from consideration of these measures would provide ample opportunity for submission of amendments that conceivably may embrace the whole range of prohibition views represented in scores of bills heretofore smothered in committee.

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