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Making Men

Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, testifying before the commission on industrial relations, said his idea is to aid men to help themselves. He said nearly all are willing to work for an adequate reward.

"We have all kinds of cripples in our employ, and they are making good. We have a great many who have been in prison, and who are outcasts from society. Every one of them is making a good showing and is gaining in self respect and strength of character. We will guarantee to take every man out of Sing Sing and make a man of him."

Mr. Ford is not a visionary. He has built up a business which last year paid profits of more than \$25,000,000. That return on a capitalization of \$2,000,000 was secured with the aid of 150 former convicts, employees of his company. They are all making good. One holds an executive place and devotes much of his energies to helping those who had been as unfortunate as himself.

Mr. Ford may be mistaken in thinking he could take every man out of New York's notorious state prison and make a reliable, useful citizen of him. But suppose he is too sanguine as to latent possibilities in twenty-five or even fifty per cent of the convicts. The fact remains that a hard-headed business man, through experience, has learned that even a convict may be made a man.

And what, if among all the men in his employ, he only salvages one derelict? Will it not have been worth while?

The man of Galilee marked even a sparrow's fall.

Mr. Ford says give the convict a chance and aid him all you can. That is what intelligence says, what the Christian spirit of brotherhood says.—Portland Journal.

The Horse In War

Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die.

Thus Tennyson paid tribute to the men who plunged "into the valley of Death" at Balaklava, in unquestioning response to command. The lines are not inapplicable to the horses that are falling, day after day, on the battlefields of Europe. "Theirs not to reason why."

The cry is for more horses. Twenty days, says an American contractor now in London, is the average life of a horse in the present war. Twenty days of driving, pulling and hauling; twenty days of man-made thunder, of shell-fire and shrapnel, and this wonderful machine of flesh and bone, of muscle and sinew and fiery spirit is beaten

and broken. "Theirs but to do and die."

We may well give the war horse a bit of sympathy. It cannot reach him or help him, but he is a part of the tragedy—to be counted among the sacrifices and reckoned on the cost. Toledo Blade.

Protection Against Earthquakes.

The problem of protecting against earthquakes in Italy is discussed in a recent memoir by Professor G. Agamennone, who points out that disasters from this cause are mainly due to faulty construction and bad location of buildings.

It appears that after the greater earthquakes of recent times the authorities have formulated rules to insure proper reconstruction, but these have been disregarded on account of the expense entailed and because the danger of another earthquake seemed remote.

The author thinks the Italian Government should establish a special ministry to control and systematize the work of mitigating the results of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, flood, and other analogous disasters, and should provide state insurance against the losses due to these agencies.—Scientific American, December 5, 1914.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND ECONOMY

(This article is not written by official sanction.)

At the present time everyone, in any way conversant with the political and educational conditions in the State of Oregon, are aware that progress of an appropriation bill for a new training school for the benefit of the Oregon Normal School is being carefully and anxiously watched by the Student Body of that school, the faculty and those who in any way are associated with the work of that institution. The bill is now in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee and those who anxiously await its progress are looking forward to a favorable report from that Committee.

However, we all know this is "economy" year at the state legislature and the statement has been made that we may not expect the bill to pass, only on the grounds of economy. Economy is not saving money alone; it means the administration of our affairs at the cheapest outlay, with the maximum return. Where gentlemen speak of economy in the state legislature, when any citizen of this country speaks of that word, let us speak of that word as a saving of money, time and strength in a way that will do the greatest number the greatest good.

Let not the gentlemen of Oregon who sit in the Senate and the House of Representatives, who represent the people of Oregon, vote against a bill by which educational benefits will be received. For if they vote against the bill they vote against education and if for the bill for education. What will the people's representatives do about it? Let them not forget that seven-eighths of our future citizens are educated in the elementary schools and that good teaching can not follow unless the teachers are able to carry on the work with thorough preparation and the new training school will be the place where thorough preparation can be practically secured. Educational men who know the needs of education want the bill

passed. Others, though they may be either well educated or no are not in a position to know the educational needs of Oregon as well as the educators.

It is up to you, Senators and Congressmen, and if you cast a vote against the bill, against the educational needs of Oregon, your name will go down on record as opposed to education; on the other hand, if you vote for it your name will go down on record as a friend of education, for you will have recognized that educational men understand the needs of Oregon along that line and since the Oregon Normal School is now the only State Normal in Oregon, educational needs have increased and it is hoped always secured that we may the better educate the young people of the coming generation, the future citizens of the State of Oregon and of the nation.

WILBERT E. CORNWELL,
Monmouth, Oregon.

When Water Gets into a Watch.

A watchmaker who has worked at the bench for over a quarter of a century gives this advice to watch owners who may accidentally get water into their watches: Do not open your watch until you secure some sort of dish into which to place it and also enough kerosene to cover it all over. Any old tin can will do. Open your watch case, both front and back covers, and carefully move it around in the kerosene until you have filled it with oil. Allow it to remain in the kerosene until you can have it cleaned. It will come out of the oil without any of the parts rusting, thus saving much expense and the watch.

Her One Desire.

The pensioned off "faithful nurse" in an aristocratic family took a mournful pleasure in keeping the "In Memoriam" cards which were from time to time sent her. On one occasion "the daughter of the house," visiting the old lady's cottage, noticed the collection so ostentatiously displayed. "Ah, yes, miss, I keeps 'em all!" said the aged nurse. "I've got your pore par's and your sainted mar's and your brother William's and your sister Carry's, and if I only had yours I think I could die 'appy!"—London Standard.

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