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PRISON REFORM NEEDED
 (Industrial News Bureau)

Those interested in the suppression of crime and the reformation of the criminal would do well to turn their activities to prison conditions, rather than to the perennial campaigns in behalf of more restricted laws.

According to the Wickersham Commission, "The present prison system is antiquated and inefficient. It does not reform the criminal. It fails to protect society. There is reason to believe that it contributes to the increase of crime by hardening the prisoner. We are convinced that a new type of penal institution must be developed, one that is new in spirit, in method and in objective."

During the last twenty years or so we have been busy passing more laws to break. Penitentiaries are packed to overflowing, yet we have done almost nothing to help their inmates become good members of society when released.

American prison conditions, in short, present a fertile field for real social reform—reform that will do permanent good, without restricting or abrogating the rights of law-abiding citizens.

The proposal to establish a federal tax on gasoline should center the attention of the public on the whole problem of gas taxation, is the opinion of an editor, who says: "If a federal tax were levied, it would mean that eventually the total gas tax might be even doubled. Already the states have gone farther than is economically feasible in burdening the motorist. The average tax is now slightly in excess of four cents a gallon, and rates of five and six cents are becoming more common. In one state an eight-cent rate was defeated only by quick and decisive action on the part of the public. And rumblings of ten-cent rates are heard in the distance. No other necessary and generally-used commodity is taxed so highly. Special and class taxes are always bad—and when allowed to grow to excessive proportions, they become economic monstrosities."

The Oregon Automotive Council, its membership embracing perhaps for the most part, truck dealers, suggests that the state press can be very helpful to the council in its educational work among the many thousands of individually owned trucks throughout the state. The Athena Press, speaking for itself, will say that in the locality where it is published, the efforts of the council are not needed. No complaint is heard against the farmer truck or the privately owned for hire truck hereabouts. We hope the council will get us when we gently state that there is sentiment against allowing huge freight trucks drawing huge trailers to hog state highways.

The village of Grand Marais, Mich., is now once again linked with the outside world by telephone. Four years ago the exchange of the Tri-County Telephone Company in Seney, Mich., was demolished by fire and the line to Grand Marais, twenty-six miles away, was destroyed. For four years the town remained without telephone service, but now the Michigan Bell Telephone Company has constructed a new line and once again Grand Marais can talk to the world at large, and all the time outside neighbors were wondering what the good people of Grand Marais were doing.

In its report on "The Cost of Crime" the Wickersham Commission states that America's crime bill is well in excess of \$1,207,000,000 a year. The average per capita cost of crime in 200 cities which were surveyed, was \$5.47. The lowest rate recorded—in Galesburg, Illinois—was 92 cents. The highest—in Jersey city—was \$11.30 a year for each citizen.

The solution to the present crisis may be found in one word—cooperation. Bitely remarks an economist. We second his motion. Cooperation is the watchword of the day, and in practice in this country it is pushing huge stores of surplus food farther and farther away from the hungry and unemployed.

Connecticut has introduced a probation system of supervision over drivers whose licenses are restored after having been revoked. In this state when revoked license has been restored the driver has no restrictions, no curb whatever on his inclination to go out and burn 'er up again.

At the age of 81, Thomas Lipton has passed on without lifting the "mug" with his fleet of Shamrocks. A

game sportsman, courteous gentleman and merchant prince—peace to his ashes.

The Scotch have got their Scotch up and in Glasgow the unemployed staged a demonstration by looting shops. Hatchets and hammers were used in a fight with mounted police.

The reason that platinum costs so much is because it is mined in the Ural Mountains, Columbia, Barneo and British Columbia, and sold in the United States.

THE OBSTACLES
 (Oregon Journal)

The United States has about half of the world's gold. France has about half of the other half. And still the nations are trying to trade with one another, they have found it extremely difficult and the worst depression in years is upon us.

Russia is trading gasoline to South America countries for cattle. That is straight barter. There are no financial arrangements in those deals. But there is trade.

The United States is trading wheat to Brazil for coffee. That is more barter. There are no financial arrangements, but there is trade.

Do these conditions mean nothing to those who have been in control of the world's financial systems? Does it mean nothing when great nations return to straight barter? Does it mean nothing when Great Britain relinquishes the gold standard, partly for her own protection but also so that she can trade with India, China, Mexico and other nations whose stock of gold is low or who are on a silver basis?

There isn't a nation that hasn't something to trade for something else. Production in the great nations has dropped, causing unemployment and thus reducing purchasing power, because trade has been so greatly reduced among the nations. One cause are the financial systems. Another are the tariff barriers that have stifled trade. There is demand for goods, there are goods to be sold, but the power to purchase has been heavily diminished.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, president of the London board of trade, says the price of silver "must be increased and stabilized or business cannot be revived." Half of the world cannot buy what the other half wants to sell if there is no fair medium of exchange, and a great part of the world is now on a silver basis, while the remainder remains with gold.

And to sum up, Senator Gore of Oklahoma says: "We must revive trade in order to revive business; we must reduce tariff taxes to revive trade; and we cannot thrive unless we trade."

Take away the obstacles by improving the financial systems, by reducing tariff and by providing for better distribution of the world's goods, and there will be invigorated trade, stimulated business, and jobs for those who seek them.

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GORDON M. WATKINS

22 Years Ago

Friday, October 22, 1909

A number of farm houses in this vicinity will soon be equipped with acetylene gas plants. Among the farmers who have already contracted for the improvement, are A. L. Swaggart, Cass Cannon, J. F. Zerbe, Jackson Nelson, Joseph Hodgson and several others. It is estimated that acetylene gas is more economical than coal oil, besides giving a much more satisfactory light.

Frank Beale was in town yesterday from his Hudson Bay ranch.

Miss Della Danner visited friends in this city, from Milton Sunday.

Emery Achilles and W. McDonald visited friends in Walla Walla Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shick spent the week at the ranch with their son, Arthur.

Hear the Scotch Highlanders Entertainers Monday night at the Opera House, under the auspices of the school.

Miss Fay Gerking is up from her home at Laidlaw, Crook county, visiting relatives in this vicinity and at Milton.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson was a guest this week of the Kirkpatrick family in Weston.

Dan May, the Pendleton contractor, is in the city this week directing the work on the new fire place and chimney erected at the M. L. Watts residence.

The electric pump is now installed at the pumping station and is working

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Michael, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern:

That Charles A. Michael has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary E. Michael, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law, to the said administrator at the office of Peterson and Lewis, his attorneys, in the Inland Empire Bank Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 9th day of October, 1931.

CHARLES A. MICHAEL,
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Forrest, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Saling is still in a very serious condition in Pendleton, with typhoid fever. He has been bedfast for the past 7 weeks.

Timothy hay is coming down from the Weston mountain in large quantities and is being shipped over the Northern Pacific to Seattle, thence to Alaska and other points.

The artesian well is now down about 890 feet and the rock through which the drill is passing is the same hard crust as that of the last 100 feet. The flow of water shows no increase.

Miss Nettie Royse, who is attending high school in Tacoma and making her home in the J. E. Reeder household, writes that she is doing well in school, but thinks Tacoma is not quite equal to Athena.

Owing to his change of residence from Athena to the farm, Jerry Stone Tuesday tendered his resignation as a member of the school board in this city. The election of his successor is now in order. Mr. Stone has done valiant service in the capacity of director, and a better will be hard to find.

Workmen are busy at the park grounds. The contract for straightening and making wider and deeper the creek bed and otherwise putting the

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Editorial
 Fiddler: The leading lady seems to have a break in her enunciation this evening.
 Orchestra Leader: Say, you keep your eye on your music.
 Well I'm keeping my eye on business now—even if one ear is on the world series part time.
A. M. Johnson, Editor

Weather Forecast
 A little Rain. Fine for building.
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