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GOOD NEWS—And they came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob. * * * and he is governing his people. * * * And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive. Gen. 45:25-28.

PRISON DISCIPLINE AGAIN; SOME VITAL FACTS EVERY READER SHOULD KNOW AND STUDY

While the subject of prison discipline is fresh in the minds of all of us, some further observations ought to be made—

In addition to those mentioned in this column yesterday—

For they are vital facts, affecting every individual, no matter what is his or her station in life.

There were 514 inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary at 4 o'clock yesterday. Eight new ones came on Thursday. Taking the percentage of reformations at the Stillwater, Minn., penitentiary as a guide—85 per cent—and dropping the 14 for convenience, there are in the Oregon prison 425 men capable of being reformed; that is, returned to society so trained and minded that they will become law abiding and self supporting—

And there are 75 men there who will upon discharge be again a menace to society; human vultures preying upon their fellows; confirmed criminals; repeaters.

Modern penologists contend that these 85 per cent should never be returned to society; though the lamp of hope ought to be held out to them always, and though they should be so treated as to make very small the probability of reproducing their kind.

The average reader will be surprised to learn that the number 75 is only 25 above the average of potential criminals or dependents in general society in this country—

And the average reader will ask how this can be. Examinations for their mentality were made of 1,700,000 of the men drafted for service in the World war; and it was found that 10 per cent were of such low mentality that they were not sent over seas. That means that we have in continental United States about 11,000,000 people who are of a mentality below that of a child under 10 years of age—and a man or woman of such low mentality is subject to the influences of environment; is especially subject to such influences. If they are good, such persons may become useful, dependable members of society. If they are bad, their chances of becoming criminal or derelict are high; much higher than in the cases of people with average or superior mentality.

The reader will not that in general society, in the whole country, the percentage of men and women with low mentality, as low as children below 10 years of age, is 10 per cent; and that in the Oregon penitentiary the percentage of such men and of habitual criminals is only 15 per cent, taking the Stillwater standard.

All men and women are more or less creatures of habit; with those of low mentality, a habit is seldom broken. This is because of lack of energy, initiative, imagination, or ideas to make them try new things. They do as they do because they have not sufficient intelligence to do otherwise.

Ours is a country of freedom and equality; but there can be no equality except in levels of intelligence, and there cannot be freedom except such as will not lead to license, for the safety of society; for the perpetuity of our free institutions; our republican form of government, where all vote and are supposed to know how to vote; a supposition which is negated by our 10 per cent of men and women below the mentality of an average child under 10 years of age.

The men and women of the mentality of a child under 10 years of age are a menace to society, to a democracy, unless treated and controlled. They impair the efficiency of the whole total population.

They need intelligent attention. We must have the study of criminology and penology in our higher institutions of learning, which must include the study of the causes that lead to crime and degeneracy and low mentality—

We must have this to train men and women to understand the means of prevention and the methods of control, including the training of forces qualified to intelligently frame and properly administer our laws regulating crime and criminals.

There are ways for improvement, and this is one of the most important fields of study and service in the United States. The 90 per cent owes this to the 10 per cent; and owes it to itself, to the end that the 90 per cent may be rapidly reduced—

Just as it owes it to both the 85 per cent and the 15 per cent in our prisons.

Do you know of anything more important for the welfare of the race? If you do, what is it?

The prompt response to the call for help in the Salem-Salem debate matter, which some faint hearted and short visioned people here were on the point of letting drop, with their attention was called to it, reflects credit on their good judgment and their promptness to act, when proper attention was called to the emergency. Let such an opportunity drop? No, indeed. Such a thing should not have been thought of, even by the most faint hearted, with the most frigid case of cold feet.

If you have a stake in the fruit industry, help along the Hubam sweet clover boom that is sweeping the country, and thus put the bee keeping industry on the map—the general growing of this crop will make the Salem district the best bee country in the world. It will give abundant late bee pasture of the finest kind, which is all that is lacking. The Hubam clover makes a very tall plant and a very great crop in per acre tonnage, and it is a legume, with all the advantages of any crop of that kind in a rotation scheme of agriculture. Hurrah for the Hubam clover boom! It is here in the nick of time to give the proper punch to the bee boom.

COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

North Howell

The next community club meeting will be held at the Grange hall next Friday evening, February 19.

One of the Labien onion houses burned to the ground last Tuesday night, cause of fire unknown. A mystery surrounds the fire as the building was empty at the time of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunn and children returned to their home in Portland last week after several weeks stay here in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baughman and two children, Melvin and June were Saturday evening callers at Logan Rutherford's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dunn were transacting business in Silverton Friday.

C. S. and Arthur Morgan have been on the sick list with flu or gripple.

W. J. Jefferson and daughter, Mrs. Bernice Summers attended the funeral of Lewis Fletcher last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baughman entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dunn with an oyster supper last Friday evening.

Little Loretta Waltman who has been very ill is much better at this writing.

The committee appointed by the Grange at their January meeting consisting of Helen Wiesner, Mattie Vinton and Royce Allen have purchased a piano from Willis Cooley of Silverton and had it moved to the Grange hall.

Valuable truck loads of peppermint roots are being hauled out of this district to be planted in other localities.

J. Brown is moving to Washington to work on a ranch there for Hartley and Craig of Salem.

Many incubators are being set at this writing and the baby chix business will soon be in full swing.

W. H. Stevens is serving on the jury these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Allen are entertaining guests from South Dakota this week, also their daughter and granddaughter from California.

Gilbert Oddie, a Forest Grove student spent last week end at his home here.

Dwight and Marimus Schaap are each driving new cars again.

The community club will meet at the Grange hall Friday night and give a play by the school children, with music from Salem.

A debate was one of the features of our Grange program last Saturday evening. The subject was: Resolved: that voting should be made compulsory. The affirmative was upheld by Helen Wiesner and Mr. Judy while the negative replies were made by E. G. Wiesner and Daisy Bump. No decision could be reached however.

Hazel Green

Mrs. Adam Eagle and Mrs. English and Mrs. Dimler of Salem were callers of Mrs. Anna Zelniski and Mrs. Max Woods on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steiver of Portland were guests of Mrs. Steivers' mother, Mrs. Ella McCaffery on Sunday.

Rev. Miss Luckey is spending a week at Hopeville, her other preaching appointment.

Louis Peterson, father of Mrs. N. P. Williamson, has been sick the past week.

Miss Kate McCaffery of Salem spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ella McCaffery.

Mrs. August Zelniski of Portland is visiting her daughter Mrs. Max Woods.

The school will give a Washington program Monday forenoon.

The Arbor day program on Feb. 12 was attended by a number of the mothers, Mrs. Ralph Van Cleave, Mrs. Maurice Dunigan, Mrs. Henry Dunigan, Mrs. Louis Wampler.

This will be Christiana Endeavor Sunday, Feb. 20, at 8 o'clock.

Stayton

Alvah Davis, a high school student has been confined to his bed the past week suffering from a combination of heart trouble and rheumatism.

The fancy dress ball held in the Forrester's hall Saturday evening was a social success, about 50 couple being in costume. Mrs. John Gries and Mrs. Henry Boedigheimer, an Indian man and Mrs. John Wampler were awarded the prize for the best sustained characters.

F. J. Rawley, editor of the Turner Tribune was in Stayton Monday on a brief business visit.

Miss Ida Frank, a sister of Mrs.

acting the services. The I. O. O. F. lodge had charge of the services at the cemetery.

Rosedale

A Sunday school class party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Friday evening. Games were played, after which dainty refreshments were served.

The pupils of the Rosedale school cleaned up the school grounds one day last week.

The P. T. A. meeting will be held at the school Friday evening. The program is being put on by the pupils.

E. W. Cannay and family attended a party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calder in Polk county last Saturday evening.

Wilbur Kelly had the misfortune to run a pitch fork into his foot last week. He returned to school this week.

A Sunday school class party was held in the church basement last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gardner visited relatives here last weekend.

Pratum

Rowland Kleen who had an operation performed on his eyes came home from the hospital on last Monday.

Mrs. James W. Tham who was hurt by a fall recently is up again and improving slowly.

Fred DeVries addressed one hundred envelopes Wednesday night, which will be sent all over Marion county, containing programs of the Marion county Sunday school convention, which will be held at the new Christian church at Turner on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20.

The building of the fine new home of Chas. Sappingfield is progressing rapidly.

Rev. M. A. Groves showed a fine lot of slides of the work

among the negroes in the south. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Branch were visiting at the home of Mrs. Branch, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daun in Polk county.

Lyons

Stayton high school presented "Kicked Out of College" to a full house in the I. O. O. F. hall, Lyons, last Thursday evening.

Everybody enjoyed it very much. A party was given by Mable Downing and Norrell Hobson at the Hobson home last Saturday evening.

Mr. Tschneider is building a service station, which is well on the way to completion. It is located opposite the Stafford residence.

The flu is attacking everybody in the neighborhood, but hope it will soon die out.

George Berry has bought a tractor. He got it home last Monday.

The Shermans of Mill City moved to Lyons recently.

Hall's Ferry

William Snyder who has been confined to his house with a long siege of flu is reported much improved.

Ben Brown, while cutting wood on the J. B. Cummings place had the misfortune to cut his foot quite severely.

W. M. Meier has accepted a position with the paper mill and in order to be near his work has decided to move his family to Salem. The Meiers have been residents of this neighborhood for several years and have been active in all moves for the civic betterment of the community and their loss will be keenly felt by their many friends here.

Work on the new store building at Roberts, has progressed to such an extent that Mr. Query expects

to be located in the new quarters in about a week.

Work will start within the next few days in repairing the Riverside Telephone Company's lines between Roberts and Salem. The project also calls for an extension of the present system to a point about one mile beyond Hall's Ferry. The work is being done under the direction of J. O. Walker.

Clarence Donald has traded his place for 160 acres in Lincoln county and expects to move within the next few weeks. Mr. Donald owned what is known as the Scanlan tract, considered one of the best tracts in this locality.

The three Colby brothers and Carl Nooske will leave next week for Klamath county where they have secured employment in a logging camp.

James Ward is moving his family into the Colby house.

A surveying crew, working under the direction of the county court have started the preliminary work on the new road between Roberts and Finzer stations. This road when completed will shorten the distance between Halls Ferry and Salem about one-half mile and eliminate several bad hills.

held from the Presbyterian church, Wednesday with interment in the Belle Passie cemetery.

Miss Amy Harding and Miss Minnie Nibler shopped in Salem Wednesday.

Mrs. Katherine Schieble and Joseph Frahier were married in the Sacred Heart church last Saturday morning. Saturday evening their friends gave them an old fashioned charivari and a hilarious time was enjoyed by all.

H. Tooley is the new janitor at the public school.

A marriage license was granted Saturday at Portland, Ore., to Abbie J. Tatone and Lillian D. Albright. Miss Albright is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Albright of this village.

The telephone switch board has been removed from J. J. Schible's confectionery and is now installed in Minaker's pharmacy.

Representatives from Gervais high school attending the third annual educational exposition at the O. A. C. are: Estella Maginn, Mrs. Sylvia Smith and G. U. Delany, faculty members; and Kenneth Brown for the boys, Edith Mann-

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Gervais

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jelderko, Thursday morning. She has been named Bessie.

Mrs. L. P. Gleason is visiting her daughter Juanita, in Portland, this week.

The Altar society of the Catholic church gave a card party and dance, Monday evening. It was very well attended.

Edward Walker, aged 73, died at his home south of Gervais, Monday. He had been suffering from pneumonia about a week, and his wife is very ill with the same disease. His funeral was

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