

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

**Alderman from the Second Ward**

Majority of People Voting Elect Powell

The second ward is again represented on the city council. Z. J. Powell, the first chief of police for the present administration, yesterday defeated the other two candidates and will fill the unexpired term of Merle West, recently resigned.

While The News was not supporting Mr. Powell for this post, we sincerely wish him well in his new office on the city governing board. We may not always agree with Mr. Powell—just the same as we do not always agree with the other members of the council and the mayor—but by the vote of a majority of the people voting, Z. J. Powell is now the alderman from the second ward.

**Cement Head, the Latest**

Well, We'll Admit There's Lots of It

In Chicago, where from the whirlpool of criminal courts have issued forth many strange pleas from lawyers in defense of their clients on criminal charges, comes the latest, the "cement head."

A prison official, alleged to have committed irregularities in office, and who is now on trial, has entered a plea of "cement head." Cement head, be it explained by the legal satellites, is a condition where an official by long association within the cement walls of a prison is rendered incapable of making correct judgments.

Senator James J. Barbour is the attorney for Ex-Warden Wesley Westbrook, under four months' sentence for taking part in events described as a jail scandal, into the meshes of which have already become entangled eleven officials and guards.

While not attempting in any way to disparage the learned legal authority defending the ex-warden, we might suggest that the cement in the prison walls was somewhat superfluous, or perhaps a belated influence.

No doubt Tom Murray, and his convicted pals, Kelley and Wilcox, will be-times express regret that "cement head" comes a trifle late for them. Cement head would, no doubt, have proved an interesting, if only a probable, means of escaping the gallows for the taking of human life.

Among the things that matter very little is what old dad thinks of daughter's prospective husband.

Sounds silly to us—but why is it that the necessary hauling to pave a new street does so much damage to some of those already laid down that they have to be done over again, and in doing them over again other streets will be ruined, and, well—figure it out from there on.

Education: Spending months teaching handwriting to a generation that will use typewriters.

**Joan of Arc Rides Again**



**Local Briefs**

**Another Commerce Member**—O. H. Dean, manager of the Klamath Packing company, is now on the list of new members to be added to the Klamath county chamber of commerce. Dean signed the membership card yesterday and his name was posted on the bulletin board, heading the list.

**Leave for Portland**—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carrin and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cochran, who have been the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carrin in the city, returned Wednesday morning for their homes in Portland. They had anticipated remaining in the city for a longer period but business matters forced their return to the north.

**Leaving for the South**—After spending several months in the city with her many friends and relatives, as a guest in the Thomas Martin home, Mrs. S. E. Martin will leave Saturday for her home in Oakland, California. During the past few days Mrs. Martin has been the inspiration for a number of social affairs.

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**Dinner Stories**

A male quartet was singing plantation melodies at a concert. As the melodies went on, a man in a front seat was seen to wipe his eyes furtively, and a few minutes later he burst into tears.

The manager of the quartet slipped round and touched him on the shoulder.

"My dear sir," he said, "our quartet deeply appreciates the compliment you have paid it by this display of emotion. You are a Southerner, no doubt?"

"No," sobbed the man, "I am a musician."

An American and a Scotman were discussing the cold experienced in winter in the North of Scotland.

"Why, it's nothing at all compared to the cold we have in the States," said the American. "I can recollect one winter when a sheep, jumping from a hillock into a field, became suddenly frozen on the way, and stuck in the air like a mass of ice."

"But, man," exclaimed the Scotman, "the law of gravity wouldn't allow that."

"I know that," replied the tale teller. "But the law of gravity was frozen, too."

In a town in the west there is a church that has a bright young pastor, but the attendance is unfortunately small. Among the parishioners there is an agreeable young widow. One evening as she was leaving the edifice, she was addressed by a deacon.

"How did you like the sermon?"

"I think it was perfectly lovely," was the enthusiastic reply. "But there were so few of us that every time the parson said 'dearly beloved' I positively blushed."

They were climbing a lofty peak of the Alps, and she was standing a few feet above him. She turned around and gazed in wonderment.

"What," he asked, "what do you see?"

"Far, far below," she cried, "I

see a long, white sheet stretching like a paper ribbon almost back to our hotel."

"Ha, ha!" he ejaculated. "It's that hotel bill overtaking us."

Sigmund Romberg, the composer, tells of meeting a circus sword-swallower one time. He asked him to demonstrate his art, and the fellow apparently swallowed some pins and needles.

"But," protested Romberg, "those aren't swords; they're pins and needles."

"I know it," replied the circus freak, "but I'm on a diet."

**Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle**



**Running Across.**  
Word 1. The part of the pumpkin in which Peter-Peter-Pumpkin-Eater in the picture and nursery rhyme kept his wife.  
Word 4. Tool for boring holes.  
Word 5. A city in France.

**Running Down.**  
Word 1. A country in Europe.  
Word 2. A city in Illinois.  
Word 3. What an auto truck is called in England.

**YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.**



**CEMENT HEAD IS WESTBROOK PLEA**

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—(United News)—Out of the whirlpool of Chicago courts where queer mental twists have saved many a murderer from the gallows has come a new plea of insanity.

Not far from where Clarence Darrow saved the lives of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb by arguing that they were suffering from abnormal pituitary glands and where William Scott Stewart saved Russell Scott by convincing a jury he was a victim of "cell shock" has been born the new malady of "cement head."

It was used for the first time Wednesday by State Senator James J. Barbour, attorney for Wesley Westbrook, ex-warden of the Cook county jail. Westbrook is under a four months' sentence for his part in the jail scandal, which already has embroiled eleven officials and guards.

"A cement head prevents the former warden from making correct and sane judgments," Senator Barbour said, in a petition to Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson, asking that the scandal probe be reopened.

"Westbrook's condition," the petition relates, "often causes him to cry when he should laugh and to laugh when he should cry. It causes him to stay awake for long periods, when he should be asleep."

"Insofar as being able to discern, think, and discriminate, this respondent has an impression that his head is like one solid block. He is incapable of having correct judgments and of keeping his mind on matters relating to himself in a sane and normal manner."

Then, having outlined the symptoms of this new form of insanity, Senator Barbour showed how it had been responsible for his client's down-fall. A normal man, he said never would have taken \$20,000 from Terry Druggan and Frankie Lake, the two beer barons, whose enormous bribes started the jail expose.

The "cement head" condition, the attorney declared made the warden do everything Sheriff Peter Hoffman told him to do without weighing the orders in his own mind. Hoffman, who is under a 30-day sentence for contempt of court in connection with the beer baron affair was the one actually responsible, Senator Barbour said.

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