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ORTIE M'MANIGAL TO GET LIBERTY

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1.—His service to the state ended, Ortie McManigal, confessed dynamiter, probably will be released from the county jail here within a week. He expects to be freed when the federal court of appeals at Chicago passes upon the appeals taken by thirty-nine union labor men convicted at Indianapolis of illegally transporting dynamite, and against whom McManigal was held to testify.

This action was foreseen by Malcolm McLaren, chief detective for the district attorney's office, who, as a private detective, arrested McManigal. McManigal is held under a formal charge of dynamiting the Llewellyn iron works here.

CRATER LAKE PANORAMA ISSUED AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A striking panoramic view, in six colors, of Crater Lake National park is the latest of the national park publications issued under the direction of Secretary Lane of the interior department. This view shows the park as it would appear to an observer flying over it, the ridges, peaks, and valleys being shaded and colored in order to show the relief. This panorama, which may be purchased for 25 cents for the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C., measures 16 1/2 x 18 inches, and has a horizontal scale of one mile to the inch.

HUERTA FOES OWE THEIR LIVES TO MRS. LIND'S WIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The steamer that arrived last night from Vera Cruz with Mrs. John Lind, wife of President Wilson's personal envoy brought also two Mexican legislators who owe their liberty, if not their lives to her quick wit and generosity.

To save the two Mexicans from arrest at Vera Cruz Mrs. Lind hid them in her state room and sat up all night on deck until the boat left port and Huerta's officers had gone ashore.

A week ago a cable brought word that the Ward liner Morro Castle had been detained at Vera Cruz while Huerta's agents searched for eight rebellious Vera Cruz state legislators.

Until the Morro Castle arrived here tonight only those aboard knew that two escaped arrest. These are Adolfo Dominguez and Miguel Cordova and they say they will remain here until Mexico becomes a safer home for Huerta's opponents.

Mrs. Lind said the special envoy expected to come home after the Mexican election, but now she did not know when he would come.

MOTHER WHO HELPED LOVER KILL MATE FOUND GUILTY

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 1.—Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, of Bristol, mother of three little children was found guilty of murder in the first degree, for her part in killing her husband, William, last June. No woman has been hanged in this state since 1786. Evidence in the trial showed that Mrs. Wakefield and her paramour James Plew, conspired to get rid of Wakefield. While Mrs. Wakefield took the children for a walk, Plew partly drugged her husband, took him for a walk and shot him, driving a knife into his body and placing a rope around his neck to give a suicide appearance. An investigation resulted in the couple's arrest and both confessed.

COUNTY ATTORNEY BILL

THE only reason given for invoking the referendum upon the county attorney's bill by those who filed it is that the governor will have the appointment of the extra attorneys to serve until the general election—which is no argument at all. It is another abuse of the referendum to gratify spite.

The county attorney's bill provides a prosecuting attorney for each county, instead of each judicial district, as at present. It is therefore a home rule measure and designed to bring about better law enforcement.

The measure primarily benefits remote and isolated counties, which are now tied on to some more populous county to form a judicial district, and which receive little attention on account of inaccessibility. In other cases, the county attorney would supplant the deputy now employed.

Southern Oregon will be much benefited by the county attorney bill. The first judicial district is composed of Jackson and Josephine counties. A deputy is maintained in Josephine county, as it is impossible for one prosecutor to cover the district. The second judicial district is composed of Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties—an enormous area. No one prosecutor can cover this territory as it should be—nor can he with the assistance of several deputies. Counties like Curry suffer severely in consequence—isolated and difficult of access, with the prosecutor from forty-eight hours to a week away, according to the weather.

It is impossible for any other than a local attorney to acquire the intimate knowledge of the crime and the criminal necessary to successful prosecution. The county attorney bill is therefore a measure for the better enforcement of law and should therefore be sustained.

Vote yes on county attorney act—306 X Yes.

MEDFORD'S OPPORTUNITY

IT is to be hoped that a large Medford delegation will attend the meeting of the Southern Oregon Development league at Grants Pass, November 6.

Extensive preparations have been made to entertain Jackson county visitors and the community of interest which should unite all southern Oregon demands hearty co-operation upon the part of Medford.

Rivalry between the cities is a thing of the past—outgrown with the village era. The hammer should be forever laid away and all communities work together for the common good. Every community presents attractions of its own and they are not enhanced by depreciating those of neighboring localities. A gain for one is a gain for all.

With some justice, Grants Pass claims that Medford has withheld co-operation in the past, while Grants Pass has striven, by sending large delegations, to show its friendliness and willingness in co-operative efforts.

Let Medford show Grants Pass a touch of the Medford spirit by sending a trainload of boosters to view the progress of her sister city. Where Ashland sends a car full, let Medford send a trainload.

The opportunity is at hand. Let everyone take advantage of it and show that Medford does not do things by halves.

Kelly on Sterilization

I have been requested to give my views on the so-called sterilization law (house bill 116) passed by the last legislature and which is to be submitted to the people upon referendum at the November 4 election.

While I am in favor of sterilization in certain cases and under proper restrictions, I am opposed to the law in its present form, because the rights of the unfortunates at whom the law is aimed are not properly safeguarded. Under this act, any insane or criminal person may be subjected to "any surgical operation" the board of health may in its discretion direct, and the dietum of the board put into execution without any notice to such person, his parent, guardian or relative.

The act provides for an appeal without giving any time therefor, and in the case of insane or other persons under disability, provides that the guardian or parent of such person may appeal, but as before stated, does not require a notice of the judgment of the board to be served upon such guardian or parent.

The law does not require that the findings of the board shall either be directed by alienists or criminologists and I do not believe that the power to mutilate the bodies of the unfortunate insane, without a substantial right of appeal, should be delegated to a few men for purely experimental and educational purposes.

Certain high-brow eugenicists and criminologists have started out to regenerate the human race with the surgeon's knife and a breeder's pedigree, much in the manner of a racing stud or a Percheron horse farm. The idea being to breed two distinct classes, first, the superman, high-brow, or buggy horse; second, the laboring class, or draft animal.

Much has been written about the Juke family and its criminal progeny, much of which has been grossly exaggerated. The heredity of the Juke family created an environment that was highly conducive to pauperism, drunkenness and crime. An investigation in France into the family histories of all the inmates of prisons tried in the courts of France in ten years showed that the number of prisoners having progenitors that had been convicted of crime varied in different prisons from

twelve to nineteen to the thousand. This would be very little over the number of convicted persons to the thousand in the normal population in some of the American states.

Heredity tends to create its own environment.

If the eugenist faddists would devote a little time to creating a better environment for the children of the poor the recruits to crime, pauperism and drunkenness would be greatly diminished. There are thousands of children in Oregon that are suffering from physical defects of the throat and nose and of the genitive organs that tends to tuberculosis, masturbation and degeneracy. Why not employ the surgeon's knife and eurette in removing these physical and mental handicaps. A rigid physical examination of all children of school age once a year by qualified surgeons and the removal of these great physical defects that so retard mental development and tends to shatter the nerves of children will more effectually check the swelling ranks of delinquency than any theory of sterilization yet evolved.

FAST GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN SMASHES FREIGHT

WHITE FISH, Mont., Nov. 1.—A head-on collision Friday between a Great Northern train No. 4 eastbound and a work train half way between Stonehill and Rondo resulted in the death of Fireman Guy Carr and the possible fatal injury of Engineer Warren Jones of the passenger train. Engineer Sullivan and Fireman Mize of the work train were also injured. One passenger, two mail clerks, two waiters, one cook and one dining car conductor were brought here tonight suffering from minor injuries.

The passenger engine went into the Kootenai river. The baggage and mail cars went into the ditch, but the other coaches remained on the track.

John A. Perl Undertaker, Lady Assistant, 25 S. BARTLETT, Phone M. 47 and 47-J-2, Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

Do Our Soils Need Lime?

During the past summer this experiment station received a number of inquiries in regard to the value of lime on our southern Oregon soils. Recently the writer found a number of growers in this county and in Josephine county applying lime to their soils. Some of them were using it as a remedy for sour sap in fruit trees, while others were using it on their alfalfa fields.

Applications of lime are of value in correcting acidity or sourness in soils, in supplying calcium to soils deficient in this element, in converting in soluble forms of potash into soluble forms, and in making compact soils more friable.

I wish to state that I have made a large number of soil examinations in all sections of the Rogue river valley, and have tested them for acidity or sourness, and for their lime content. In all of this work I have never found a single case of sour soil. In most cases there was found an abundance of lime, and in a few cases actually an excess of lime.

During the past two seasons we have conducted field experiments on a number of farms of the valley, both on alfalfa and fruit trees, and have never obtained any beneficial results from the use of lime.

The chemist at the state experiment station at Corvallis, Oregon, has made a large number of soil analyses of soils collected from various parts of this valley, and in every in-

stance he has found an ample supply of lime for the needs of our cultivated plants.

It is also well known that there are enormous deposits of lime in the hills and mountains surrounding the valley. The rich deposits near Gold Hill and in Josephine county have already become famous. In many of the deep cuts along the roads and railroads can be seen white streaks or layers of limestone which are rich in lime.

It should be emphatically stated that there is no connection between sour sap in fruit trees and a sour soil. The writer has found bad cases of sour sap in fruit trees where there was an abundance of lime in the soil. Hence applications of lime around fruit trees affected with sour sap will be of no value whatever in correcting this trouble.

Heavy applications of lime might be of some value on the very heavy, sticky soils in helping to make them mellow or friable. It is very probable however that the same amount of money expended in hauling stable manure on to this type of soil will serve this purpose better.

As a result of the soil examinations made, and the experiments conducted up to the present time, we cannot recommend the use of lime on our soils in this valley.

F. C. REIMER, Southern Oregon Experiment Station, Talent, Oregon.

The Ripening of Fruits

The ripening of fruits plays so important a part in their availability and in some of the problems of transportation that authentic information on this subject is much to be desired. Some fruits, like the apple, may be allowed to ripen almost fully on the tree and may be kept in the ripened condition for relatively long periods if proper attention is paid to their manipulation and storage. Other fruits, like the berries, cannot be kept in the ripe condition very long before deterioration and decay set in. In still other cases, as with the banana, the fruit may be picked and transported advantageously before the final ripening has begun; and this process can then be controlled in the market and home as the conditions demand.

The physical changes, like the variation in color of ripening fruits, are familiar, since they are evident to the senses; but these alterations are merely indicative of changes in the conversion of soluble caneing under the conditions which determine ripening. Heat, moisture, air and light may all participate in determining the characteristic changes that ensue. Laboratory investigations in recent years have given

clearer indications of what takes place. Among the changes are the transformation of starch into sugar, the conversion of soluble tannin compounds with their astringent properties into insoluble forms, the actual lessening of the quantity of acid, or the masking of the acid flavor by the accumulation of sugar, the softening of woody tissues and the increase and storage of water in the form of juice.

With the growing knowledge of what the ripening of fruits really involves, says the Journal of the American Medical association, we are certain to acquire better ideas of what a properly ripened product should really be. The fact that un-ripened (winter) apples are unfit for consumption in the early fall, because instead of sugar they contain a large amount of raw starch which will disappear with the "mellowing" process, will be understood in a more intelligent way than has usually been the case. Furthermore, the facilitation or other regulation of the natural processes of ripening by artificial means will make it possible to dispel the limitations hitherto placed by seasons or distance. The beginnings are already apparent in the practices of modern commerce.

Selection of Seed Potatoes

The present prices of potatoes indicate that seed potatoes will bring good prices before planting time next spring. The high price will form an inducement for growers and dealers in seed potatoes to be slack in their grading and selection of stock. This work is not carried on with any particular care like the selection of seed for many other crops and usually the only selection that is made is to select good fields and when the crop is dug the potatoes too small to be of marketable value for domestic use as well as the largest and most irregular in form are thrown out and all the remainder used. In this manner practically the entire crop is used for seed and the selection of seed is a process eliminating the worst instead of a selection of the best.

Seed potatoes should be selected in the fall when the crop is being dug. If the crop is dug by hand the best hills should be selected as they are reached in the regular progress of the work. If the crop is dug by machines the best method is to select and dig by hand enough of the best hills to plant a breeding or seed supply patch each year. Enough hills should be selected by this process to permit of rejecting about half and leaving sufficient for the supply. If potatoes are grown as a regular crop each year the hills selection will be the best to follow.

The best hills are those that produce the largest yield of the best potatoes on a given area with a cer-

tain number of plants in each hill. Such hills are quite uniformly indicated by the largest and best developed plants. Sometimes the largest plants are very late and do not have time to mature and the result is a large number of small or medium sized immature tubers. Maturity of plant is as important as size; neither of which can be used independent of the other as a basis of seed selection. The largest yield should be by weight, but this character must be measured jointly with the term "best potatoes." The best potatoes are those that are of good uniform size, shape and color and urens. The most desirable hill produce to the variety in all these features a large yield of medium to large tubers of good shape and color.

The best hills often have one or two potatoes that are too small for commercial use. If these are as large as one and three-quarters inches in diameter they make good seed if planted without being cut. The gathering and planting of the small potatoes cannot be advocated generally because of the large amount of immature and poor material that would be used.

The seed potatoes should be placed in good storage, safe from frost, as soon as dug, and kept there until planting time in the spring. The poor stand of potatoes may often be traced to poor storage of seed.

O. M. MORRIS, Head of horticultural department, State college of Washington.

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