

Medford, Oregon December 23.—The seventy-fifth anniversary of the creation of the State of Oregon, as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the City of Medford, will be fittingly celebrated in Medford, Oregon, during the second week in June, 1934, according to plans released here today by the Medford Chamber of Commerce, and an invitation to the citizens of this area to attend the celebration was also received.

Committees to prepare for the big celebration have been appointed by the Medford Chamber, and will begin at once to prepare plans for the big event, which has been announced at this time in order to insure the priority of the Pear City in staging the official Diamond Jubilee celebration for the State of Oregon.

Medford, and its neighboring city, Jacksonville, are admirably situated for the proposed jubilee, for the former being a modern, well-equipped city, and the latter, one of Oregon's oldest and most historic communities. The combination of the old and the new will enable the thousands of visitors expected to attend the event to compare the advancement of Southern Oregon over a period of nearly a century. In addition to the celebration itself, the City of Medford is planning on extending invitations to a large number of organizations to hold their 1934 conventions in that city, in the hope of making the entire year of 1934 a jubilee year in Southern Oregon.

The attractive invitation received here today reads as follows: Greetings "You are cordially invited to Oregon's Diamond Anniversary celebration, to be held in the city of Medford during the week of June 6, 1934. The citizens of Medford, a modern western metropolis, and Jacksonville, an old and historic town typifying the days of old, are now laying anniversary plans which will mark seventy-five years of state progress, including the development of Southern Oregon; and the advancement of the Far West from the old Pioneer days to its present important position in world commerce.

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#### AMBITION

I WOULD I  
were beneath a  
tree,  
A-sleeping in the  
shade,  
With all the bills  
I've got to  
pay  
PAID!

I would I were on  
yonder hill,  
A-basking in the  
sun,  
With all the work  
I've got to  
do  
DONE!

I would I were  
beside the sea,  
Or sailing in a boat,  
With all the things  
I've got to  
write  
WROTE!

—E. C. Richardson

## LOW RATE FOR XMAS CONCERT

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24—Again this year a Christmas season concert will be presented by the Portland Symphony Orchestra, and is announced for Monday evening, December 24th. A faint possibility that there might not be one this time resulted in numerous inquiries and definite word has been given that not only will there be a concert this Christmas but it will be lower than those of the past and will be presented at astonishingly low prices.

For the first time seats will be sold at the Sunday matinee prices for the holiday evening concert. That means the lowest 25 cents and the highest \$1. Reservations are already being made at the Symphony box office at the J. K. Gill company, and the public is reminded that in 1931 every seat in The Auditorium was sold for the Christmas season.

Christmas music concert. It is believed that with the announcement choruses from (The Messiah) by Handel will be repeated this year and with the advantage of the very low prices, the Auditorium will be filled again and early reservations will be the only assurance of a chance to attend.

Music lovers find that Christmas holidays are hardly complete without bearing selections from (The Messiah), which will be sung by large choruses, which alone can give it the volume and magnificence that is so impressive. There will also be on the program lovely orchestral music, including (The Passacaglia) (Bach) which has been orchestrated by Respighi. Translated from the Spanish, it means "A dance played in the street." Bach adapted it from an eight measure theme of an old Italian dance, giving it 20 variations and much grandeur and brilliance. Beethoven's 6th Symphony will open the program. The Christmas concert is entirely separate from the regular Symphony series, and is not included in season tickets that have been purchased.

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## VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

BY W. J. WHEATON

The Advocate wishes its readers to know that the opinion expressed by the writer of this column is not necessarily The Advocate's opinion. —Ed

Californians, especially about the bay regions, can well afford to be "cheaty". Have we not had snow and cold that would put to blush a New England Christmas day? Yes sir! California can give you all the needs of life. Beautiful scenes—what is more beautiful than to look across miles of orange blossoms glistening in the golden sunlight extending to the snow crests of the mountains in the distance. No where on this round sphere can one find grander scenes of nature, beauty of forest; streams and ocean, nor a more diversified climate than that which California offers. One can bask in sunshine or enjoy the sports of winter, all within a few hours travel. Wonderful California! Is it any wonder that poets sing of your enthusiasm, and materialists glow with enthusiasm over your possibilities. No other state is so replete with tragedy, so rich in romance. No, we are not boastful; we only believe that we inhabit the most magnificent portion of this earth, carved out by the hand of omnipotence.

We are very sorry that our reference in the 4-H club matter should have been misunderstood by some. We are sure that the mention of our not degrading the higher education should have sufficiently explicit. When it is all simmered down, who is going to secure the living of the lawyers, doctors, preachers and the rest of the non-producing element if the farmers fail to function or the industrialist and laborers are without recompense. No, we still claim that those boys and girls who won merit at the exhibits by showing their superiority in the science of farm production or industrial handicraft should receive equal recognition and encouragement as the boy or girl who carries a scholastic diploma. But don't misunderstand us, the cum laude is all right if it is put to some useful service or made of some benefit to humanity.

Keeping a pre-election promise, Speaker of the Lower House and Vice president elect, Garner, made the repeal of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution the first important order of the session. His resolution was defeated by the narrow margin of six votes. Four of the negative votes were given by representatives from California. Three of those votes, Free, Swing and Crall were "Lame Ducks". The fourth one, Evans, was elected at the election in November. Mr. Evans will mark time for two years before he too is relegated to the "Salt Creek" area. It is to be hoped that the Norris bill, doing away with the lame duck session will soon be ratified. No other thing has been so detrimental to progressive legislation as that of the legislators who, being repudiated by their constituents, return for the fourth month session and wreak vengeance for their defeat.

With the advent of the Christmas holidays there appears to be a spirit of optimism among all classes of business. Just a few of the merchants complain of the paucity of cash customers. The general opinion seems to be that business, stimulated by the holiday buying, will keep on the upward trend and it will reach the normal peak during the months of early Spring. One of the foremost merchants has said that with the closing of the present session of Congress business of all descriptions will take on increased optimism, and that optimism combined with courage will soon see the arteries of business pulsating with new energy.

Every day sees an increase in San Francisco's bread line. The news has spread that two big projects, the building of the Bay and Golden-Gate bridges will begin soon. Men have come from all quarters of the country. Lured on by fantastic tales of easy living and the open handed charity of San Franciscans they come with out means to carry them over the waiting period. It is a big strain on the citizens and charitable organizations. They are tax-

#### THE ADVOCATE

#### PRISONS AND PRISONERS

(By Clifford Mitchell)

For nearly six months now I have been conducting this weekly "Prisons and Prisoners" column for our SCHOOL NEWS and I have accepted it as a high compliment that at no time has my "copy" been "out" or otherwise tampered with, barring an occasional typographical error now and then, and with one or two exceptions I have always been free to choose my own subjects; on the other occasions I merely expressed my own viewpoints or observations on "some specific theme" that was pertinent at the moment.

Some weeks ago Thomas decorated this page with a sketch showing his conception of how I looked. A copy of that particular column was sent to all the papers, in all parts of the country, that use other writing of mine. Since then I have been besieged with inquiries and requests concerning both this column and SCHOOL NEWS.

I do not know what have been the experiences of the other contributors, or the sentiments expressed by relatives or friends to the individual inmates of Jackson Prison but if the letters and editorials messages that I have been receiving are indicative of the others then I would say that the entire inmate body owe a vote of thanks to McNabb for his tireless ingenuity in creating and putting across such a wonderful medium as SCHOOL NEWS for creating and maintaining good-will among influential members of society and the inmates as a whole.

In time, this medium can become, and undoubtedly will become, a powerful influence in bringing to light a new phase on conditions peculiarly attendant on those convicted of crime and their subsequent effects. It certainly should not appear incongruous that the so-called criminals could contribute ideas towards solving the conditions that made them criminals.

It is not an uncommon occurrence in any prison to see visitors making a tour of inspection through the prison only to learn later that such a tour qualified the visitors to serve as experts on penology or to make them peculiarly fit to sit in judgement on others. We will stretch a point and say that maybe a very keen observation enables them to so qualify but we must admit that those who have served years in prison are also qualified.

Being qualified, however, but with no means of giving testimony is of little consequence and that is just where SCHOOL NEWS may, some day fill an important role. Just imagine the benefits one could accrue with a weekly department in this medium in which one page would be used to furnish a "case history" of some prisoner and his conclusions or suggestions?

If necessary, these weekly subjects could be written without any identifying name or number but so keyed that each case could be checked and analyzed. All personalities would be fast and the facts only would become important. In time these cases would attract and come to the attention of those who would become personally interested and in a spirit of fairness and justice would make pertinent investigations and if the facts were substantial then SCHOOL NEWS would have found a new friend for some "forgotten" man.

Personally, I hope I have discarded all selfishness. I have learned to appreciate opportunities and if any thing that I can write will help to create opportunities for the other prisoners then I am only passing on to others of that kindness which I am constantly receiving as the result of contact through SCHOOL NEWS and other mediums.

ed to the maximum. There be worthy families who are in dire need. It is utterly impossible to care for all. Some one must be neglected. Would it not be wise to let the itinerant be the neglected one? One other suggestion: What do you say to stretching the Christmas baskets a bit. No family in San Francisco will go without a dinner. Why not save some of the baskets for a later date. There will be need, dire need, long after the Yuletide has passed. There will come the time when memories of the Christmas will be tragic. Save a bit of the sunshine for the morrow.

Mr. Roy Holmes passed Thursday in Portland. He motored down from Seattle.

#### OPPORTUNITY LITERARY CONTEST ENDS DEC. 31ST

New York City, Dec. 15—The \$100 reward for the best short story or essay of 5000 words or less offered by OPPORTUNITY Magazine, will close at midnight on December 31st, according to an announcement from the magazine's offices, 1133 Broadway, New York City, today.

Last year the prize was won by Charles Cranford, of Caswell, W. Va., and the judges were Dr. Randolph Fisher, author of "The Confused Man Dies", Edward J. O'Brien, Editor of Anthology of the Best Short Stories, and Carl Ackerman, Dean of the Pulitzer School of Journalism.

The judges for the 1932 contest will be announced later.

### Music, Duck, Gas

#### A PRETTY GOOD WORLD AFTER ALL

If you were not at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon you missed one of the greatest treats of the year.

Of all the matinee concerts given by the Portland Symphony Orchestra this, to me, was the finest.

Maybe the lack of empty front seats had much to do with the spirit of the artists and their leader. From where I sat it looked that way.

Then for home. And to our Smooth top Gas oven, to see how our duck was faring. It had been seared in the open roaster at 550 degrees before we left home; then the roaster lid was put on the gas control set at 250 degrees, and on our return, there it was, browned and roasted fit for a lord. The potatoes alongside of the roaster baked to a turn.

And the house itself? The thermostat had not been left at 70 degrees, for why waste money? It had been set at 60 degrees, so that, in case the house should cool off too much, the gas automatically would kick on and keep the house warm.

Coming from the outside, 60 degrees felt real warm. The thermostat was advanced to 70 degrees and in a few minutes the usual soft, delightful warmth, furnished by our gas-heated boiler radiators, made the dinner party an event to be remembered.

Then came the dishwashing, but an abundance of piping-hot water made it easy for the ladies, while we men sat overlooking the city, lighted up now, thousands of diamonds on a cloth of black velvet, admitting that after all, this was a pretty good world and that Portland's wonderful gas service played no small part in our enjoyment of it.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

#### "FUGITIVES OF THE PEARL"

By John H. Paynter

(701 51st St. N. E., Washington, D.C.)

Reviewed for The Advocate by  
CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

Up until the time the author, John H. Paynter, sent me a copy of his book, "Fugitives of the Pearl", I had never possessed any of the books put out by the Associated Publishers, Inc., of Washington, D. C. Unfortunately, I was never even able to get a reply to any of my letters to the above publishers, they being one of the few race firms that have steadfastly refused to cooperate with me in my humble efforts.

Apparently, the author is now distributing his own books, and I understand he has had quite a few published, the latest one being "Fugitives of the Pearl". This book is a history of the Edmonson family during the days of slavery and is so written as to make it more thrilling than a novel with its moments of deep tragedy, stirring life drama and bits of happiness.

Throughout, it is a story of human beings, intelligent and strong but dark, seeking freedom from a condition into which they were born. The book derives its name from an unsuccessful attempt of seventy-seven slaves attempting an escape on the steamer "Pearl". The attempt was frustrated because of the treachery and pealously of another race man.

The scene of action for the most part is laid right in and around the District of Columbia and the book thoroughly describes how slavery thrived right at the nation's capital, the author's relationship to the characters in the book makes the story no less interesting.

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#### METCALFE AMONG 9 MOST WORTHY U. S. ATHLETES

The Sullivan memorial committee of the Amateur Athletic Union, after analyzing and tabulating the nomination submitted by the members of the tribunal for the award of the James E. Sullivan memorial medal for the year 1932, on Monday resubmitted the ten names considered by that committee most worthy from a list of over one hundred and fifty nominees.

The tribunal, composed of a group of 600 outstanding leaders in the world of sports, representing all sections of the United States, will be furnished a summary of reasons for each name chosen, and they will be requested to vote for the three considered most entitled to the award in the order of their choice. The first choice will receive five votes, second choice three votes and the third choice one vote. The man or woman receiving the most votes will be awarded the Sullivan medal. All votes must be returned before December 27.

The ten athletes selected by the Sullivan Memorial Committee in alphabetical order are as follows: James Bausch, Kansas City A. C. Olympic decathlon champion; L.T. George C. Calana, U. S. Navy, fencing champion; William A. Carr, University of Pennsylvania, Olympic 400 meter champion; Mildred Dickinson, Dallas Tex., Olympic javelin and hurdles champion; Ralph Hill, Olympic Club, San Francisco, Calif., runner-up in Olympic 5,000 meter championship; Ralph Metcalfe, Marquette University, American 100 and 200 meter champion; Helen Wills Moody, Berkeley, Cal., women's tennis champion; Leo Sexton, New York A. C., Olympic shot put champion; Jack Shea, Lake Placid, Olympic speed skating champion, and William Barry Wood, Harvard University, football, baseball and hockey star.

Eddie Tolan was not considered because he has signed theatrical contracts and will appear on the stage. By doing this he loses his amateur standing.

NAT'L COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION ENDORSES SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

(Continued from front page)

member in the sale of Christmas seals to finance the work of the tuberculosis association throughout the United States. This great volunteer public health movement deserves the support of all interested in the health of America.

"Legion posts and auxiliaries thru out Oregon are cooperating in the seal sale as they always have in our clinics, public health nursing services, and health education work during the year," Mrs. Dunbar said. "This statement by the National Commander is most genuinely appreciated."

All services of this Association financed B. Annual Sale of Christmas Seals.

"Many legionnaires and auxiliaries serving individually as seal sale chairmen and workers, health association officers and committee members while in other places the entire organization is backing and assisting in the work." The entire 1933 program of tuberculosis prevention of the Oregon tuberculosis association and the public health associations in 25 counties of Oregon is dependent on the outcome of the seal sale now under way. The sale is the only financial drive sponsored by the state association.

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