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Railroads are still being constructed in this state by waving arms instead of picks.

He gave his lecture, the title, "Poetry and Sorrow." (Salem Capital Journal.) Hitting the nail square on the cranium.

Speaking of the firing of Tom Wood, a special federal agent who participated a few years back in the routing out of organized devilment in Oregon, the Eugene Guard, first setting forth that Thomas received "a scurvy conge," whatever that is, impertinently suggests:

Would it not be worthwhile for some Portland newspaper to look into the underlying causes and publish them? The high faith of the esteemed Guard is noble, even if its query will receive also "a scurvy conge." No Portland paper would mention, except in eulogizing terms, the valor and "honor" garnered "serving causes." And, of course, Mr. Wood's choice of "going" to Phoenix, Ariz., or send in your resignation at once, in no wise has anything to do with votes being delivered like sheep to a renascence candidate next spring.

TOO BAD! (Fergus Falls (Minn.) Journal) Mrs. J. C. Fisher had the misfortune to fall down the cellar Thursday morning, badly hurting her back and otherwise.

Romances are starting to head. Some will be "quiet weddings" and some will be "autumnal nuptials."

At the speed contests Sunday an effort will be made to equal the time set by a young lady who will enter the U. of O. this fall, going after a head of lettuce.

It is nearly a week since an irate farmer shot a sheik for a watermelon.

A HUMDINGER FOR YOU (Baker (Ore.) Democrat) Mr. Davis is the bass drum manipulator of the Baker concert band, is a singer of wide range and a character actor hard to beat. He never has a day's illness and is always head erect and tall over the dashboard.

It is so hot, these August days. The leaves are crimped, and curly. Reminding you, my friend, to do your Christmas shopping early. (Kansas City Times.)

The robbery of the air mail at Ft. Linn Saturday evening was an imperfect crime, and the weak-minded perpetrators are still at large with a handsome sum, the extent of its beauty not being revealed by the government.

While the rest of the world is carefree and going fishing, some unsung and unknown artists and hard-core devil is notching the tails of the Hillcrest orchard mules for the county fair.

From the nature of new autos in the medical profession, there will be a lot of infected tonsils next winter.

A boy was seen riding a wheel down the Main Stem yes, when traffic was light.

Miss Barbara Franklin, of the youngest set, who was under the weather from the debut of two teeth, indulged in an argument with her Pa on the 12th inst. The charming lass won the argument without resorting to Governor Pierce tactics.

When grandma was a dainty lass, Oh, years and years ago, Her dresses came up high above, And dragged the ground below. Her waist was small—she made it so By lacing till it hurt— Her hips—but then you couldn't tell So ample was her skirt.

Refrain: Yes, girls, when grandma had her day, Were modest as could be, And wore their clothes to hide from view.

What now we freely see, And yet—well we have often heard That hoop-skirts had a way Of baring up when lasses sat To make 'em glad display! (Baltimore Sun.)

THE TRAGEDY AT SALEM.

OREGON JONES is dead. Two prison guards are dead, and a third is severely wounded. Three convicts heavily armed are at large, and before they are killed or captured, more casualties are practically certain.

The situation is a serious one, and justifies an inquiry into the causes to determine whether or not such a tragedy could possibly have been avoided.

At the outset of such an inquiry one significant fact will immediately become apparent. Three of the four convicts involved in the prison break took part in a similar break before—Jones, Kelly and Murray.

That these men were desperate criminals and would attempt escape again, whenever opportunity offered, might have been accepted as certain.

Nevertheless, unless we are mistaken, these three men were granted the same liberties as their fellow convicts and were subjected to no stricter surveillance.

In fact, there is a rule at the penitentiary that when a convict risks his life in an escape, and is returned, he shall not be punished. When a trusty, however, who pledges his sacred word not to escape, breaks his word and is recaptured, he goes to the bull-pen on bread and water and is regarded with suspicion thereafter.

This may be good sportsmanship, but it seems far from good sense. The convict who risks death by a breakout demonstrates he is a man of courage and resourcefulness, and therefore a man to be feared. The trusty who breaks his parole is essentially a sneak and a coward—contemptible and deserving of punishment, but without special privileges not particularly to be feared.

There is reason to believe that had Jones, Murray and Kelly been regarded with suspicion and subjected to stricter regulations than their fellows, this tragedy would never have occurred, for under such conditions their escape to the roof of the prison at dinner call, would scarcely have been achieved without detection.

Of course, desperate men take desperate chances and perhaps nothing but actual confinement would have prevented yesterday's prison break. But in searching for a means of preventing such tragedies in the future, it would certainly do no harm to subject convicts who have broken prison once to regulations based upon the assumption that they are certain, sooner or later, to make the same attempt again.

QUILL POINTS

1890: "Hang the criminal." 1900: "Hang the jury." 1925: "Hang the law!"

It is becoming increasingly difficult for Uncle Sam to forgive his debtors.

Cussing is a silly waste of effort. Note how little effect it has on the weather.

Americanism: Gathering in indignation; adopting a resolution; feeling relieved.

The strangest thing about the Dayton trial was the failure to summon alienists.

Another way to get acquainted with some of our best families is to get sent up for a year.

A resort is a place where liars gather and write back home: "Sleeping under two blankets."

Aliens needn't try to come over here and run this country. Such things are tolerated only in China.

It isn't of record that these youngsters who take up crime to get a thrill ever were consistently spanked.

The animals that carry deadly weapons are the mule and the flask-toter.

These early predictions of a hard winter may be just an effort to increase the price of Florida real estate.

The proportion is growing smaller, anyway. When there were but three men on earth, the second killed the third.

Correct this sentence: "She's beginning to go with the boys," said dad, "but I'm not a bit uneasy."

Correct this sentence: "I made a hole in one last year," said he, "and this is the first time I have mentioned it."

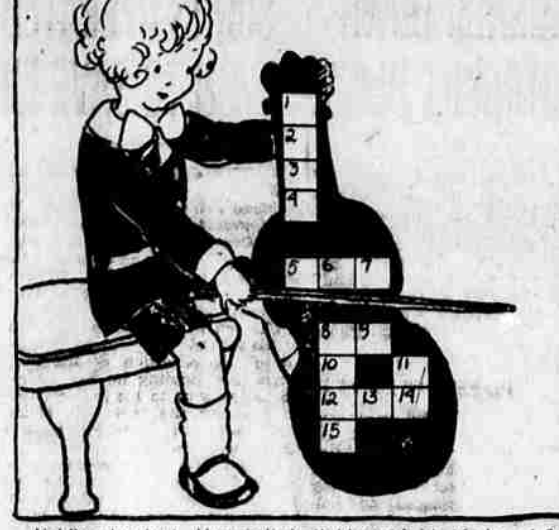


THE KILLERS.

THE SHERIFF said, "It makes me nervous to string up hale and stalwart men, but when they have received this service, they'll never kill a man again. I hear the kindly man declaiming against the rope and gallows tree, it's barbarous, our culture shaming, it makes the law a thug, says he. The kindly man I've oft saluted, and oft endorsed his gentle plan; but when a guy is executed he'll never kill another man. Let murderers be put in prison to linger there while life endures; the kindly man has often risen to argue this and kindred cures. I've pondered o'er the deeps and shallows of all such schemes, and still say I, the man who once swings from the gallows will never kill another guy. I am not cold or callous hearted, but all my sympathies are placed upon the delegate departed, whom killers slaughtered and defaced. I place the victim on a litter, and say aloud to fellowmen, 'The skate who butchered this poor critter should never kill a man again.' Let sentimental folk baragane him, and take sweet posies to his cell, but I would take him out and hang him, and see the job conducted well. If he's turned over to the warden of yonder pen, to serve for life, in seven years he'll draw a pardon, and buy himself a butcher-knife. The killers may again be springing their dastard crimes when once turned free; I think they'd all be better swinging in bunches from my gallows-tree."

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

BOBBY A. MUSICIAN



Fiddle-dee-dee! Here is little Bobby with his big bass 1-2-3-4! He draws his 5-6-7 over the strings and can 8-10-12-15 many a pretty tune for us.

"What 12-13-14 you going to play now?" asks Bobby's 8-9. "Oh 11-14 can play us a jig!" says Bobby's Ma.

Answer To Last Puzzle: 10-16 (Ed), 3-4-6-7-8-9-10-11 (tennisnet), 7-14 (In), 2-4-12 (set), 1-7 (as), 13-14 (on), 6-13 (no), 11-17-26 (ten), 9-15-19 (not), 18-19 (It), 15-16-17 (ode), 1-3 (at).

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Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions addressed Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

Osterism Is Not a Bad Idea.

Officers in the United States army are retired and pensioned when they attain the age of 64 years. In some instances this regulation seems unwise, for it sometimes happens that an officer remains physically and mentally efficient for a few years over that age and in such cases, however exceptional, the working of the regulation means a loss of services worth far more than the mere salary or pension concerned.

A colonel or a general, given sound physical and mental conditions, is worth a full company of lieutenants or captains. If experience is a good teacher, Ah, but when the big chief begins to go sooty, as most of 'em do before they arrive at the age of retirement, the difference between his active salary and the cost of carrying him as a pensioner represents a wise investment.

In like manner, as it seems to me, it would be a wise plan if physicians were automatically retired, with or without a pension, at the age of 60 to 65 years. I have considered this idea for several years, waiting, as it were, to make a tentative test of it in a representative number of cases. I have even hesitated to suggest such an idea lest some idle social reformer seize upon it as the basis for a new law—and goodness knows the medical profession is sufficiently harassed and handicapped by punitive laws and restrictive regulations promulgated by our present bureaucratic government.

Yet the more I see of physicians and specialists and their work the stronger becomes my conviction that it would be distinctly to the advantage of the health of the community at large if some such automatic retirement were applicable to the doctor as well as the soldier.

In the years I have been turning this idea over and trying it out in a tentative way upon practitioners of every degree, I have had several occasions to try on my own inner consciousness how much bias or preconceived fancy there might be back of the notion, and I have found that where I had an array of specialists or plain doctors to choose from, other things being equal, my preference has generally been for the younger medical advisers for my own loved ones. So I have concluded that Osterism is not a bad idea, after all, as reporters' pipe dreams go. No doubt the hard hoeing I encountered as a pitifully young doctor butting my head against the stone walls of custom and tradition on which rested in comfortable security the popularity of many old medical fogies, did prejudice me somewhat from the very beginning.

They caught me young, treated me rough and told me lies about pay day, and I will admit I rankled in my soul and soured my disposition. Nevertheless, that is all past and forgiven now, and I believe I look upon the question through a clear glass. At any rate I know that when my own precious health, or the health of one precious to me is concerned, I want the younger doctor for mine. Some of the older men are fine gentlemen and will come in swell cars and all of that, but it is positively shocking how they seem to degenerate into mere nostrum peddlers or hobby riders and quite lose touch with the true art of medicine. So my formula for getting the best medical or health care is this: Catch your doctor young, treat him honorably and loyally and after a while you will be drawing dividends that the frenzied mob of specialist chasers never know.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Gray Hair Food: Gray hair is caused by lack of pigment in one's system, is it not? Now is there not some food that supplies this lack? Why couldn't one eat a good deal of said food and avoid having gray hair? Please do not ridicule me as this is a serious matter to me, involving the security of a means of livelihood. (Mrs. B. B. S.)

Answer—Hair turned gray or white has lost pigment, and often this is premature, though no specific cause for premature graying of the hair has been determined and no means of restoring the pigment or natural color has been found, notwithstanding numerous fake "restorers." The only remedy is to dye the hair, and that is the sensible course for one whose living hinges on any such fool business notions. One of the most satisfactory and safest methods of dyeing the hair black is by means of henna and indigo; first dye the hair a deep red with a paste made from henna leaves (be aware of fake chemical nostrums purporting to be henna); this requires keeping the henna paste on the hair about an hour. Then rinse away and apply a thin paste made of powdered indigo plant, which should remain on the hair perhaps two hours. Of course no dyeing process can rival nature's original work, but with care and good judgment this, or other methods, should solve your problem. This "formula" will not be repeated, nor will further details be sent to any reader. I merely offer the suggestion by way of positive help and I warn you that while this dyeing process is safe, I cannot assure you that your own skill or judgment will prove satisfactory.

Milk Diet: The writer would like you to advise him, if ethics permits, of sanitariums or health resorts that specialize in giving the milk diet treatments, places other than — institute. (G. L. A.)

Answer—Only shady quack institutions specialize in that respect, just such humbug establishments as the one you name. When milk diet is advisable, any good physician in or outside of any sanitarium employs it. That this remedial agency is seized upon by innumerable mail order, short cut, illegitimate healers does not signify that any special knowledge or skill is required to prescribe it, but only that the dear public still likes to be humbugged.

Don't Know Much: We people in the country towns suffer because we don't know what to do nor what to take. You say consult your family physician. Well, don't you know the average country doctor don't know much? A mother takes her little boy to the family doctor; he tells her he is going to be a very sick boy and take him home and put him to bed. Another doctor tells her she should stomach trouble and dopes him with no results. The third says he has a leaky heart, and at last a druggist told her it was just worms and gave her some worm medicine and pretty soon the boy was around as well as ever. (S. J.)

Answer—Seems as though I have heard that one before.

Poems That Live: Absence: Here, ever since you went abroad, If there be change, no change I see; I only walk our wanted road, The road is only walked by me.

Yes; I forgot; a change there is— Was it that you bade me tell? I catch at times, at times I miss The sight, the tone, I know so well.

Only two months since you stood here? Two shortest months? Then tell me why Voices are harsher than they were, And tears are longer as they dry. —Walter Savage Landor.

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Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across: Word 1. What the mouse ran up in the nursery rhyme, "Hickory, Dickory, Dock." Word 4. A fragment or part of anything.

Word 5. What the landlord collects. Plural: Running Down: Word 1. A prank. Word 2. A large body of water. Word 3. Part of the legs. Plural.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.



VIADUCT, RABBIT, ALABAMA, NINE, BIRD, HEN, M

Who's Who

John W. O'Leary. Europe is finding John W. O'Leary, new head of the United States Chamber of Commerce, an optimist. He is now abroad.

He agrees not at all with those who shake their heads dubiously over old Europe and make remarks about Athens and Rome and lost civilizations in general.

Mr. O'Leary speaks with authority on financial questions, as he is vice-president of the Chicago trust company. The early business interests of the president of the national chamber of commerce, were in iron and steel and he is now president of a company in this field founded by his father. He has long been one of the civic leaders of Chicago. He has done notable service in the interest of Chicago business through the Chicago Association of Commerce, which he has headed as president.

His concerns, however, have by no means been confined to trade. A member of the Methodist Episcopal church he has taken an active part in furthering Chicago's unique open religious forum, the Chicago Sunday Evening club, of which he is a vice-president and trustee. Among other public trusts, he is a member of an advisory committee of the Boy Scouts.

"Time and nature will heal the wounds of Europe," he declares, "left alone, she will recover and once more take her place in world affairs as a group of great nations." But in leaving Europe alone, Mr. O'Leary, who attended the congress of the International chamber of Commerce in Brussels, does not wish to say that American business men will not give their sympathetic consideration and best thought and effort to the economic difficulties of Europe.

War Debts: He says of the problem of war debts: "The solution is so bound up in world peace, debt settlements of other nations, the establishment of balanced budgets, improved purchasing power of all people, including our own, the development of backward and new territories, that the way out seems difficult. Our encouragement comes in the knowledge that the problem is an economic one, and is therefore possible of solution."

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Abe Maltin



Fellers that work in banks an' fer railroads must feel like grin' up when they see how rapid one promotion follows another in th' Chicago underworld, where a fresh king is installed ever' mornin'. Where there's an appointment ther's a pull.

Timely Views on World Topics

"Administration's Foreign Policy Calls for Complete Debt Flushing; No Entrance to League"

William B. Castle, Jr., chief of the division of western European affairs, department of state, gave the Institute of politics at Williamstown, Mass., recently what was regarded in some circles as a comprehensive, enlightening and authoritative summary of the Coolidge administration's policy toward Europe.

Mr. Castle has had immediate supervision of the European policy of the United States for many years.

"The government is determined," he said, "to bring about a funding of all war debts to the United States. So far the following have been funded: British, Polish, Finnish, Lithuanian, and Hungarian, the latter debts incurred solely for reconstruction purposes. The whole question of debts is very controversial but it is peculiarly one which must be settled through government negotiations.

"All funding arrangements must be founded on the same fundamental principles of financial obligation already fully accepted by the British, but they must equally be developments from that principle fitted to the particular case.

"The American government insists that these debts be formally recognized through the negotiations of funding arrangements.

Says She Can Never Be Isolated: "The administration has no intention of reversing the traditional American policy of non-interference in European political affairs, not because the policy is traditional, but because it has proved salutary.

"The President has already expressed his hope for the success of the proposed European security pact, the outstanding political attempt to create European stability which must always be founded on security as well as on economic solvency. The United States cannot become a party to this pact, we cannot guarantee to protect by force of arms the frontiers of distant nations. On the other hand, we can apply, criticize if need, applaud when applause is deserved, the plans of European nations to live in peace and understanding with each other.

Rods Seal Own Fate: Declaring that the Russian government has employed agents to stir up trouble in the United States, Mr. Castle declared that European nations have gained little recognition of the Soviet except any army of propagandists who attempt to undermine the governments whose guests they are.

"The world court should be able more effectively than any organization yet devised to bring about the resort to judicial decision of many controversies which might develop into serious disputes. It approaches the ideal toward which the policy of this country has always worked.

"The American government desires to take a helpful part in all international humanitarian matters where our wealth and our power can be used to world advantage. We do not propose, through the League of Nations or otherwise, to become embroiled in political matters of purely European import."

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