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ELIMINATION.

When you think of a mean dig
 Cut it out;
 When you want to be a pig
 Cut it out.
 Life is sweet and fine and rich
 Don't then dabble in the ditch,
 Cut it out.
 When you want to sulk, and pout,
 Cut it out.
 When you wish to sneer and flout,
 Cut it out.
 If you send cruel thoughts away,
 They will fly back home and stay,
 Cut it out.
 Never find fault with the cold,
 Cut it out.
 Never envy another's gold,
 Cut it out.
 You get all that you will take,
 Your poor bed you yourself make,
 Cut it out.
 Evelyn Hubbard Watson,
 Greenville, Ill.

HELP ACCOMMODATE THEM.

In order to properly provide for the accommodation of visitors to the Round-Up and district fair well organized and persistent work has been done by the committee having this task in charge. Everything possible is being done to secure sleeping and eating places sufficient for the entire crowd. It is a difficult undertaking in view of the promised attendance at the show and the members of the accommodations committee are entitled to the cheerful support of all local people. Help the committeemen in every way possible. It is of first importance that all visitors be given good sleeping and eating accommodations. They will not be in the grandstand all of the time.

IT IS AN IMPROVEMENT.

Many of those who seek to pick flaws in Governor West's prison policy overlook the fact that the old time policy was full of faults. They are not just to the new plan in that they see only its imperfections while seemingly they forget that the system being supplanted was even more indefensible.

The parole or honor system as inaugurated by Governor West and now being tried out to a final conclusion, is attracting some attention from the general public and also some from interested politicians, says the North Yamhill Record. That the system, evolved in so short a period, is already perfect, is unthinkable; but that it has deep and abiding merits every humanitarian must admit. It is founded upon the right principle, viz., that of encouraging and developing the good in men until it exceeds and overcomes the evil in them; rather than crushing out the good in them until it is reduced to the low brute level of the crime for which they were convicted. Convicts are human, some of them a pretty good sort of human, too. Worthy hearts outside beat warm with love and hope for some of them. The hardened, the degenerate, the irreclaimable must somehow be sifted out from among these if justice, the great end of law, is ever to be attained. To those who would condemn the honor system because it contains imperfections, I would respectfully refer our laws, our system of jurisprudence, and our present prison system, and say, "If you must condemn whatever is imperfect, at least be just and condemn all together. Leaving out all questions of the financial advantage of convict labor on our highways, and all consideration of health and betterment of the convicts, and treating the subject purely from the standpoint of public safety, we must admit that Ardenwald is on the map as well as Salem. The few who have been convicted of crimes are not all the men and women who are ready to commit crime—not by a long shot. We are not protected, by any means,

If every convict were immured in a dungeon for the rest of his natural life. Honor in politics, honesty in dealing, chasteness in conversation and life, a higher standard of individual virtue among the men and women who now occupy the center of the stage, will have a greater effect for public safety, in their influence upon the young and the morally weak than any iron bound system of retribution that human ingenuity has ever invented.

HUGHES WON'T RUN.

Few will be surprised at the prompt denial by Justice Hughes of the report that he will seek the progressive support for the presidential nomination. It is evident that the report owes its origin to reactionary sources and was started in hopes of turning support away from La Follette. When the former governor of New York was named as a member of the supreme court it was generally taken as meaning that he would never seek the presidency. Had Hughes intended running for president against Taft he would never have accepted a post on the supreme bench. The fight for the republican nomination will be between Taft and La Follette and while the president has all of the advantages in the race it may be far from a walkaway.

AN UGLY SPECTACLE.

It is not likely that Beulah Binford and her "own story" will make much of a hit even as a moving picture attraction. Glossed over as it may be the story cannot be anything but a tale of sordid debasement and of such the public does not approve—some people to the contrary notwithstanding. Nor will much further attention be given young Beattie and his cigarettes. Beattie and the Binford girl are dregs in the social pool and while the world is willing to look at them in amazement for a time it soon becomes disgusted with the sight, for it is ugly.

The Portland delegation and the Spokane delegation may meet on neutral ground in this city during the Round-Up. Pendleton is close to Portland because that city is the metropolis of this state. But there is also a tie that links this city with the largest and most aggressive city of the inland empire.

On his flight from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast Aviator Fowler may find it very convenient to touch earth a few times. It is a long distance from San Francisco to New York.

For brisk autumn weather come to eastern Oregon.

THE WHITE ROSE.

The roses all were pink and red
 Before the Bumble Bee,
 A lover bold, with cloak of gold,
 Came singing merrily.
 Along the sunlit ways that led
 From woodland and from lea,
 He paused beside an opening rose,
 The garden's pet and pride,
 She burst in flower that very hour,
 While wooing zephyrs sighed,
 No smile had she for one of those
 And hope within them died.

The ardent Butterfly in vain
 On radiant wings drew near;
 The hapless moth in vain grew wroth,
 The fair rose leaned to hear
 The deep-voiced stranger's low refrain
 That thrilled upon the ear.

She gave her heart in love's delight—
 And let the whole world see.
 But, ah! one day, away, away,
 Sped truant Bumble Bee;
 'Twas then the red rose turned to white—
 So the tale was told me
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

TO HER LOVER.

Oh, love me well—
 But love me not alone!
 Love the hot sword, the banner and
 the song,
 The crowded way of sorrow and of
 wrong,
 The dream no tongue can tell,
 The enemy prone!
 Yea, love me not alone—
 But love me well!

CLAM CLOSES ON RAT'S TAIL.

Bangor, Pa.—Hearing a great racket in the cellar of her husband's restaurant, Mrs. J. Pritchard rushed downstairs, where she located the trouble in the pile of clams and upon a closer investigation discovered that a large rat was held a prisoner by a clam, which had closed its shells over the tail of the rodent. The unique "rat trap" was placed on view and excited the interest of a large crowd all day.

Anxious Father—And you could support my daughter?
 Sutor—I have two strong arms.
 Anxious Father—But can they support her
 Sutor—They often have, sir.

SEPTEMBER 12 IN HISTORY.

1828—Genoa retaken from the French and its independence restored by Andrew Doria.
 1703—The Emperor and King of the Romans resigned their right to Spain to the Archduke Charles, who was thereupon declared King of Spain.
 1714—Barcelona surrendered to the Duke of Berwick.
 1784—Algeria bombarded by Spanish fleet.
 1829—Spanish army at Tampico surrendered to the Mexicans.
 1847—First day's battle at Chapultepec.
 1857—Steamship Central America from Panama to New York, having 626 persons on board and nearly two millions in treasure, was totally lost. Only 100 persons saved.
 1848—The president promised the delegates from the Tennessee legislature to direct General Thomas to furnish whatever military force might be necessary to aid the civil officers in carrying out the laws.
 1884—Tammany Hall in New York after an exciting meeting, endorsed the nomination of Grover Cleveland, democratic candidate for president of the United States.
 1891—The funeral of the exiled Count de Paris at Stowe, England, was attended by thousands of middle class people.
 1904—Russo-Japanese war; Japan made a formal protest against the presence of Russian auxiliary cruiser Lena in harbor of San Francisco; ship's boilers in bad shape.
 1909—Halley's comet was seen by Prof. Wolff at Heidelberg.
 1910—Ten chief officials of the Armours, Swift and Harris packing companies were indicted by a federal grand jury at Chicago.
 Graham-White made the Boston light flight in 34 minutes and 1-2 seconds, and won a prize of \$10,000.

GAMES AND SKYSCRAPERS.

"Games, you remember, go by a kind of immutable rotation—as such a law of childhood as gravitation of the universe. Marbles belong to spring, to the first weeks after the frost is out of the ground. They are a kind of celebration of the season, of the return to bare earth. Tops belong to autumn, hockey to the ice, baseball to the spring and summer, football to the cold, snappy fall, and I seem to remember that even such games as hide-and-seek or puss-in-the-corner were played constantly at one period, not at all at another. If you played 'em out of time, they didn't seem right; there was no zest to them. Now, most of these game periods were determined long ago by physical conditions of the ground and climate. They stem us back to nature. Cramp the youngsters in the artificial life of a city, and you snap this stem. My theory may be wild, all wrong. Yet I can't help feeling that our games, which we accepted and absorbed as a part of the universe as much as our parents or the woods and fields, were a part of that nature which surrounded us, linking us with the beginnings of the race. Most kids' games are centuries upon centuries old," Graham says. "I can't help believing that for every skyscraper we erect we end the life, for thousands of children of one, more game."

Old hundred had listened closely to my long discourse, nodding his head approvingly. "No doubt, no doubt," he said. "I shall hereafter regard the Metropolitan Tower as a memorial shaft which ought to bear an inscription, 'His jacket, Puss-in-the-corner.' Yet I saw some poor little duffers on the east side the other day trying to play soak with a tattered old ball, which kept getting lost under the push carts."

"They die hard," said I.—From "Mumbly-Peg and Middle Age," by Walter Pritchard Eaton in the August Scribner (Fiction Number).

HOW POOR HE IS.

How poor he is! He can not ride
 In state where rich men proudly pass;
 He has not profits put aside,
 He lives from hand to mouth, alas!
 He wields no power and spreads no fear,
 But, free from envy, he can hear
 The breezes singing through the grass.

He owns no yacht, no gorgeous car;
 No wheels would stop if he should die;
 He lacks the means to travel far;
 There are no cheers when he goes by;
 No fair estate to him belongs,
 But in the night he hears the songs
 The stars are singing in the sky.

How poor he is! His check would not
 Be honored in the market place;
 There are no wonders he has wrought;
 No courts are bothered with his case;
 But he can sit beside a stream
 And hear it sing to him and dream
 With gladness pictured on his face.

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4 ACES MAKE NEGRO PRISONER CRAZY

Owensboro, Ky.—Four aces dealt in a poker game to Claude Lyons, a negro prisoner in the county jail here a few days ago, probably drove him crazy. He was being held on the charge of malicious shooting and whittled the time away by playing with other prisoners. He was not in mental condition to go to court when his case was called Wednesday. Immediately after viewing his "hand" he became incoherent, in which condition he has remained ever since.

Explained.
 "Katie," said Mike, "if ye're listening tonight and hear an inaudible whisper underneath your window, 'tis meself that's keepin' quiet."—Harper's Bazar.

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