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Paroles From The Bench.

There is published on this page today a communication from Judge G. F. Skipworth, of the circuit court for Lane county, concerning paroles from the bench.

Anyone who has had contact with criminal courts knows that cases come before the judge in which, from the broadest regard for public policy, it is desirable that young persons, convicted for the first time of crime, shall be kept from the penitentiary.

The Coe case in Portland was highly provocative. The paroling from the bench of the two brothers, convicted and confessed arsonists, was of an aspect most sinister.

Mussolini's Latest Crusade.

Mussolini, fascist premier of Italy, is amuck again. Perhaps one should say that he is amuck still, as that is nearer his usual condition of activity than any other.

This time the object of Mussolini's ire is the Masons. He says they have been spreading alarmist rumors concerning conditions in Italy.

Mussolini is several centuries behind the times. He thinks an idea can be killed. He believes human thinking can be controlled by force.

Mussolini has not read his history aright. Had he done so he would know that there is nothing original in his idea of persecuting people for their beliefs.

Mussolini is impossible. His star already is beginning to wane. No wonder, as the correspondent of a New York newspaper cables from Rome to his paper, "the royal family is tiring of one crisis after another and the king has openly broken with the premier on the subject of proroguing parliament."

Sunshine. Soft warmth. Daylight a little earlier in the morning. And a little later at night. More pussy willows bursting their pods.

New York state is to have an advisory referendum on the federal child labor amendment before its legislature acts. That would be a very good plan indeed for Oregon also.

One still sees a good many red tags on automobiles. Through the experience of the years motorists have come to know that threats of early arrest for failure to renew licenses are less savagely meant than uttered.

Senator McNary, as happens rather frequently, voted against the administration on the Muscle Shoals bill.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Weakness in Mills Plan. (Sheridan Sun) Just how the Mills' proposed plan to modify the present primary law is going to improve the law is a question of increasing perplexity.

cent of the vote cast, and failing so to receive, a party convention makes the nomination as well as adopting a platform upon which all the candidates of the party must stand.

The plan as proposed by Mr. Mills will not restore party solidarity, party responsibility nor party discipline, but it will open up avenues of discussion that may bring about some practical remedy for the primary evil that is rapidly demoralizing the major parties.

A Square Deal. (Salem Statesman) The people of Oregon want an absolutely square deal for the three educational institutions of the state.

"Holding the State." (Salem Capital Journal) A strong lobby is present at the legislature working in behalf of bills designed to protect holders of irrigation bonds at the expense of settlers and the state.

Spoliation and looting of irrigation districts of Oregon constitute one of the biggest scandals in the history of the state.

Eugene 25 Years Ago.

L. H. Johnson, president of the Eugene Military club, has announced a meeting of the organization for Monday evening in the armory.

Cashier W. F. Osburn informs us that the plans and specifications for their new bank building to be erected for the use of the Eugene Loan and Savings bank, are expected to be in such condition that contractors can

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I followed her out into the hall, and fairly pushed her on the elevator. I never noticed how frantically anxious she was to go.

I told him what had happened. As I talked I started to cry and I could hardly make him understand me. I begged him to hurry home.

He asked a couple of questions in a strange, hollow sort of voice and then rang off suddenly. I wondered if he had fainted. I stood staring into space and pressing my hands to my temples. I felt as if I were being suffocated.

I sank down for a second on the



He hasn't only allus been a silent man, but here's something else about aspirin politician feel 'buncoed—he hasn't never belonged to no lodge.

John Swanson, an old-time resident of North Bend, was instantly killed a few days ago when he fell into the bay from a pilerider at Empire.

Commissioners' court is still in session. The Grand Army people returned this afternoon from Cottage Grove.

G. L. Mann has sold his restaurant business, known as the New York Kitchen, to W. A. Kauffman and J. F. Drew.

J. O. Watts returned today from Seattle, Wash., after a stay of a few days.

The barometer has indications of the good weather continuing.

The Best Grounds. (Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph) "I shall go to your father and ask his consent tonight, darling.

Ever Eat Any? (Wall Street Journal) Early Monday morning a broker received the following from a Kansas City customer: "Please subscribe for \$1000 Fried. Krupp notes and charge to my account. I have always made money in these food stocks."

Willing Spirit, Weak Flesh. (London Answers) Mother—"Jimnie, what would you like to give your cousin Tim for his birthday?" Jimmie—"I know, but I'm not big enough!"

Installments Everywhere. (Kansas City Star) "Ed's buying an automobile on the installment plan." "Yes, and if he doesn't drive more carefully than he has been doing, they'll take him to the hospital on the same plan."

Audited and Found Correct. (News Item in New York Times) "If the taxpayer's net income is more than \$5000, his net income

FORBIDDEN! By KATHERINE MOORE Author of "Love"

THE AGONY OF HOPELESS WAITING Chapter 66 After calling up the police station and then trying in vain to get Kent on the telephone, I rushed back to Nancy.

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Why They Blush. (American Legion Weekly) "Huh?" he snorted, after reading the account of the wedding. "Always the blushing bride! That's the bunk!"

Oregon Briefs The position of postmaster at Yonkum in Lake county has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Edith H. Moore.

That his readers may be supplied with a more rapid news service, S. C. Morton will hereafter issue the St. Helens Mist twice a week.

At a recent meeting of the Silverton chamber of commerce L. C. Eastman was elected president and Charles Reynolds secretary.

Prohibition enforcement in Oregon will be the general theme of essays to be submitted in a contest being held for college students by the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon.

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Parole From Bench Held Justified Judge G. F. Skipworth Believes Repeal of Law Authorizing It Would Be Serious Mistake.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 19.—(To The Editor)—In 1905, the legislature of this state enacted a law granting to the circuit court power to parole from the bench. This statute has been in effect ever since its enactment.

Coe brothers, residents of Portland, were recently convicted in the circuit court of Multnomah county for the crime of arson, were sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of years and paroled from the bench. The act of the judge in paroling these men has been severely criticized by many news papers throughout the state as well as by civic organizations.

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NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Vicinity

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Mrs. Charles Jack and three children were in town from Camp Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Mona Coffin and daughter Florence, left last evening for Portland to make their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Stewart entertained informally on Sunday evening when a number of their friends arrived unexpectedly bringing a basket supper with them.

Mrs. L. M. Shelley of Dexter was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Taylor of Thurston was a Springfield visitor on Saturday. Miss Florence Winfrey was here from Pleasant Hill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hays came to Springfield from Booth-Kelly camp number 36 above Wending Sunday.

Mrs. Nathan Chaffee brought her baby in from Fall Creek for medical treatment Saturday.

Miss Clara Erickson of Eugene was in Springfield Sunday to receive medical attention.

Mrs. Clara Fawver dined at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins of east Main street on Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. E. W. Collins of Marshfield, is a guest at the Collins home here.

Mrs. Mona Coffin and daughter, Florence, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swarts.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hontley entertained with an informal card party on Saturday evening at their home. The evening was spent playing 500. Refreshments were served later in the evening. Guests at the affair were Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Mortenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swarts.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Washburne of Junction City spent the week-end in Springfield visiting with Mr. Washburne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Washburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lemmons of Marshfield came Sunday to spend a couple of days with Mrs. Lemmons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenried before going on to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chilton of Roseburg came Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Chilton's brother, George Masters of this city. They returned to Roseburg Sunday.

Charles Taylor of Thurston was a Springfield business visitor Saturday. Jess Gates was in from Camp Creek Saturday.

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Alva Armitage and John Downing were wedding men in Springfield on business Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Masterson of Camp Creek was here on business Saturday.

T. C. Johnson was a dinner guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lawrence of Eugene Sunday.

Fred Clover dined with friends in Eugene Sunday.

Frank Hulbert of Albany came yesterday to visit his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hurburt of this city.

D. F. Woobey of Eugene has taken a position as new parts man at the Anderson Motor company. He began his work Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. William Wright and children, Scott, Peggy and Teddy, were dinner guests Sunday at the Clayton home in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peddicord entertained at dinner Sunday, the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hurburt, and son Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cline.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Trotter and daughter Mary were here from Waltherville Saturday afternoon on a shopping trip.

T. W. Carney of Waltherville was in town transacting business on Saturday.

John Conley of Cedar Flat spent Saturday in Springfield visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Conley.

Mrs. May Craft was a dinner guest Sunday at the Lombard home.

Mrs. Grace Resler of Waltherville, and her two children, Lois and Arthur, were guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bench.

ORESSELL

ORESSELL, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The contest between the grades during visiting week has been a lively one and scored very close. Third and fourth grades had the most visitors, 31 in number. First and second grades were next, having 29 visitors.

The Methodist congregation and friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Gates Friday night with a miscellaneous shower. They were recently married at the home of the bride's parents.

C. L. Weber made a business trip to Portland Monday and in his absence Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkerson are taking charge of the store.

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