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| MONDAY. JUNE 4, 1917. |
| THE MODERN PRISON | THE MODERN PRISON

The new Pennsylvania state prison is a farm of 500 C acres which is cultivated by the con-
victs. There is no stockade around the land. No armed guards menace the men as they
pursue their tasks. They are not forbidden to talk with one ministers who wish to cara for their spiritual welfare are not itentiary actually carries out in practice many of the great humanitarian ideas of William Penn, who founded the state. The farm was a wild land
when Pennsylvania obtained it for a prison site. The convicts by their labor have cleared the fields, made roads and erec- sd buildings. One of the butldings their bands have made is a huge concrete dining hall. The flag of liberty flies from almost The imptession is charming. Here a man might well learn 10 forsake his wicked ways and make a good citizen of himself.
Last summer the convicts raised 3.0 acres of wheat, 23. acres of oats, 145 acres of coin and a lot inore. Their woricentrasts suluewhat vividly with under the current system, tave been rasing cain.
The Permbylvania prison, $r$ on modisin humanitarian ciples, is young as yet. fruits have not ripened. Dut cial success. The a maisis earned last year a clear profit of $\$ 5000$ for the state after pay tion and discipline. Pretty well is it not? And they have not taken the bread out of the mouth of a solitary honest laborer out side the prison.
The Pennsylvania method i creative and helpful. It is who
ly good, free from all traces of medieval cruelty and ignorant politics. What may happen to nough to try to predict, for polities is a gnawing cancer, parmost good things perish befor it. But just now the new prison is ideal. Perhaps the decent people of Pennsylvania can keep it so.

THE LAW OF AVERAGE
The law of average is the law of nature. Thereis a happy medium in everything. A thing can be overdone or underdone Success lies just at the point indicated as the medium or the average point. Nature has taught us a great lesson in the law of average. Men can exist only in a mean temperature: Men thrive best in a mean diet Men thrive best in a mean diet Everything in mature is bas on the same law of average So our business and soci life should be based on average We must work; but not too much or too Hittle. We must relax rest and recreate; but not Idle, shirk or procrastinate. Let's thing; be moderate, temperate,

| careful, bat azantionis, energetto preserving. <br> The man who conducts his life on these lines is the average man, the happy, healthy, success ful man. Perhaps he is not the wealthiest but nelther is he poor, sick or despondent. In everything remember that the law of average is Nature's Law. <br> Way along in January <br> We surely thot 'twas Spring <br> For the sun came out by starts and stops, <br> . . . <br> And washing windows was"the thing." <br> ... <br> Internission <br> . . <br> One moment please while we change reels. $\begin{aligned} & 0+\infty \\ & \bullet 0 \end{aligned}$ <br> Later developments dashed our hopea ... |
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