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STATE NOW SAVING MONEY

The Republican administration of state affairs is showing a great deal of economy without shouting about it from the housetops. The per capita cost of running the state penitentiary during the Pierce Democratic administration was \$39. Under Governor Patterson it has averaged \$25 per month. Last month it was only \$20. There are now over 700 prisoners in the penitentiary. Other departments of state government are showing economy. It is said that practically every department has been running under its budget this year and as a result the big deficit left by the Pierce administration is being cut down. May the good work continue. Perhaps some of the counties and cities will find out that it is not necessary to overrun their budget expenses all the time.

OUR ADVISE IS "FORGET IT."

A score of people have called upon us expressing indignation over an anonymous letter appearing in the Eugene Guard last Monday evening. The letter referring to Springfield as the "Slum of Eugene" was clearly the feverish brain work of some fanatic. While our friends would have us answer it in the caustic language we have been famous for in past controversies we prefer not to do it.

In light of Editor Tugman's good will article on Springfield a few weeks ago and his talk before the Lions club, we do not believe he means any harm to Springfield even if he must accept responsibility for this ill time anonymous letter. We prefer to think that in the rush of collecting and publishing a daily newspaper he has had one slipped over on him by this slanderous fanatic, otherwise if he had considered using the letter at all it would have been over the writer's signature. Our advise to everyone is "forget it."

This is the season for the house to house peddler. The man who goes from house to house with inferior products sold at high prices or on short measure. He never renders any service to this community or anywhere in which he works. He lands his suckers and then goes his way rejoicing. The money these peddlers take out of Springfield each year is considerable.

The home-town merchant stakes his reputation and his success on his record for fair and honest dealing. He is in business every day and there is nothing elusive about him. Folks always know where to find him when they want a contribution for some cause or other. They should know him equally as well when they want to buy something.

The state game commission has planted a tank full of fine rainbow trout in the river at the edge of our city limits. It is up to us to be good to those fish so they will stick around at least until they reach a size to be caught.

If anyone ever cuts off their nose to spite their face it will be those who vote if they have a chance for Governor Al. Smith as a protest against prohibition.

The Garden of Eden must have been a great place without taxes, reformers, working hours or relatives.

What the average woman wants is a strong flexible man she can wrap around her fingers.

Among the books with unhappy endings are check books.

If you burn your bridges behind you be sure you can swim.

ENCOURAGING CRIME BY PSYCHOPATHIC ROUTE

An ardent advocate of crime suppression, said that after listening to a distinguished man speak on the subject of psychopathy for an hour, he came to the conclusion that what the learned gentleman was really trying to tell his audience was that a psychopath is a man who kills you and after he has done it says he could not help it, and then proves it by an expert. This incident probably explains to a large extent why crime is so prevalent in America. Criminals are given every possible loophole to evade the consequences of their acts.

First, a large percentage of them are never captured. Second, when captured they are never convicted. Third, when convicted even for the most serious crimes, they are too often pardoned or given light sentences.

Too much of our legislation is of a restrictive character aimed at law-abiding citizens, on the theory that this will reform the crooks or cause them to obey the laws. This is childish reasoning. Crime today in the cities is an organized business.

The more complicated laws we get, the easier they are to evade and the less the individual citizen feels he can cope with the situation. Delays become vexatious and ultimate conviction almost impossible, due to forgetfulness and the tendency to overlook the facts connecting the crime with the ultimate trial.

What the country needs is more enforcement of fundamental laws, more certain and more speedy punishment, and more assurance that convictions will be secured and sentences served when a lawbreaker is proved guilty.

We need fewer psychopathic arguments and more actual punishment. — Industrial News Bureau.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS CAPILLARY ART

Art is coming under the influence of democracy. In former time the great artists painted only for churches and rich men's palaces.

Statuary was intended to adorn royal courts and the mansions of the opulent and the private parks of the nobles.

Nowadays statues are being erected in public places where even the most humble and obscure person may admire them. Pictures are hung in museums which have their free days when the public is generously invited.

It is said the Michelangelo and Raphael and the other artists of that time generally painted only saints and archbishops. Gradually artists discovered that the common life of the people contained subjects quite as interesting and picturesque as the lives of the more favored.

In literature Dickens made quite an innovation when he turned his pen toward the obscure and lowly.

We all want to be rich, of course, and famous, but rich men are not as interesting as they used to be. The most noted monuments to the heroes of the late war were those of the unknown soldier. It was a war won, by the way, by the heroism of the common recruit and not by the startling genius of some Napoleon.

It is a question whether the rich man should build himself a fine house, from the windows of which he can only look out upon the abodes of the poor, or build better houses for the poor that he may regard them from his windows.

Men of wealth are gradually turning their attention toward replacing the slums by better habitations.

Altogether it looks as if art, if it is to have a firm foundation, must rest upon the basis of the despised demos.

The newest invasion into the ranks of art, if it can be called an art, is the motion picture. This is the most capillary of all arts. It gives to the least and lowest and provides him entertainment which heretofore was for those only how could pay from a dollar up for a seat at the theatres.

For this reason it appears that the moving picture industry, resting as it does upon the appreciation of the whole public, is firmly settled and is in line with democracy.

LAWN PARTY PLANNED BY KENSINGTON CLUB GROUP

A lawn party and a covered dish luncheon are planned for the next meeting of the Kensington club which will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Chase, it was announced at the last session of the club at the home of Mrs. William Wright last Friday afternoon. The next meeting will be at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Dallas Murphy and Mrs. Charles P. Poole won prizes in the games held last week. The following members were present: Mrs. C. A. Swarts, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. Mary Kessey, Mrs. S. C. Wright, Mrs. Anna Knox, Mrs. J. J. Neet, Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Mrs. C. P. Poole, Mrs. A. J. Morgan, Mrs. John Henderer, Mrs. Lawrence May, Mrs. Clarence Chase, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Miss Edna Swarts and Mrs. William Wright.

JESS SMITSON WILL BE RECORDER TEMPORARILY

Jess Smitson, chief of the fire department, will conduct the office of city recorder in the place of I. M. Peterson during the latter's absence on a trip to the east, it was announced this week by Mayor G. G. Bushman. The city council has not taken official action on the matter, but it is understood that the arrangement was left to the mayor.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson will go to Portland on June 13, return here June 15 and leave for the east by train on June 16. They plan to be gone a month, visiting in Tennessee, South Carolina, Washington D. C., and other places.

TWO AUTOS COLLIDE ON JASPER ROAD; NONE HURT

Occupants of two automobiles narrowly escaped injury Sunday afternoon when machines driven by A. R. Ruthven and W. K. Barnell collided on the Jasper road near here.

The Ruthven car was coming toward Springfield and the Barnell car was going in the opposite direction. The former machine was turned over with the wheels in the air. The three occupants were not injured although they were badly shaken up.

Damage to Mr. Barnell's car was extensive. The front and rear wheels were broken, the radiator and hood demolished and the body twisted badly.

No blame has been placed for the accident.

GRIL SCOUTS WILL GET BADGES AT HONOR COURT

Several Springfield Girl Scouts will receive advancement in rank, and merit badges at the court of honor to be held in Eugene on June 12, it was announced today by Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, commissioner for Springfield. Just how many girls will go before the court will be determined by the number of tests passed before the session takes place.

Ten girls of the troop under the leadership of Miss Maurine Lombard and Mrs. Nora Hiltbrand camped at Hendricks bridge over Friday night and would have spent the entire weekend there had it not been for the rain on Saturday.

Marriage Licenses Issued

During the last week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following: Fritz Bohme and Cecelia Maggs, both of Eugene; Ted Brown and Beulah Yerian, both of Ashland; James Keenan, Seattle, and Irene Stout, Enumclaw; Charles Bowers and Hazel Yenne, both of Eugene; Urban Toney and Pauline Napper, both of Elmira; Chester Olson and Eula Richmond, both of Eugene; Harold Jensen and Leone Briggs, both of Eugene; Jesse Baker, Eugene, and Frances E. Moss, Creswell; and Ernest Steuer and Adda Hart, both of Eugene.

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MISS HANNAH SHIDLER VICTIM OF MENINGITIS

Miss Hannah Shidler, graduate of Springfield high school in 1927, died in Chicago last Friday following an attack of spinal meningitis.

Miss Shidler formerly lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Shidler in Springfield. She was graduated from the local high school with honors last year. Her parents now live near Marcola.

Her father was enroute to Chicago when news of her death reached here. Besides her father and mother she leaves two brothers, Don and Earl, both of Chicago and a small sister who lives at home.

The funeral will be held in Chicago, with interment there also, the parents stated.

PROHIBITION PICTURE WILL BE SHOWN HERE

The prohibition picture, "Let Us Forget" will be shown in the Methodist church of Springfield on Sunday evening, June 10th at 8:00 P. M. This picture is being shown to large audiences in all parts of the nation. It is said to be a true story of the effects of the liquor traffic upon two families living in the middle west.

In connection with the showing of the film an address will be delivered by a representative of the league.

There is no admission. It is requested that children under sixteen years of age be accompanied by and sit with parents or other adults.

At 11:00 A. M. an interesting prohibition address will be delivered in the Christian church here.

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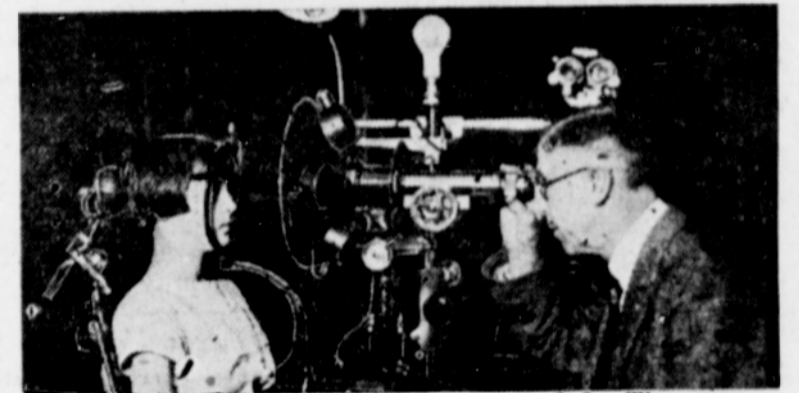
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