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A SHIP, AN ISLE, A SICKLE MOON. A ship, an isle, a sickle moon— With few but with how splendid stars...

THE WEAKNESS IS SPREADING

THE state board of control in its biennial report grows critical with reference to the conduct of the penitentiary.

That the system used at the state penitentiary in throwing offenders of a widely differing type into prison together is "wrong in theory and pernicious in practice" is the assertion made by the state board of control in its biennial report just issued.

"The state penitentiary is in a class by itself," states the report, in discussing the various institutions. "At present it is required to care for offenders of widely different types: The young man who has committed a crime in the heat of passion, or is the victim of the subtle powers of associates, is confined with hardened criminals within the same walls."

The foregoing smacks strongly of the days of Oswego West. But when the ex-governor was striving sincerely in the direction of prison improvement we were daily informed by the hard shelled republican press that such work was "maudlin sentiment" and came from "sentimentalists" and "mollycoddlers."

It now appears that the West policy, however it may be characterized, looks pretty good to those around the state house.

BORDER SERVICE AND ITS EFFECTS

REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY asked a peculiar question of General Scott when he inquired if it were not true that the guardsmen were being kept on the border for the purpose of bringing about a disintegration of the militia service.

If the national guard cannot stand a few months peaceful service on the Mexican border it is not worth having. If it is in a process of "disintegration" how fortunate that we are at peace. What a calamity it

would be to face a foreign foe with such forces in the front. But talk of the guard being injured by the border service is piffle. The border service is the best thing that could have happened to the guard.

If there is anything fatally wrong with the national guard it may have been disclosed by the border service, but it was not produced by this service.

NOT IN OUR CLASS

ADVISING against worry the department of public health says in a bulletin: "So far as is known no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbors; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one, and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

But who would want to live like a fox, or a bird or a dog?

TWO NATIONS STRIKE A BARGAIN

WITH women wielding the ballot for the first time, the referendum in Denmark on the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States resulted in a vote of almost two to one in favor of the proposition. This probably will be conclusive. The United States senate ratified the treaty last September. It only remains now for the American congress to appropriate the \$25,000,000 agreed upon and for the Copenhagen government to provide for the formal transfer of sovereignty.

Negotiations for the acquisition of the islands began more than fifty years ago, and have always been conducted on our part with the highest regard for the sensibilities of the Danish people. Except on the occasion when Germany interfered, there has been but one argument in Denmark against the sale, and that was on the point of national pride. The plebiscite just held settles that matter practically and wisely at first hand.

By this transaction a powerful nation and a small nation, with scrupulous regard for the interests of the West Indians involved, who favor the American connection, have shown how reason and economic conditions may take the place of force even in the transfer of territory. For liberal compensation, Denmark relinquishes distant islands that have become a burden. We acquire in St. Thomas one of the finest harbors in the world, which in possession of an unfriendly power would be a serious menace not only to the Panama Canal but to our own coasts.

At a time when most of the civilized world is reeking with blood, an achievement of this kind, honorable and profitable to all concerned in it, ought to have some weight as an example.—New York World.

28 Years Ago Today

(From the Daily East Oregonian, Dec. 21, 1888.)

Court street is now 80 feet wide from Main street to the flouring mill and of course looks more like a street and less like an alley.

Mr. J. Birks, an old resident of Pendleton, will leave next Wednesday for a visit to his old home at Marshalltown, Iowa, where he will remain a month or so.

Thomas Hopper of Yoakum is in town today making final proof.

W. D. Fletcher says "I will pay \$10 reward to know the name of the contemptible sneak and scrub who figures the photographs passed on his opera house bulletin boards."

Shaking dice for a 19 cent ante is now the fashionable mode of gambling in Pendleton and finds many devotees. It does not cost much if you lose.

Alex Root, a hard working young man while killing hogs on the ranch of Jacob Frazer several miles from town, experienced quite a misfortune yesterday. The cylinder of the weapon he was using did not revolve easily and while attempting to fix it one of the cartridges exploded, entering the palm of his left hand near the middle finger.

Prof. F. K. Hepburn is engaged in preparing two of his pupils, Misses Jennie Frislin and Mollie Arnold for a course in a European conservatory of music.

MOVING PICTURE CENSOR BOARD MAKES ITS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

The Pendleton moving picture censor board last evening submitted its first annual report to the council and commended strongly the attitude of the managements of the picture playhouses of the city. The report reads as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Pendleton: We, the undersigned board of moving picture censors appointed by your council, respectfully submit our first annual report.

During the past year we have endeavored to cooperate with the moving picture managements in bringing to this city only the best and cleanest productions. We have an agreement with the managers that no film shall be shown in this city that has not first been approved by the Portland or Seattle boards of moving picture censors, except it first be submitted to us for review and approval.

To this end we have received the cooperation of the Film Exchanges doing business in this city, and we are glad to report that during the past year there has not been a single infraction of this agreement. We have made eliminations in more than one hundred films, and nine films have been entirely eliminated. We have also censored the vaudeville acts and, with the cooperation of the managements, have eliminated as far as possible all that was suggestive and immoral. We confidently believe that Pendleton has today fewer objectionable films and shows than any other city of its size in the state.

We most heartily commend the management of our picture houses to the confidence of the people. These men are doing their best to cooperate with us in keeping out of the city all objectionable productions, but the public must understand that these men are largely at the mercy of the Film Exchanges. We have found them ready at all times to cooperate with us, even when they have been put to large expense and inconvenience.

We do not understand by our agreement with the council that we have any jurisdiction over the productions at the Oregon theater. If it is the wish of your honorable body that we exercise such authority, we will be glad to do so. The task imposed upon us is no light one; it requires much of our time and patience and we are constantly open to criticism, but we are doing the best we can to protect the public and especially the children from demoralizing pictures and entertainments. We respectfully solicit the continued cooperation of the city council and the public.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. SNYDER, J. V. TALLMAN.

PUPILS LEARN HOW TO CUT FOOD COST



C. HOUSTON GOUDISS.

C. Houston Goudiss, millionaire philanthropist, of New York, who conducts a free school to teach housewives how to reduce the high cost of living. Mr. Goudiss is shown can-

dling eggs. Alongside of him is a jar of eggs preserved over nine months ago, but which, according to Mr. Goudiss, are a palatable and as fresh-tasting today as ever.

NOT A WATER DOG, SO HE STEALS BEER

But Bottles Are Found Unopened, Which Make Thefts by Animals Mysterious.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Hello! This is Newton, N. J. I've got a pretty good little dog story—something out of the usual. Do you hear me? Well, H. J. Stone, living on Loveland street, about six miles from here, owns a big bulldog, which has been a family pet several years. Recently the animal refused to eat in the house and Mr. Stone became worried. No matter what was offered to the dog he'd refuse it.

"Mr. Stone noticed the dog would leave the house in the morning for about an hour and in the afternoon for about the same time. He decided to follow the dog today. The trail led to a pile of bones and two bottles of beer.

"What is that? No; the bottles weren't opened.

"Well, it seems the dog was born a thief and couldn't resist temptation. He'd rather steal his food than come by it honestly.

"What? No; nobody in the neighborhood claimed the beer.

"Pretty unusual story, isn't it?"

NEEDN'T WEAR 'EM SHORT.

Modest Chorus Girls Have a Friend in Oklahoma Judge.

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 15.—It rants entirely in the judgment of the chorus girl, not the theatrical manager, as to how much of her Frankie Bailey she may with modesty disclose. (Frankie Bailey used to get \$10,000 a year just on the grace of her underpinnings.) This dictum may not go on Broadway, but it's the law in Oklahoma as enunciated by Judge H. B. Schaffer here today.

Misses Bona and Theda Burke were headliners in a female minstrel show which appeared in Tulsa last week and because they wouldn't wear their skirts as short as he dictated the manager attached their baggage with a claim of \$100 for breach of contract and they quit the company. Refusal to wear skirts that offended their idea of modesty constituted no breach of contract, declared Hon. Honor, dismissing the manager's claim and ordering the payment of the salaries of the Misses Burke.

COAST COLLEGES WILL HELP MAKE THE RULES

Importance of This Section in Football Is Finally Being Realized.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Action looking toward the representation of Pacific coast colleges and universities on the intercollegiate football rules committee is forecast as a proposed amendment to the constitution of the National Collegiate Football association, it was announced last night. The amendment provides for the creation of a new football section to include the colleges of California, Oregon and Washington, bringing the number of sections up to nine. At present colleges of those states are grouped with those of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Utah. The proposed change is attributed to the realization by eastern officials that the colleges of California and the northwest have developed strong football teams which are entitled to representation on the rules committee.

POLICE FAIL TO STOP THIEVES

"Shoots to Kill" Order Does Not Halt Minneapolis Robberies.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—While Chief of Police Oscar Martinson, with more than 150 members of the police

TENDER THROATS readily yield to the healing influence of

SCOTT'S EMULSION

It soothes the inflamed membranes and makes richer blood to repair the affected tissues—to help prevent tonsillitis or laryngitis. SCOTT'S is worth insisting upon.

THE HUB WHY NOT SHOES this CHRISTMAS. Many other useful gifts on display here, such as House Slippers, Indian Slippers and Mocassins, Initial Handkerchiefs, Cuff Buttons, Stick Pins, Pocket Knives, Neckties, Supporters, Arm Bands, Ladies' Petticoats, Gowns, Underwear, Sweaters, Gloves, etc.

force in plain clothes, patrolled the streets last night two robberies and three attempts were recorded at police headquarters and made public today. The campaign against the bandits, whom the police say are working in organized bands, will be continued tonight, with the "shoot to kill" orders still in effect.

The bandit activities of last night are:

Looting of Miss Alice Fenner's millinery store of goods valued at \$150.

Robbery of August Olson, a transient, in a downtown district; \$50 taken from his shoes.

The attempted robbery of two saloons and a music store.

In a saloon which the bandits attempted to rob two patrolmen found the men at their work. In trying to

enter the place through a transom the patrolmen advised the robbers of their presence. Leaving the patrolmen perched on the transom, the robbers escaped.

A woman's idea of heaven is a place where every day is bargain day.

Many reputations blow up when a political campaign is in full blast.

AN ESSENTIAL TO BETTER HEALTH GOOD DIGESTION TRY HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

Special Prices on Candies for all Churches and Schools. Quality Candy For "Her" will cost you less this year at THE PALM. We make our own candy and use only the purest and best ingredients.

Gifts of Refinement. Our stock of holiday presents will solve your gift problem. We are showing OPERA GLASSES, SET RINGS, SILVERWARE, CUFF BUTTONS, CHARMS, TOILET ARTICLES, FANCY CLOCKS, SMOKING SETS, ETC. MILITARY BRUSHES, SOUVENIR SPOONS, CARVING SETS, FOBS, ETC.