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In the July McClure's we find an article by Judge McKenzie Cleland of Chicago, who believes in fewer prison sentences and a greater effort toward reforming the individual through the means of a suspended maximum sentence. There may be cases where this would be the proper treatment, says an exchange, but men who have been handling prisoners for years and know every point in connection with such work, are generally of the opinion that the man who proposes to handle prisoners along sympathetic lines will in nine cases out of ten, make a mistake. Placing the average criminal on his honor too often, offers the very loophole he is looking for and which he is not slow to take advantage of. Certainly, there may be exceptions to this rule, but in the majority of cases, the proper treatment for the man who has run the gauntlet of the courts and lauded in prison, is to allow him to complete the sentence imposed. The absolute knowledge that there is no parole or pardon and that the law means just what it says, will do much to prevent crime, while the possibility of a loop-hole of escape will decide many a man who is a criminal at heart to take the chance in carrying out his natural inclination.

The second step in the comprehensive plan of redistricting the National Forests in the Western state has just been made by the President in signing executive orders which will change the names and boundaries of the Forests in Oregon. The only other state in which these plans have been completed is Idaho, but it is expected that the work of redistricting in all the National Forest states will be finished and the changes announced in the next few days. No addition to forest area is involved in the plans for redistricting in any of the states of the Northwest. The object of the work is to equalize the areas of administrative units and to arrange their boundaries in such a manner as to promote the most efficient and practical administration of the Forests.

Had the people voted down the resolution that members of the legislature vote for the popular choice for United States senator the claim would have been made that the voice of the people; but as this resolution carried in nearly every county in the state and received the smallest negative vote of any proposition on the ballot, it would appear as if it was the duty of every member of the legislature to vote according to the will of the people and give Chamberlain a unanimous vote on the first ballot. Why not, asks the Portland Journal.

A writer in McClure's magazine censures the boards of health in the majority of states for neglect in enforcing regulations relating to vital statistics. Looking upon such statistics as the very basis and foundation of successful attempts to better public health, the lack of interest shown by officials and physicians is declared to be little less than criminal. It is claimed that probably not more than 60 per cent of the deaths are reported.

With a light crop of strawberries, Milton fruit raisers expected cherries to bring big prices. This however, is not the case. The cherry crop this year is excessively large and Milton cherries by no means leads in quality or quantity the fruit grown in the country tributary to Athena this season. There is enough of this fruit near Athena to more than supply the local demand, and prices will be lower than for several years past.

With indications that the sum may be doubled before the year ends, nearly \$80,000 is being spent by private owners in building residences in Corvallis, that sum having either been spent or contracted to be spent on structures completed since January 1, now in course of construction, says the Times.

Albert Swisher, who died at Albany, Tuesday, was the oldest mail carrier in the United States, says the Herald. He graduated from Brown university in 1856, and was a classmate with Secretaries of State Olney and Hay.

One of the greatest dangers incurred when traveling lurks in the innocent looking cup which stands at the water cooler at one end of every car. People who are overly fastidious in other ways will drink out of this glass and will not give the matter a second thought. In every car full of passengers there are probably one or two, and sometimes more, people who are suffering or just sickening with some fearful and contagious disease.

There will be no celebration in Athena this year but Athena people will celebrate, just the same. On the Umatilla river, parties will picnic. At Helix, Pilot Rock and Walla Walla, Eagle pin feathers will be used instead of confetti. Weston, Athena, Adams and Pendleton, the big towns of the county have turned the festivities of the National holiday over to the small towns and will stand back and look on.

James Schoolcraft Sherman, candidate for vice-president on the republican ticket, was born in Utica, New York, where he still resides. He has been a member of the National House of representatives since 1886, with the exception of one term. He was chairman of the Republican National Congressional committee in the campaign of 1906. He is a lawyer, banker and manufacturer.

The Canadian parliament is dealing radically with the cigarette evil. A government bill not only makes it an offense to sell cigarettes to young persons, but imposes punishment on young persons purchasing cigarettes or tobacco in any form, and gives policemen power to take tobacco away from young people when they are smoking on the streets.

Governor Hanly of Indiana may live to forget the derision of the galleries. Time may wear away the memory of those mocking delegates. But be assured, nothing through the flight of years will ever make him forget or forgive Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who, before 10,000 people, asked him who he was.

While the different counties in the state are holding their rose carnivals, strawberry festivals, fruit and horse shows the Blue Mountain Eagle proposes that Grant county fall in line and hold a nugget day. Such an exhibition of the real substance of all things, would certainly be unique if nothing more.

The prime requisite for a national delegate these days is lung power. He must be able to yell like an ebriated Comanche every time that a committee reports and outside of the exercise of his vocal organs he seems to have no other particular function.

Governor Chamberlain promised to pardon a convict with the proviso that the man come to Albany and spend ten days riding on our street car, says the Herald. The "con" declined the offer. Our George thinks the prisoner insane, but we of Albany know better.

Senator Aldrich is said to regard Governor Cummins as a Populist, and Senator La Follette as a Socialist—or perhaps an anarchist; but Senator Aldrich has helped to make a good many people move toward Populism and Socialism.

Lane county comprises a territory 50 by 150 miles in extent, has 34,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, the finest water powers in the state, and room for 500,000 population, says the Register.

That 80 tons of thornless cactus forage can be grown upon each acre of arid land in Umatilla county is the statement of a man from Los Angeles and Spokane who claims to know.

Newberg will probably build more cement walks this year than any other city of its size in the state, and most of them are 12 feet wide, says the Graphic.

Read about the heat prostrations and other discomforts back east and keep thankful that you live in Oregon.

It is believed that the Bryan steam roller is quite equal to the task of running over Tammany also, if need be.

Apparently there won't be any "alices" at Denver; the Bryan steam roller will only have Johnson to run over.

When the Teddy bear goes out of fashion, what sort of a Billy beast will take its place? Not a goat?

Clark Wood, Chas. Williamson and S. J. Culley have appraised the merchandise stock of B. F. Dupuis, bankrupt at Weston at \$1,668.43 and accounts at \$898.44. Liabilities are about \$1,000. B. B. Richards of this city has been appointed trustee.

LEADERS AND BOSSES.

A recent issue of Mr. Bryan's paper, the Commoner, discusses the difference between a leader and a boss, in part as follows:
The leader is not a man who thinks for the people, but a man who thinks with the people. The leader is going in the same direction that the people are going—far enough ahead to be in advance but not far enough to be out of sight.

The boss is not only in sympathy with the people, but he relies upon persuasion to influence them. He presents his arguments to them but recognizes the right of the people to reject any proposition submitted by him. The leader's title to leadership rests upon his ability to propose the best thing at the right time and, as those who follow the leader follow him voluntarily, he must appeal to their conscience and their judgment. The leader is a molder of opinion, and a molder of opinion does not create public opinion—he merely expresses it in effective language.

The boss has no sympathy with the people; he has his own interests to serve and whatever authority he can secure he turns to his private advantage. The boss is an embezzler of power, and measured by every moral standard, he is in the same criminal class with the embezzler of money. The boss has intimidation into politics and he will go out when these are eliminated. "Let the people rule" is as much a terror to the boss as the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," is to the thief. The spread of the primary is only a reaction from boss rule, and like every other plan for the bringing of the government nearer to the people, the system increases the relative influence of the real leader and lessens the influence of the boss.

There are those who will say that Mr. Bryan shows some symptoms of bossism as well as exhibiting qualities of leadership, but if so he is not a boss in the bad sense that he has described, only because of a high degree of self-esteem, and a complete confidence in himself as the man best fitted for true leadership. And in this the masses of his own party seem to agree with him. What he says about bosses and leaders is true, and one reason for the somewhat chaotic condition of politics in Oregon is that the bosses of the dominant party have passed away or been knocked down and out by the people, and leaders have not risen to take their places. Fulton had a fine chance to become a real leader, but lost it because he could not move forward out of the old rut and abandon the old methods and motives. And none of those who have taken an advanced position and joined in the progressive movement are eminently conspicuous or peculiarly fitted for leadership. But the people of Oregon seem to be doing pretty well without special leadership.—Portland Journal.

MARVELOUS INSTINCT OF A CAT
The marvelous instinct of an animal is said to sometimes be a sure warning of impending danger. It seems to be the case of the pet out of the steamer City of Kingston. This animal, a large yellow one of no particular recommendation except its purring proclivities, has long been attached to that vessel, and not even the most persuasive coaxing could induce it to leave the confines of the ship. It has never been known to miss a trip.
When the Kingston arrived in Seattle from Victoria early Sunday morning, for some mysterious reason the feline went ashore, and when the time came for the departure for Tacoma, which resulted in the disaster of the Kingston, the animal refused to be coaxed aboard. Finally a saucer of milk proving unavailing one of the ship's crew took the cat in his arms and carried it aboard the vessel, but just as the lines were hauled in and the steamer was leaving the dock the sagacious puss sprang from the Kingston to the wharf and disappeared in a pile of bags. It is now alive and the admiration of all hands at Yeeler wharf.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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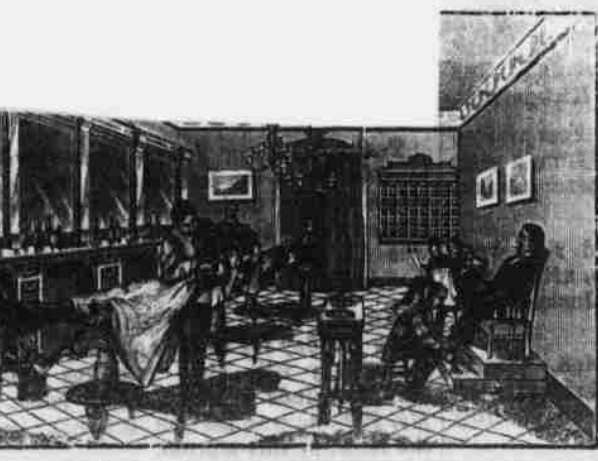
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