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PROTECT SOCIETY FIRST

This newspaper is inclined more and more to the conclusion that the true way to reform criminals is by early preventive steps that will keep them from ever entering criminal paths. It is possible to make out a very good case in behalf of this theory.

If that theory is correct, prisons should be considered not as reformatories but as places where men are confined for the protection of society. In other words, when men are found to be degenerate or criminally minded they should be isolated. Where first offenders are involved in offenses of lesser magnitude it may be wise to use the parole at times and thus give the accused a chance to redeem himself. But when a man shows the characteristics of a chronic criminal it is usually a waste of time to coddle him. Furthermore it endangers society.

Society is entitled to protection against criminals just as it is entitled to safeguards against leprosy and other diseases. The man Beauchamp, who was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment from Portland a few days ago, is an example. He is evidently so lacking in decency that he is dangerous to be at large. He might well be confined for life. He should not be abused while in prison and should be allowed to live under humane conditions. But such a man should be confined. He is a moral leper.

The theory that law enforcement should have as its first aim the reform of the criminal is a mistake. It is usually too late for reformation. The first aim of law enforcement should be the protection of law-abiding people. We make a blunder in dealing too gingerly with habitual criminals. We make the path of crime seem bordered with the flowers of sympathy and men follow it who would not do so if they knew that at the end of the road they would find the gallows or penitentiary bars that would hold them.

It is safe to say that the men who shot Sheriff Dunlap at Albany were not committing their first offense. They were armed and evidently prepared to murder if they thought the step necessary in their business. Because those men were at large a brave sheriff is dead. He is the victim of a policy that breeds lawlessness.

There would be less crime and fewer criminals if we would act vigorously and thoroughly on the protective principle and drop the reformatory idea that has been found to be almost worthless.

The young twig can be bent; the grown tree must be itself.—East Oregonian.

"MAKE THE FARM ATTRACTIVE"

A correspondent in a Washington country weekly newspaper criticizes wheat growers of the community because they fail to "make the farm home attractive" and consequently lose their children to the city.

Such bosh! These tirades about rural community centers, churches, schools, barn-door moving pictures, and what not. The farm is made attractive not only for children but for adults as the farm prospers. No farm will carry much appeal for anyone, no matter what age, so long as wheat which costs \$1.25 or more a bushel to produce sells for 90 cents.

Ten-dollar-a-day wages in the city will continue to draw from the farm so long as the farm continues to draw from the farmer instead of reimbursing him for his investment and his labor. Moving pictures and community centers are fine; they'll come with farm prosperity, not before.

Newspaper letter writers can better discuss the real trouble, the agricultural economic situation, and advocate co-operation or what else they can find to improve conditions, than to censure the farmer who has more burdens now than he can carry.—The Producer.

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Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m.
We are endeavoring to make our services during the summer most helpful and uplifting. When people work the hardest, it is then they need most what a real church should give.

Next Sunday Velma Case will sing a solo at the morning service you cannot afford to miss it.

The young people will have charge of the service at Morgan next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. They will also sing a special selection at the Sunday evening service.

Everyone is invited to our prayer meetings on Thursday evenings at 7:45.

Our men and young men of the church and congregation are planning a "weinie" roast and ball game this Friday evening. It will be a real get-together time. Ask the men's class about it.

FALSE IMPRESSION CORRECTED

Mr. S. P. Wilson, former owner of the Ellis Minor ranch below Ione, takes exception to a statement recently made in this paper in a mention of Mr. Minor's ranch. The statement was to the effect that when Mr. Minor bought the place three years ago "it was not making taxes and interest." A remark made by Mrs. Minor during the writer's visit there was to the effect that the first year they had the place, because of a light crop and a low price for hay, they were hardly able to pay interest and taxes, which was no doubt true of most of the farmers and stockmen in this and adjoining counties that year. The statement as printed was unfortunate because unintentionally misleading. Everybody who knows Mr. Wilson knows that he was one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in the county and that his taxes were always paid on time.

HORSE PASTURE

I have good pasture for about 15 head of horses at miles east of Heppner on Whiststone ranch. Good grass and water.—G. H. Bryant, Box 57, Heppner, Ore. 5-6p

DECORATION DAY SERVICE TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Appropriate services have been arranged for tomorrow, Decoration Day, in memory of the nation's dead which will participate in by the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps and local fraternal orders.

Citizens will gather at the fair pavilion at 10 A. M., when the following program will be given:

Prayer.
Song—Velma Case.
Duet—Mesdames W. E. Moore and Roy Missildine.

Address—S. E. Notson.
Song—Dorothy Hill.
At the cemetery the W. R. C. will conduct the services at the soldiers' memorial.

Places of business will be closed during the services.

OREGON CO-OPERATIVE HAY GROWERS HOLD MEETING

The annual meeting of the Oregon Co-operative Hay Growers was held in Hermiston Monday, May 21.

A general report on the work of the year showed that the association had received an average of nearly \$15.00 per ton f. o. b. cars for No. 1 hay, which was approximately \$2.50 above the average received for the same grade of hay from Yakima valley, which has more favorable freight rates.

It was considered by the members present that the association this year had made a very favorable showing and it was generally expressed that with more tonnage better prices at less operating cost could easily be secured.

In consideration of the report that Yakima County Farm Bureau had passed resolutions calling a meeting of northwest hay growers to consider the possibility of organizing a larger association, it was voted that the Oregon association send a delegation of at least five members to attend this conference. It was generally expressed that there was vital need of such a larger organization.

Under the head of election only one new director was elected, F. A. Baker of Stanfield being unable to serve because of other pressing business, and H. B. Rees taking his place. The directors for the ensuing year are: F. L. Jewett, Leo Savoy, Hawley J. Bean, A. W. Cobb, J. A. Scott, J. A. Foss, H. B. Rees, Geo. W. Biddow.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was given the officers and directors for their management of affairs during the past year.

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BOARDMAN

Boardman, Ore., May 28.—Mrs. Charles McDaniels and Zoe Hadley returned on Saturday from Hardman where they have been visiting the past week. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Bleakman and daughters, Beth and Alice, who will visit a few days with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Herelm moved back into their town residence after living on the east end project for the past two years.

C. G. Blayden returned the first of the week from North Bend where he was a delegate to the Grand Encampment of I. O. O. F. On his return trip Mr. Blayden visited a few days with the C. C. Paine family at Clatskanie.

Mrs. Eugene Cummins left on Saturday for a visit with relative at Oregon City.

The P. T. A. association met Friday afternoon. Officers elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Ballenger; vice president, Mrs. Rands; secretary, Mrs. Gibbons; treasurer, Mrs. Cramer.

Superintendent and Mrs. Mulkey, Mrs. Frank Cramer, Mrs. Gladys

Removed

The Elkhorn Restaurant

has moved into new quarters in the I. O. O. F. Building on Main Street and is now open for business

GOOD FOOD AND SERVICE AT REASONABLE PRICES

EDWARD CHINN, Proprietor

Gibbons and Norma drove to Heppner Thursday on a pleasure and business trip.

Henry Klages and son, Fred, made a business trip to Hood River last week.

Mrs. Henry Klages and children and Misses Wilma Gilbreth and Frances Blayden left Saturday morning for Hood River where they have employment in the berry fields.

Mrs. Clay Warren and children left Thursday evening for a visit with relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Dingman returned Friday from Portland where she has been visiting with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Portland visited a few days last week at the Ralph Davis home.

Returns from the recent state examinations show that all applicants from the Boardman school were suc-

cessful. Following is class roll of the eighth grade which consisted of 12 members: Louis Klages, Erma Brayles, Nellie Messenger, Marie Messenger, Katherine Berger, Genevieve Gorger, Deibert Johnson, Arthur Chaffee, Alex Ayers, Arthur Bailey, Hector Wicklander and Norman Reinfleisch.

Mrs. Tate and babies left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Condon.

Mrs. Nels Christianson was a Hermiston visitor on Friday.

The fifth nutrition meeting was held on Saturday, May 19, and was attended by a good crowd. Because of summer work making it impossible for so many to attend, the sixth and last meeting will not be held until early fall.

Miss Myrtle McNeil of Portland visited last week at the Nick Falor home.

Economy the Spirit of the Times

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