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PRISON MADE HIM CRIMINAL

Students of Penology World Over Are Aroused by Convict Pointing Out Where He First Learned a Way of Vice.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A letter written recently by an inmate (No. 29,390) of the Auburn state prison has probably aroused students of penology in this city and state as nothing else has done in many months.

"In 1900 I was sent to the Catholic reformatory for insanity. When there one month my father died. I begged to see him before he was buried. I was refused. Others there, who had had a like misfortune, were granted this request. But they had friends who paid transportation and board of a custodian. When there three months I had thrown me a postal card, signed by my sister and bearing the message 'Mama is dead and we are all alone.' I crept from the lowest to the highest authority, beseeching them to allow me to see my dead mother's face. Again I was refused. I tried to escape, failed and was beaten unmercifully.

"Do you wonder that my soul was filled with hatred of the law that seemed to be hopeless senseless to hover over me as an enemy, crushing me? I yearned for friendly advice. I was plucked from my father; from the best little mother that God ever breathed life into, and have never seen, or ever shall see their faces again. In all the guilty train of vice is there any crime short of the most flagrant felony, that merits such retribution?"

"At this institution I formed the acquaintance of two other young boys. After 19 months we were all liberated. I was friendless, homeless, penniless. We banded together in New York city, carrying on a half-starved, unlawful existence, and then—the inevitable. We were arrested and sent to Elmira reformatory, that criminal incubator that has done more to fill the state prisons than all other, or at least, any other means I know. Actually hundreds of those I knew there during my stay of one year have passed before me here in Auburn prison during the four years I have been here.

"The four years I have spent here have been a hell, rather than a reformatory. They have tried me to earn an honest living. They have shown me the utter futility of a criminal life. My one ambition is to go out into the world and make good. I am still young (29) and may retrieve that which I have lost. I am sending a petition to the governor asking him for executive clemency. Will you write to him in my behalf? Stretch out a hand of good will to one who is absolutely sincere in his desire to live decently and honestly."

MONEY COMMISSION TO MAKE FINAL REPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—In the senate today Cummins (Rep. Iowa), introduced a bill requiring that the monetary commission, which was fathered by former Senator Aldrich, submit its final report on or before December 4, next.

LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE.

THERE are none so blind as those who will not see—none so stupid as those who will not learn.

If anyone suffers a loss of crop by frost in the Rogue river valley this year, he will only have himself to blame. He deserves no sympathy. For three years this paper has harped upon the necessity of preparing for orchard heating as insurance against frost damage. For three years Prof. O'Gara has preached upon this subject. For the same length of time, vivid object lessons have been presented orchardists—and yet many orchardists do not yet seem to realize the necessity for action. Many years there will be no danger—other years there will be.

The night of April 13, 1910, just a year ago, a crop, estimated at fifty carloads of fancy pears, worth at least \$50,000, in one of the celebrated orchards was lost by frost. The crop in the orchard adjoining was saved by orchard heating. This ought to have been object lesson enough for all.

Three years ago only a few orchards resorted to heating, and many groves lost their fruit. Two years ago, saw a larger number heating. A year ago nearly all the large commercial orchards resorted to sensible frost protection. This year, every large orchard and many of the smaller ones have kept their fires going.

There is no teacher like experience. Those fruitgrowers who refused to profit by the experience of others, may have a chance to profit by their own now. Next year every one will prepare to fight frost.

A MATTER OF REGRET.

THE resignation of Chas. S. Malboeuf as secretary of the Medford Commercial club is a matter of regret. His departure will be a loss to the community.

Mr. Malboeuf possessed a rare combination of qualities that made him most valuable as manager of publicity methods. With executive and organizing ability, were combined a thorough knowledge of the country and its resources, a firm belief in its future, and the advertising resourcefulness of the successful press agent.

Mr. Malboeuf has given the club a good business administration and launched an effective campaign of publicity advertising along new lines, and it is a matter of regret that he cannot remain to carry out projected plans. His place will be hard to fill.

AUTO BUS NEEDED.

MEDFORD has no street cars as yet, though if the city maintains its present ratio of growth it will only be a short time before there will be a trolley line here.

In the meantime, lack of transportation causes a great inconvenience. Everyone cannot afford an automobile, or a buggy and most must walk. This opens a field for some enterprising person to establish a bus line, or an auto bus, making regular trips throughout the city at regular intervals. It would be well patronized and prove a great convenience.

An auto bus could cover the paved area of the city with half-hour trips to and from various outskirts and do a profitable business. A short trial would tell the story.

Here is an opportunity for some enterprising man.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT NEEDED SAYS SCHOLAR

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 14.—"Jefferson, if alive today, would insist upon a strong, active central government for the protection of the rights of the public against consolidated capital."

Expressing thus his conviction that times have changed since Jefferson enunciated the doctrine of "states rights," President Schurman of Cornell university, speaking at the Founders' day exercises of the University of Virginia here today, went on record as an advocate of a policy of governmental centralization. He said: "The framers of the Constitution meant to organize a government of the masses by the masses. That is why exclusive privileges were conferred upon the president and the senate. Since that day the people have made the electoral college a mere rubber stamp and are gradually controlling the federal government.

"I see no immediate prospect of a return to a simple and economical administration of the government while a revision of the tariff may leave us with a diminished income to meet increasing expenditures. On the ground of financial necessity an income tax soon may become a part of our fiscal system."

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Real Estate Transfers. Dewitt Goodenough to Elk Lumber company, \$9 acres in Sec 10, Twp 32, Range 1 east, \$10. Clarence E. Denning to Julia T. Hum, land in section 25, township 35, range 2 west, 700. T. W. Osgood et al. to G. B. Hayward et al., release of mortgage.

HILLMAN SUCCEEDS IN RAISING CASH BAIL

SEATTLE, Wash., April 14.—C. D. Hillman, convicted real estate man, has succeeded in raising the last of the \$215,000 cash bail required on his appeal on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. But he is still in jail.

Before his trial Hillman was summoned into United States District Attorney Donworthy's court and placed on trial for tampering with the jury and convicted. Sentence of 20 days was passed on him after he had been tried and convicted on the principal charge. Hillman has served ten days of this last sentence and will stick out the remainder, it is announced, while planning his main fight before the court of appeals.

The \$215,000 bail was put up by Hillman's brother, E. S. Gill, a Tacoma real estate man, and three surety companies.

- 29, range 1 east 1. Abel D. Holman to city of Ashland, property in Ashland 1. W. W. Newton to city of Ashland, land in D. L. C. 40, township 39, range 1 east 1. G. F. Billings to city of Ashland, property in Ashland 1. Edwin P. Hughes to George Taverner, property in Ashland 10. Eliza J. Lewis to G. Henry Schutte, property in block 46, Medford 10. J. A. Perry to John J. Wilkinson, property in Barr's addition to Medford 10. John B. Maxedon to Pells Bernardino, property in Mountain avenue, Ashland 1. W. T. Smith to Melissa A. Scott, land in section 11, township 39, range 1 east 10. Lucinda Slover to Maggie Cartwright, property in Medford 1. P. H. Robinson to E. C. Welch, mining property in Poots Creek mining district 1. Eleanor Maule to Harry H. Tuttle, property in Barr's addition to Medford 1500. John Whynot to W. S. Roams, land in section 1, township 32, range 2 east 10. Claude S. Fendall to A. E. Worthland, lot 15, H. B. Carter addition to Ashland 10. Martha Hoeler to Earl R. Hoeler, property in Ashland 10. George N. Anderson to E. K. Anderson, 160 acres in township 39, range 1 west 10. L. E. Stennott to Robert Casey, property in Highland Park tract 10. R. H. Toft to W. C. Earhart et al., property in Imperial addition to Medford 10. Wilhelmina Winkel to William M. Calkin, land in township 27, range 1 west 500. N. L. Narrogan to Lyman O. Ostrom, land in township 35, range 1 west 17000. Emma E. Thornton to George Irwin, lot 1, block 10, Ashland 10.

JOHNSON SAYS STATE IS ROBBED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 14.—Governor Johnson today issued a statement concerning the investigation by the state railroad commission of the rates charged throughout the state by the Wells Fargo Express company.

"The information that has been furnished to us regarding Wells Fargo and company's rates shows charges within the state of California to be much higher than almost any other place in the United States. The most significant thing in the comparison of rates is the comparison of packages weighing six pounds or less between San Francisco and Los Angeles and between New York and San Francisco. Here is the table of charges:

Table with 6 columns: Weight (1-lb, 2-lb, 3-lb, 4-lb, 5-lb, 6-lb) and 2 rows: New York to San Francisco, San Francisco to Los Angeles.

NOTHING CAN STOP IT

A city can be built on a hill, but it is a great task to build it. You can build a home on a rock pile or on "hard pan," provided you spend enough labor and money. To begin with, it is a matter of some consequence to buy and haul soil for a lawn and garden.

And come to think of it seriously, why should a person incur the trouble and expense of converting a grasshopper district into a dwelling place, when good land in desirable localities can be had much cheaper?

You cannot gather figs from thistles, neither can a large crop of hair be clipped from a toad. It would require considerable advertising to make Bear creek water equal in quality to that of Bull Run. If through official favoritism all the city improvements were given to the "bad lands" they would not be converted into an Eden. The serpent would probably be there, but the tree of life, never.

The old woman with a broom tried to sweep back the tides of the sea, just as official poliwiggs tried to block the progress of Riverside Sub-division. The tides still flow and this beautiful addition continues to improve. Observe the number of lots sold and the improvements under way. It couldn't be otherwise. The lots are all good land; they are beautifully situated, commanding a fine view of the valley and mountains. Nature has supplied shade trees and the best of drainage; no mud to contend with even in the wettest seasons.

Situated on North Riverside Avenue, the only street running through the city from north to south, the interurban car line is sure to run through this addition. It is only a fifteen-minute walk from the postoffice and close to the North school; water and sewer are now in, and city officials declare Riverside will be paved this summer without fail. But whether paved or not, the property is just as desirable, for it costs less money. And that alone makes this opportunity shine. These lots are cheap. The owner does not want all the money nor all the land there is. He is willing for you to have some of both. Just to be convinced call and price them. A group of these lots, for the next two weeks, will be sold on small monthly payments.

See W. E. PHIPPS, the Owner.

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