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REMOVE THE CAUSE

Remove the governor's power of pardon and place the capital punishment question before the people of Oregon in the same manner it was placed before them November 5th, and it will be abolished by an overwhelming majority. Such disgraceful dramas as were enacted at Salem on Friday of last week, when four men were put to death on the gallows, can never change the sentiment of the people as long as criminals of Jesse Webb's class escape capital punishment, and men convicted of first degree murder wholly upon circumstantial evidence are hung. As long as the pleading of a fourteen-year-old girl will have more influence with the governor than an army of men and women, just so long will the conditions remain as they are.

The writer is and always has been opposed to capital punishment—aid always will be. We voted and did all we could to change the conditions in a measure to abolish it. One wrong committed cannot be made right by committing another. This is a question of right and wrong. Who can say that he who favored capital punishment at the polls last month, is not, in some measure, responsible for the wholesale murder at Salem last week?

The brutal deeds of criminals cannot be condoned. No punishment can be too severe or too expedient for them. This does not excuse, however, Oregon's savage and barbarous method of punishment, neither does it abate crime; but it does, in the sight of God, if not in the sight of man, make murderers of the state officials, who will some day be called to answer for their sins before the same Great Judge who holds the action of their victims in question.

In considering these crimes the responsibility resting upon the citizens of the state should not be overlooked. One of the men executed is said to have remarked: "This will not prevent crime; you'll have to get at the heart of it." Where is the heart of it? When it is seen that whiskey played a great part in the crimes committed by those condemned criminals, it is not difficult to conceive "the heart of it."

A share of the blame for the acts of brutal and ignorant characters must rest upon the citizens of Oregon who do not try to remove the cause—who do not use every honest effort to lift them out of brutality, and out of ignorance. Some of the same men who voted to hang Morgan also voted in favor of the liquor traffic which is shown to be the "heart" of his crime.

As schools and churches do their work the need of hangman's ropes will diminish.

THE HEART'S TOUCH

After all the pessimist may say, there is much good in this gray old world, and much good in every character. Human distress brings very quick assistance and human misery finds many eager to help. When the heart is touched the hand is prompt to administer aid.

This is the time of the year, when, if we look about, we can find deserving objects upon whom to bestow our donations, and where, too, that they will not be misplaced. No doubt we can find needy ones right here in our own neighborhood, who are perhaps suffering from want of necessities of life. Give to these what you have to offer and the chances are that the Holiday season will be mutually happy. Let good will to our fellows,

and sincere motives be the underlying principles which govern our course with mankind.

FREE BOOKS FOR FARMERS

Many farmers are not aware that the government publishes several valuable books for free distribution. The books are apportioned to Senators and Congressmen, from whom they can be obtained by merely asking for them. Among the most useful of these books are the Agricultural Year book, that for 1911 being the latest issued. The government also publishes a very practical book on "Diseases of the Horse" and another on "Diseases of Cattle," and a Report of the Bureau of Animal Industry of special value to the stock raiser.

Asking for these books does not place the citizen under any obligations whatever to the Senators or Congressmen, as the books are printed by the government and paid for by the taxpayers. Many an Oregon farmer has cured sick horses and cattle by following the directions in the Government's doctor books. If you are interested, send your request to Senator Bourne or Congressman Hawley at Washington, D. C., and you will be provided.

HOME MAKING

Everybody should have a home. Whether one's own or a borrowed roof-tree it makes for righteous living and good citizenship. A nation of happy homes is the dream of statesmen. Boarding houses do not mean homes. They are a weak substitute. Home owning gives permanency and solidity and sounder character. The young man should early determine to make a home for himself. A little patch of ground with flower and tree and a dwelling house will go further toward making wholesome and happy all his life than all the flats and tenements and apartments in the cities. And he will take a very efficient part, also, in the progress of the town in which he lives.

We believe that every thing and everybody in this world was created for some good purpose, but it strains our faith when we see men like Jesse Webb escape capital punishment and others go to the gallows on circumstantial evidence.

John Wansmaker is making an appeal to "Uncle Sam" for a one cent letter postage rate, and yet the government keeps adding to the expense of post office patrons in the way of box rentals, etc.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL CITY

Oregon Normal School Placed On The Accredited List.—Other Items of Interest Told Briefly.

According to estimates prepared by the Monmouth Normal School Board, it will require \$15,000 for equipment and improvements needed during the next biennial period, and it is said a request for this amount will be made of the next legislature. It is also estimated that \$8,500 will be needed for the equipment of the new dormitory, \$5,000 for purchasing additional land and \$1500 for cement walks and improvements.

From present indications Monmouth is going to witness great improvements during the next year.

In an interesting basket ball game played here Saturday night between the Normal School team and the High School team the latter won by a score of 25 to 20. It was a very interesting game from start to finish.

The city council of Monmouth has let the contract of building the new pumping station for the city water plant to F. W. Scott, who agrees to furnish material and work for \$310.

The water system built by a Portland firm is being tested this week.

The city election held here Monday was comparatively a tame affair. With but one ticket in the field it was lacking in interest except for the somewhat scattering vote of the women. The officers elected are as follows: Mayor, I. C. Powell; recorder, D. Stutz; councilmen, E. H. Lorence, J. W. White; treasurer, W. Winegar; marshal, G. W. Sullivan.

The citizens seemed satisfied with the old administration.

A fine display of leather rockers just received at Bice & Calbreath's.

The thirty-third reunion of the pioneer Butler family will be held at the old homestead on Cupid's Knoll Dec. 24th. These annual reunions have grown in interest during the past few years and the occasion this year is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

Members of the Christian church tendered Rev. J. M. Orrick a reception last Thursday evening. The new pastor, who was recently elected for a term of one year, was the recipient of many presents.

What promises to be a pleasant occasion in Monmouth is the laying of the corner stone of the new dormitory on Friday of this week. Geo. H. Burnett, Grand Master of the Oregon Masonic lodge, will officiate.

Others who have a part on the program are President Ackerman of the Oregon Normal, Representative Ford Hill of Independence and Hon. T. W. Brunk of Eola.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ackerman have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Isabella Vivian, to Mr. Alfred G. Munn, the ceremony to take place at 12 o'clock on December 21, in this city.

Dallas and Independence Masons have been invited to attend the laying of the corner stone here Friday.

Your attention is called to Bice & Calbreath's ad elsewhere in this issue.

The band concert given here Saturday night was well attended and highly appreciated.

A fine line of genuine leather Morris chairs at Bice & Calbreath's.

Several from here attended the meeting of school patrons and teachers at Dallas Saturday.

Allen Clark was in Portland the latter part of last week.

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Something nice in Woolen Sets for the little folks, consists of three pieces, Leggans, Sweater and Cap to match.

Xmas Suggestions

Bath Robes, 72x88 inch; Purses, Hand Bags, Trunks, Suit Cases, Comforters, Blankets, Drawn work Pillow Cases, Silk Umbrellas, Silk Hose, Kid Gloves, Cuff Buttons, Bed Spreads or Lace Curtains.

Xmas Gifts

We have all kinds of embroidery work such as Towels, scarfs, Doilies and stamped work, etc., etc.

Xmas Handkerchiefs and Neck Wear.

Fine hand embroidered linen handkerchiefs, Lace edge and plain, with initial 5c and up, and we have a beautiful variety of NECK WEAR, loose or in individual boxes which is nice for Holiday use.

SHOES

Here is a store where we take genuine interest in seeing that you are PROPERLY fitted with shoes that suit your individual taste. A store where prompt and courteous attention prevails always. This is a good time to test our service. We are confident that you will find it all we have said it to be. Make our store your store, where you may feel at home, while trading with us.

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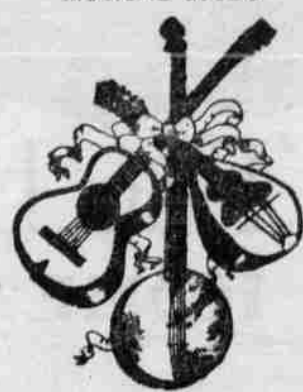
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WE CAN MAKE YOU SOME EXTRA GOOD PRICES ON HUSTON FOUNTAIN PENS.

WE ALSO HAVE THE IDEAL WATERMAN. LET US GIVE YOU SOME PEN BARGAINS.

MUSICAL GOODS



While our stock is small it is no smaller than the price we ask for our goods. We sell small musical goods very close, and you can save money on violins, banjos, mandolins, guitars, etc. We have a full selected stock of strings for these instruments.

Cut Glass



We have a very fine assortment of Cut Glass. If you want to please your wife or lady friend, make her a present of some fine cut glass.

We have many fine Holiday Gifts too numerous to mention. We have selected our goods with the idea of giving something useful as well as ornamental, goods with a quality to back them.

Yours for a Merry Christmas,
O. A. Kreamer

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