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JULY 26

EVERY DAY:—This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24.

WHY IS A PENITENTIARY?

After having read of the wholesale escapes of convicts from the Oregon penitentiary during the past several weeks, many people are asking the question, "why a penitentiary?" This week witnessed the escape of four more inmates of the Oregon prison and leads one to believe that Warden Smith's problem will soon be one of repopulating the prison instead of reforming it.

Taxation in Oregon has reached a point where it is considered a burden, yet the taxpayers of the state are expending thousands each year for the apprehension and conviction of criminals, and spending additional sums for the maintenance of the penitentiary, which is necessary, but to use the taxpayer's money for running down escaped convicts is both unnecessary and uncalled for.

Warden Smith ushered in his administration with the announcement that he would make the penitentiary self sustaining, and that he would reform the inmates. He may have been making headway in the former, but in the latter he has failed to a degree that he is considered incompetent for the position of warden.

The Tidings has reserved criticism of the prison management, believing that an official of the state is entitled to a reasonable length of time in which to get his official machinery running, Johnson has had all the time required and he has failed. Failure has been apparent for some months and many wonder if the penitentiary is to be made a complete farce.

Governor Pierce is directly responsible to the people of Oregon for the conduct of the penitentiary, and he should lose no time in taking a hand in the direct management of the Prison. There are plenty of men in Oregon, who can superintend the state prison without wholesale escapes from its walls and if Smith can't do as much it is high time that his official career be brought to an end.

Several local sportsmen who have visited Lake of the Woods during the past month complain of poor fishing. One well known business man and sportsman expresses the opinion that efforts should be continued to have the lake completely stocked with trout. The suggestion is worthy of support, and the best channel through which to secure desired results is to organize a sportsmen's organization that will be strictly local in its membership, working for the protection and propagation of fish and game in our immediate vicinity.

In its sane moments, July is quite a month.

Naturally Germany traces the bitterness of its cup to Gaul instead of to the Kaiser.

PROFESSIONAL MEN OF OREGON

There is something essentially democratic in this business of raising \$300,000 for the advertisement of Oregon, for the success of the venture is, or should be, a common concern. Yet the Chamber of Commerce committee, which has the drive in charge is puzzled by the apathy that is evidenced by one of the most substantial classes of citizens—the professional.

Typical of the lack of enthusiasm with which professional men have met the moderate requests for financial co-operation was the response of the legal profession in Portland. Of about 500 attorneys solicited by the committee only five contributed to the fund. It is evident to the committee, at least, as to other observers, that professional men have fully as much at stake in Oregon, fully as much reason to regard the state's welfare as their own, as have men engaged in business pursuits.

The Oregonian regards this attitude as singular and misinformed, and as regrettable. It believes that professional men asking themselves quite candidly if they are to support the state, can find but one answer—and that the affirmative.—Oregonian.

WHEN YOUTH LEARNS

Education does not begin until one is 25 and continues until 85, if it ends at all, says a British novelist. Tell that to the sophisticated youth of the present. Is there a flapper who does not think she knows infinitely more than her mother, and is there a cigaretted youth who does not think he can teach his father? While the older may know better, youth holds to its fancied superiority.

BEAUTY AND CRIME

Fatal beauty has long been a favorite phrase with poets and novelists. But from Chicago comes report of a criminal case that hints at fatal homeliness—for the possessor. In the Crudelle case it is suggested by opponents of capital punishment that the death bearing verdict would not have been rendered if the accused had possessed the beauty requisite to arouse the sympathy of men.

Indeed, the long list of accused beauties that have recently been acquitted by juries supports the contention. But why? The idea of executing a woman may be ugly. But why should beauty be figured in verdicts? A woman is a woman. Her sex is that of mother and wife and sweetheart—be she homely or pretty. To administer justice according to the degree of pulchritude is to make the law a farce.

FROM THE NORTHWEST

A dollar will go as far as it ever would if you give it to the children to roll. And that's just about what it's good for nowadays.—Morning Astorian.

It is regretted that President Harding will be unable to deliver an address at the Chautauqua building in Ashland but we are all mighty glad that he will make an address from the rear platform of his train at the depot. Ashland will extend the chief executive a welcome in keeping with the prominence of his position.

The prison inmate is entitled to a fair chance of reforming, but the experience of Warden Smith with the Oregon penitentiary only brings additional proof that the average convict has no desire to reform and will take advantage of every liberty afforded to escape.

There is said to be a scarcity of farm hands in some places in Oregon. If President Harding would stop awhile on his return trip and give another exhibition of that Kansas tractor-driving stunt of his it might help some.—Eugene Daily Guard.

We heard recently of a poet who wrote about the "window in his soul" and he wondered if he were any relation to the guy who had a pane in his stomach.—Veronia Eagle.

At the south end of the Boulevard there is a sign that reads: "Register your cars at the Chamber of Commerce." Sounds pretty good, does it not?

SOCIETY MRS. GRACE E. ANDREWS, Editor

Lodge Picnic—The members from Medford and Ashland of the Auxiliary to the Canton, which is a branch of the Rebekahs, had a joint picnic in the Park Friday night.

The uniforms used by this lodge are very striking. After the most bountiful supper, and the social hour, the membership adjourned to the lodge rooms, where the regular meeting was held.

This Auxiliary alternates between Medford and Ashland in its sessions.

W. C. T. U. Meets—The local W. C. T. U met in regular session Tuesday afternoon at the Round Table in the Park.

After the regular business session a most interesting program followed. Mrs. Leggett led in the singing of an appropriate hymn. Judge Hill gave an address on "Municipal Laws" a topic in which every citizen should be vitally interested and of which each one should have a definite knowledge.

Rev. Pinnell then favored those assembled with a voice; so, the zither used in accompaniment. "Law Enforcement" the subject of the next address, was dealt with in a most forceful and scholarly fashion by Rev. Oldfield. A vocal solo by Rev. Pinnell followed.

A letter from Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, state campaign manager for the W. C. T. U. home farm was then read by Mrs. Leavett.

The unions of Medford and Ashland will hold a County Institute in the Park the second Tuesday in August.

Flag Presented—Since the organization of the Mt. Ashland chapter of the D. A. R., it has been without a large flag.

Knowing that one was needed and having in their possession a beautiful flag, the members of the Shop Craft, of Ashland through their representative Mr. Roy Parr gave to the D. A. R. this big wool-bunting flag. It is very large and since the chapter has no pole at present, it has been suggested that the pole in the Park be utilized when needed.

Mrs. J. P. Dodge, the Regent, received the flag on behalf of the D. A. R. This thoughtful gift is deeply appreciated by the chapter and their sincere thanks for this courtesy is extended the members of the organization making this, so welcome a gift.

Go to Lake of Woods—Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs left Tuesday for Lake of the Woods, to superintend the building of a cottage at that popular resort.

Prize Essay Competition—The Oregon Historical Society has selected as the subject for the 1924 C. C. Beekman History prizes and medals, "The John Jacob Astor Expedition." The prizes are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject, written by boys or girls over fifteen and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school within the state of Oregon.

Bronze medals will also be awarded the four prize winners. The rules governing this contest may be secured from Miss Hicks. The material may also be obtained at the library and if all the material needed or suggested in preparing this essay is not there, Miss Hicks will gladly get it for the contestant.

The object in bringing this state contest before pupils during the vacation is to give those interested time to look up material and do the necessary reading in preparation before the heavier duties of school claim the attention.

This is the fourth year for these competitions and it is hoped that 1924 results may be as gratifying as those in previous years.

There is no reason why Ashland's pupils might not secure one or more of these prizes; and if the beginning is made while there are less calls upon the time of the young people, results could be obtained much more easily.

Not alone from the standpoint of the prize secured, but from the delightful reading that the contestant would do, would this work be valuable. Mrs. Hicks has all the data

the latter part of the week. Miss Wattenberger also leaves for her home in Oklahoma Friday.

Married—Announcements have come of the marriage of Mr. John Payne and Mrs. Alta Weinberger at The Dalles, July 17.

Mrs. Weinberger is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wright of Mountain avenue, and has many friends here.

Mr. Payne is in the Forestry Service. After the ceremony the happy couple left in a new Ford roadster on a honeymoon trip before Mr. Payne took up his work in the service.

Congratulations and good wishes for their future happiness are extended.

Guests at Minkler's—Tuesday, the Rev. Mr. Chas. Ward, his wife and children arrived from Ashtabula, Ohio, to visit Mrs. Ward's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Minkler of C street.

Mrs. Ward was formerly Miss Norma Minkler and was an Ashland girl.

The Wards made the trip in their car, coming via Yellowstone Park, which they visited merrily and were not untidly en route.

They enjoyed the trip immensely when they came. They will remain a few weeks returning to Ashtabula by the southern route.

On Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. Yates are away on their annual vacation. They decided to spend it near home and yet have the coolness of the mountains.

They are at Buckhorn Lodge and will remain a fortnight.

At Newport—Mrs. W. A. Schell left this week for the seashore.

Her outing will be spent at Newport, enjoying the ocean breezes and visiting with friends. There are a number of Ashland people already there and others going soon.

Well under way on McKay dam project. Will be completed in three years at cost of \$2,500,000.

Gone to Alameda—Mrs. A. G. Livingston was called to Alameda, California by the death of Mr. Livingston's sister, Mrs. Grace La Salle. Mr. Livingston had been at his sister's for several days.

Mrs. Livingston received the message Sunday and left for Alameda that evening. She reached there Monday noon, having driven all night.

Mrs. La Salle leaves a husband and six children and many friends and relatives to sorrow in her loss.

Week End in Dunsmuir—The birthday anniversary of Mrs. Smith, was the occasion for a delightful week end visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith in Dunsmuir from Mr. and Mrs. Claude Anderson, Mrs. Heer and Jimmie Heer.

Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Heer's daughter. During the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson at Mrs. Heer's, many plans have been carried out for their entertainment.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Isolene Campbell and Jimmie Heer went to Crater Lake via Medford. They returned to Ashland by Klamath Falls. The trip was a most enjoyable one.

Visitors from California—Mrs. Mary L. Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien of San Diego arrived Thursday night, for a visit with relatives in Ashland and Medford.

At present they are guests in the home of Mrs. Mathews' brother, Mr. A. Andrews. They will visit the D. W. Wheeler family in Medford and Mrs. H. W. Andrews in Ashland also.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will do some sight-seeing while here; will go to Crater Lake, and the Caves, and view the scenic beauty of Ashland's environs during their stay.

Delightful Picnic—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weren, gave a most delightful picnic party Tuesday evening in the Park in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fraley.

A wonderful repast had been provided and when the guests were seated at tables so beautifully decorated in sweet peas, it looked as if a magic lamp had been rubbed, for every thing to satisfy the eye and gratify the palate seemed to be there.

Two happy hours sped in the satisfaction afforded the inner man and the friendly good cheer that was the logical accompaniment.

Other than the hosts and hostesses, and honored guests, those enjoying the delightful affair were:

Rev. and Mrs. Chaney, Dr. and Mrs. Crandall, Miss Jean Anderson, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Miss Wattenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gunter, Mr. John Rigg, and Mrs. Annabel Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spencer leave for their home in Eugene

PARTY REPORTS FINE TRIP TO VANCOUVER

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Dom Provost, Esther Kleinhammer, and Clyde Young returned to Ashland late Monday evening, after a trip up the Pacific highway as far as Vancouver, B. C.

The party made it from Ashland to Portland the first day of the trip, and the following day took a side trip down the beautiful Columbia River highway as far as Hood River. While in Portland they also visited all the parks and beaches.

Tacoma was the next stop, and from there the party visited Ranier National Park. They report the park abounding in scenic beauty, and that the roads to the park are excellent.

From Tacoma, the party went to Vancouver, B. C., their destination, and remained there for two days visiting the resorts, parks and beaches. On the return trip, the first stop was made at Seattle, where the party spent another two days, then making it to Portland in a day, and from Portland to Ashland in another day.

The party took a camp outfit, and stayed at auto camps while on the trip. They report that Portland has a nice auto camp, but that the ones at Tacoma and Seattle are the best they found on the trip.

CODLING MOTH UNDER CONTROL SAYS AGENT

MEDFORD, July 25.—The codling moth in Jackson county seems to be under very good control at the present time. This has been a very peculiar season, and the first brood that should have been over two or three weeks ago are still active in a small way.

The second brood which is due at this time, will not appear in any great numbers for about ten days or two weeks, but there are a few stragglers out and it seems advisable to keep the fruit thorough covered. In orchards that have not been sprayed for three weeks should have another application between July 25 and about August 5.

ust 5. This should take care of the codling moth of Bartlett's and possibly Howells.

Our worst infection will come this year during the middle and latter part of August, and all fruits on the trees at that time should be thoroughly covered. When spreader is used its recommended that one pound of powdered spreader be used to 100 gallons of water. Some growers have used one pound to 200 gallons and it has been found that this is not quite enough.

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