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The Only Remedy

Before the Methodist Conference of Oregon, now in session at Eugene, Rev. O. H. Bryant, Methodist chaplain at the state penitentiary, last night repeated charges he made before the coroner's jury investigating the fatal prison break of August 12, of laxity of discipline at the prison and of open gambling among both men and guards. He declared the removal of the present warden and the appointment of a new one the only effective remedy for the deplorable conditions existing at the prison. There is nothing new in these charges. They have been repeatedly made under oath. Yet Governor Pierce refuses to act and sustains the prison administration. Removal of the warden is also said to have been demanded in the report of the governor's special committee of investigation, which he agreed in advance to abide by, but which he has refused to either publish or follow. The prison scandals and there have been a constant succession of them since Governor Pierce took charge, are the direct result of making the prison the spoils of politics, of selecting officials upon partisan grounds instead of merit. Unless the Rev. Bryant's advice is followed, we can look for still more scandal in the future at the big country club maintained for criminals to enjoy their leisure in.

Barbarism As Sport

The Oregonian is much exercised over the revival of rabbit coursing in California, which consists in releasing hares or rabbits to be pursued, torn and killed by hounds. It denounces the so-called sport as "barbaric in its senseless unromantic savagery," and says that "the good name of California requires that the abuse be stopped, and resolutely." Very true, but coursing, which has become a commercialized sport, is not nearly as cruel as that other commercialized sport, known as the Round-up or Rodeo. In coursing, the rabbit, exhausted after a game run, in which he pits his skill as an artful and resourceful dodger against the superior speed and endurance of dogs, meets a sudden and violent death. In the Round-up, man and beast are crippled and killed, without even the slim chance of the rabbit. Horses and steers break legs and necks; riders are kicked, trampled upon, and maimed. There never was an exhibition more "barbaric in its senseless, unromantic savagery" than that staged at Pendleton this year which put to shame the bull-fights of Saville and compares only with the arenas of ancient Rome. Beside it, coursing is a mild and tame affair. Why worry about California and coursing when we have Pendleton and Round-ups? Does not the good name of Oregon require "that the abuse be stopped, and resolutely?" What is the matter with our societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals that they tolerate, without protest, this community commercialism of cruelty?

The Husband Tamer

By Violet Dare

THE OBSTACLE RACE "There is a ranch not far from here where we can get horses," Gregory Hewitt announced to Patricia as he helped her up over an out-cropping of rock. "Wouldn't you like to ride tomorrow?" Patricia smiled in anticipation. How wonderful it would be to canter off across those broad plains. With a sure-footed mount beneath her, her troubles always vanished and she forgot everything but the joy of being alive. "I was sure you would," he went on proudly, a little possessively. "You seem to like everything I do, little Pat." When the other overtook them, he left Patricia and Carol to idle along together while he and Keith hurried on to the ranch to make plans for the next day's riding. "Oh, isn't Mr. Hewitt wonderful?" Carol exclaimed to her sister. "He seems to be able to do anything. And I believe he has taken a fancy to Keith. He wants him to go on to Mexico with him to talk business with some men there. If he decides to develop some land down there he will take Keith with him, and then we will be rich, Pat, positively rich!" Hewitt was successful and worked fast, Patricia admitted, but what she wondered was his underlying motive in doing this? "And he wants us to go along, of course," Carol continued gaily. "You will, won't you?" "Oh, no, no!" Patricia exclaimed. Her thoughts were racing back to yesterday when Hewitt had told her how easily she could obtain a divorce in Mexico. Did he think that he could thus easily free her to act? Make everything so easy for her that she couldn't refuse? She couldn't be angry at him for his blunt plans for they were so adroitly conceived, and she thought of herself as a horse being contentedly led to water who might be made to drink. "Oh, you couldn't refuse, Pat," Carol went on with unusual vehemence. "It means as much to Keith as it does to you. The whole deal would fall through if you didn't go. Mr. Hewitt is so fond of you, you know, and we thought it would be quite a lark for us all. "Of course," she went on, as she noticed her sister's hesitation. "I don't want to ask anything of you that you think isn't right, but it seems to me awfully ungracious when he has been so good to us for you to refuse. It would take only two or three weeks at most, and there is no reason for your hurrying back, is there? When is An-

\$100,000 SOUGHT FOR STOCK BARN ON FAIRGROUNDS

The foremost issue to come before members of the Oregon Purer Livestock association at their annual banquet held in one of the fair grounds restaurants last night, was the matter of legislative appropriation of \$100,000 for the first unit of a new livestock barn at the state fair. This is to be followed later by additional appropriations for further units to relieve the congested conditions which are certain to exist as the fair grows. Another important resolution read and adopted was to the effect that the state fair board and the various county spring show exhibition officials investigate the possibility of carrying into effect the sending of a state herd on a tour of exhibition to the central and eastern state fairs. The suggestion was made that the money necessary to finance such an undertaking be raised by assembling the prize winners at the spring shows and exhibit them at the state fair as a special show herd and charge a small admission, or by charging a like amount at the various spring county shows. This trip would be to advertise the dairy industry in Oregon and overcome some misleading information that has gone forth regarding the high quality of Oregon's dairy animals. The change of date of the fair was another issue. This was brought up because of the possibility of laboring classes being best able to attend the fair on Sunday or a legal holiday. It was the sense of the association that the

fair cover either Labor day or a Sunday. In the event this suggestion is accepted it was asked that the fair, if changed to embrace Labor day, begin on Saturday with a racing program coupled with track exhibitions of girls' and boys' club animals. The recommendation was made that on Sunday a sacred concert and proper devotional exercises be held, after which the barns and exhibition buildings would be opened to the public. Thanks for courtesies shown were extended to Mrs. Ella Schultz Wilson, secretary, and other members of the present fair board. O. M. Plummer of Portland presided at the banquet and speeches were made by Governor Pierce, A. S. Marsters of Roseburg, Horace Adde of Portland, Jack Mickel, state dairy commissioner of Portland, Robert Withycombs of Union and N. C. Morris, secretary of the association.

PETER PAN REVUE IS VAUDEVILLE HEADLINER HERE

One of the prettiest, daintiest and most entertaining acts that have come over the Association Vaudeville tour will be seen at the Hellig theater tonight when "The Peter Pan Revue" is presented by Miss Bernice Brin & company. It is a gorgeously staged and beautifully costumed singing, playing and dancing number. Miss Brin with her many accomplishments which include singing, whistling, dancing and piano playing is a whole show in herself, and she is ably assisted by a clever young man and three lovely girls. As an outstanding single num-

ber there has been no more capable artist on the tour than Charles Calvert the "Jazzologist," who has been a featured dancer with the New York Winter Garden revues and with a number of the leading symphonic orchestras of the country. Mr. Calvert was also featured for a time on the studio staff of station WQJ, Chicago, where he made a host of radio fans who will be pleased of the opportunity to see him in person. He mixes in numbers on the ukelele and jazz horn with his other routine which helps to demonstrate his versatility as an all-around entertainer. Lovers of eccentric dancing, acrobatics and good comedy will find a rare treat in the act of Hart, Roberts & O'Neil, who present what they term "European Eccentric Oddities." They comprise a trio of European artists who are finished in every sense of the word and who bring many new stunts in the line of entertainment. One of the trio does a turn on stilts that is decidedly original and comic. There has been so much talk and controversy in newspapers, political circles and elsewhere about the "League of Nations," that Bell and Darling decided it was time to do something, so they organized a league of their own and called it "The League of Non-sense." Unlike the other "league" everyone seems ready and willing to join it. It has been organized for laughing purposes only and the organizers certainly know how to maintain the prime object of the league. A well balanced capable show is nicely rounded off by the wire act of Lyle and Irma Conner in a delightful bit of entertainment which they call "On the Wire." It is replete with the thrills that help to make acts of this nature a success and is also dressed and presented in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired.

WOMAN RACING TWO HORSES AT FAIR THIS WEEK

One of the most interesting state fair visitors this week is Mrs. Ethel Keener of Olympia, under whose name D. J. Burke and William Gray, two of the fastest trotters here of the races are listed. To endeavor to interview Mrs. Keener is to revert time and again to these two horses, for they are her principal concern. Mrs. Keener has been racing on the coast for a number of years, her horses being consistent winners each season. William Gray won the stake here last year. D. J. Burke, the same trophy two years successively. In the seasons previous, this young woman is not the type that one instinctively associates with the racing game. She might instead be easily mistaken for any sheltered, home-keeping woman. She is feminine in her finger tips, beautiful, faultlessly groomed, quiet and self-effacing in her manner. Her participation in the sport of racing began exactly eleven years ago, at the time of her marriage to Jack Keener, for the past twenty-five years a conspicuous figure in circuits from Canada to Florida. "My father owned race horses," Mrs. Keener explained, "but as a young girl I felt no attraction to the sport. However, when I once became interested I went into it wholeheartedly, with it completely filling my life. I have no side activities whatsoever." When it was mentioned to Mrs. Keener that the retention of her womanliness was most refreshing in her particular line of endeavor,

she said: "I see no reason for a woman losing her charm in any work. It is up to her to establish her own standards of living and at the same time the attitude of those with whom she comes into contact." Mrs. Keener spends very little time about the barns where her horses are stable, but in the grandstand each afternoon she is certain to be found, her eyes glued to program and horses. Horsemen up and down the coast are her best and most loyal friends.

SNAKE EXHIBIT NOVEL FEATURE

A "livestock" exhibit at the fair this year not listed in the annual classification and premium card, is shown by Tex A. Schuchack, snake rancher and reptile expert of Berkeley, California, who is giving two talks daily and exhibiting his "attractions" from his car, located near the automobile pavilion. His business is to educate the public concerning the nature of snakes and reptiles, demonstrating the treatment of both varieties. These things he sells for experimental purposes, their venom finding another market in laboratories as anti-toxins. He is asking that folk protect the harmless types of reptiles which destroy only insects and similar pests. Many of the snakes in Schuchack's collection are highly venomous, but they are safely lodged in boxes, exhibited only by their owner during his talks, when he shows the proper method of handling them. Schuchack has letters from Luther Burbank and a number of universities commending him in his activities. He, himself, has served as an instructor in several

of the western colleges. He claims that the hoop snake is a myth and nothing more. "There is a stinger," Mr. Schuchack stated, "which goes along at times with its head and tail both up and which can hit with its tail, but it does not roll about like a hoop with its tail in its mouth, and neither is its tail or head poisonous." "There is a glass snake which can break up in sections, but can not gather itself together again. The blue racer is another snake credited with things he doesn't do, such as chasing people and of being of a constrictor nature." One of Mr. Schuchack's "pets" is a gila monster, which is said to be of the most deadly of the species, but which is handled with ease and safety by its owner. Beaver City, Neb.—For playing checkers in the city park Sunday a man has been arrested. He was released on promise of reformation.

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