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SOMETHING RADICALLY WRONG

Alexander Paterson, His Majesty's Commissioner of Prisons, in England, spent several months investigating prisons in this country some time ago. His remarks comparing penal conditions here and in his country are hardly flattering to us, but they are well worth listening to. We read that Mr. Paterson was "especially impressed, and unfavorably, by the size of prisons here and the number of inmates." Overcrowding is the rule in American institutions, rather than the exception. Much of this he blamed not on "crime waves" but on our multitude of laws and severity of sentences. He says that at one institution he watched the checking-in of twenty new prisoners, nineteen of whom, in England, would have been dealt with under the probation act or been fined. Here is expert testimony in support of the fact that the United States, through its zeal in passing laws, is manufacturing criminals on a wholesale scale. And it is certainly not a coincidence that this has been accomplished by a break-down in the processes of justice, so far as crime prevention is concerned. When we send twenty men to a penitentiary, nineteen of whom would have been kept outside in England—one of the most law-abiding of countries—there is something radically wrong with the system. It needs quick attention.

No less an authority than Dr. Shirley W. Wayne, Health Commissioner of New York City, in his outline of requirements for school children, says: "Keeping your youngsters in health is not an arduous proposition, but it requires a little care on your part. He should have a filling luncheon such as soup or salad, sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, or some other easily prepared dish, and with whatever he eats he should always have a glass of milk. When he returns home from school in the afternoon, he should have a bite, such as a sandwich and a glass of milk, as well as an apple or some other fruit. For his evening meal he should be able to eat the same dishes as the rest of the family, plus a glass of milk. His diet as well as ours should include plenty of fresh vegetables, particularly of the leafy variety; such as cabbage, lettuce, kale and spinach. Tomatoes, too, are important."

Here is an extract from the address made by Dr. J. S. Davis, director of the Food Research Institute of Stanford University and until recently chief economist from the federal farm board, that is worth remembering. Referring to the 1928 crop as the largest in the history of the world Dr. Davis then said: "The 1929 crop that followed was actually small, but prices did not rise as much as was expected. Europe had an exceptionally large crop and imported much less grain, so that visible supplies were greater after a year of short crop than after the previous big crop. It is not the size of the world crop that determines the market so much as the relation to it of the amount importers take and exporters must sell."

A woman is to take her seat in the United States Senate. Mrs. Hattie Caraway, widow of the late Thaddeus H. Caraway, democratic senator from Arkansas, will occupy the seat until a successor for the unexpired term is chosen at a special election January 12. One other woman only has the honor of appointment to a seat in the senate, Mrs. Rebecca Lattimer Fenton of Georgia, who received a complimentary appointment and retired after taking the oath, in favor of Senator George. Therefore, Mrs. Caraway will have the distinction of being the first woman actually to serve in the senate.

A \$15,000,000 demonstration of confidence in the far west transpired with the completion of the Western Pacific-Great Northern extensions last week; a cheering change in the business weather is the news from the federal reserve bank at San Francisco that twelve leading department stores on the Pacific slope eclipsed last year's October sales in October sales this year. There are other evidences that rays of financial sunshine are coming through the clouds of depression.

"In every industry certain men are elected to hold the umbrella so the rest of the industry doesn't get wet," remarks a trade paper. And the same writer continues: "There's no one royal road to making money in any business; but there's got to be an executive somewhere around the place."

The statement that women are luckier than men in a lottery is seemingly verified in divorce court actions

at Reno. Records disclose that the ratio is two to one in favor of women over men in securing tickets of freedom from nuptial ties.

It does not take the seventh son of a seventh son to tell us that the democrats in organizing the house of representatives will not do any worse in running the mansion than have the republicans, during the last three years.

It would appear that the weather man is determined to reach the substrata of moisture restoration this fall and winter. May his efforts be successful, for there have been many springs and water courses a long time dry.

It can be said of Eugene Mack, unemployed of San Francisco, that he has no fear of spooks. He was found sleeping in a hearse in the rear of a morgue. He had been occupying his lodging quarters for two months.

In Iceland newspaper editors used to carry the papers about and trade them for dried meat and whiskey. Now their stenographers carry the papers around and exchange them for lipsticks and chewing gum.

Fashion reports have it that a new fabric woven of real feathers has made its appearance. Which same is a hunch to put your pillows under lock and key and your feather beds in the refrigerator.

More "love, forbearance and neighborliness" instead of so many experts and so much "talk," was the economic prescription Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland wrote for America.

It is said that the marriage and divorce dance tempo has attained a furious pace in movieland. On with the dance; the tango artists, of course, paying the fiddlers.

Spruce, linen and silk will go into the makings of a new French plane, and the Pacific Northwest will furnish the spruce—Sitka spruce, the best ever.

The latest from Alfalfa Bill is that he will turn the marble corridors of the state house into shelter for the needy. Well and good, Bill, but how are you gonna do it?

Dino Grandi, Italian prime minister has arrived. The big man from sunny Italy and President Hoover are talking things over; not all spaghetti and trout, either!

Somebody said, "The man who cannot manage himself will engage to manage others and never crack a smile." And that somebody said a mouth full.

The city of St. Louis is looking after the welfare of her colored people. A \$350,000 unit of a negro hospital is to be built out of public funds.

Just about enough snow for a few snowballs, but it did not lay on long enough for the kids to make their pellets.

The king of racketeers, Al Capone has been linked up with the smuggling racket. Which is just one more racket.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING
 Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 7 of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that a special school meeting will be held in said district at the school house on the 30th day of November, 1931, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to consider and discuss the annual budget for the district and advise and counsel with the levying board as to the budget and the special district tax to be levied in said district. The special district tax called for in the budget as prepared by the budget committee is within the six per cent limitation.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1931.

ARNOLD WOOD,
 Chairman, Board of Directors.
 J. F. KERSHAW,
 District Clerk.
 Attest:
 Nov. 6-20

articles completely illustrated in the new booklet, "You Can Make It For Profit," now being released from the Government Printing Office. Through representatives of the Department of Commerce, every country in the world was combed for ideas in the preparation of the book, according to Axel H. Oxholm, director of the wood utilization body.

The Committee points out that expensive tools and elaborate machinery are not required to make the objects described in the manual. On the other hand, a few simple tools found in almost every home will be sufficient to construct the articles. Most of these articles, according to the Committee, will find a ready market because they cater to the needs of individual homes and do not compete with commodities produced on a mass-production scale.

"You Can Make It For Profit," in the opinion of Mr. Oxholm, should be helpful to those temporarily unemployed. At practically all times there are some men out of work and those who find themselves in this situation, could, with assistance of the Committee's booklet and a little initiative on their part, establish themselves in their various communities.

Speaking of home industries in relation to the farm, the booklet reads: "About one-third of the Nation's timberland is in the hands of farmers, and the development of home industries in the woodworking field, accordingly, would provide both an outlet for the products of farm woodlots and profitable occupation for the farmer during slack winter months."

Among the articles illustrated in "You Can Make It For Profit" are racks for canned goods and vegetables, clothes basket stands mounted on rollers; stairway shelves and utility racks, breakfast tables and benches; bathroom utility cabinets with laundry chute, built-in china closet and book case, fireplace bookcases, fireplace woodboxes, wood valances and wall paneling, storage chests; window seats and chests; garden furniture, and toys.

The new manual, the third of a series of "You Can Make It" bulletins, contains, in addition to plans, lists of materials, and instructions, suggestions for marketing the articles made for profit. It was written by H. Conrad Hoover, mechanical engineer of the Committee, and may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., or from the district offices of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce located in leading cities. The manual sells for 10 cents a copy; \$4 a hundred, or \$40 a thousand.

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B. B. Richards has about completed census taking of children of school age in District No. 29. Mr. Richards has enrolled upon his report blanks about 275 names, a gain of nearly 50 over last year. There are 75 new pupils in the Athena school this year, but several families having moved away, the above number cannot be counted in full as increase in gain. The showing made by Mr. Richards is above what was estimated before the census was taken.

Miss Fay Gerking was in the city Sunday.

Eugene Stanton is here from Sand Point, Idaho.

T. M. Taggart transacted business at the agency Wednesday.

Miss Lucile Kemp of Weston, spent Saturday with friends in Athena.

Wm. Willaby has moved to town and occupies the Jones cottage on Jefferson street.

C. A. Barrett attended the West Umatilla project meeting in Pendleton Saturday evening.

Mrs. Will M. Peterson and children of Pendleton spent Sunday at the Dudley home in this city.

Dr. M. V. Turley, who for several months has been located at Adams, will move to Hermiston.

Mrs. Frank Mansfield is ill at her home on 4th street, being taken with a chill on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Jackson Nelson left Wednesday for Walla Walla, and may visit Seattle before returning to Athena.

Miss Mary LaBrache has sold her 40 acre farm south of town to Mr. Henry Koepke. Consideration, \$4,700.

W. J. and John King were over from Weston Tuesday. "Bill" had his usual choice collection of stories to relate.

Miss Katherine Sharp, who is teaching in southern Idaho, will spend the Christmas holidays with her family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gerking were in the city this week from their home near the state line, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Tharp.

A dance will be given in the new hall in the Odd Fellows building at

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 A number of friends of A. McKenzie visited his sick bed at his home near Adams Wednesday. Not much change is reported in the condition of the aged sufferer.

Prof. H. G. Case, Hugh Lieuallen and Harry Coomans witnessed the football game between Whitman and Pullman.

Mrs. B. B. Richards went up to Riparia yesterday, where she met the children of her sister, Mrs. C. O. Whiteman, bringing them home with her today. Mrs. Whiteman has gone to Lewiston to see her grandmother, Mrs. Fleener, who is very ill there.

The last meeting of the Literary society was held in the high school room Friday. Affirmative and negative sides had been chosen by leaders on the question of the Commission Form of Government, and a short debate ensued, a favorable start being made. The next meeting will be a special called meeting. On the affirmative side in the debate will be: Luvois McEwen, Zelma DePeatt and Clarence Brotherton; on the negative Archie McIntyre, Jessica McEwen, and Ada Banister. A series of debates will be held with Pendleton, Weston and probably other schools.

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