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## PEN AND POULTRY

Interesting Letter from Missouri by an Old Subscriber.

### TELLS OF THE PENITENTIARY

Also Gives Figures as to the Work of the Humble Men in Old Missouri.

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In the pleasant rivalry among our American people some feature of greatness is found in each state of which its citizens boast that it out-classes all other states. Thus New York has her Niagara, Maine, her paper mills, California, her fruits, Iowa, her educational institutions and so on, through the list of states are distinguishing characteristics. Here comes Missouri with her State prison. She has the largest penal institution in the United States—larger than is needed at present, our authorities having built with an eye to the future.

Doubtless in the campaign for honest government now being waged under the vigorous administration of George Folk, rascals will be rounded up and escorted in to grace the vacant wards.

This penitentiary covers a little more than fifteen acres of ground. While externally, it is a thing of beauty in design and workmanship, internally and externally it is to be a center of industry. It is so arranged that the State's guests, while stopping there, may be given an abundance of healthy employment and the sale of the products of their labor apply on cost of maintenance. Having in youth, learned that man should earn bread by the "sweat of his brow," and that "if any would not work neither should they eat," we have grown up with the idea that able-bodied convicts should do an amount of labor equal in value to the State's outlay in giving them their culture and by no means live off the "brow sweat" of honest people.

At this prison various lines of industry are carried on. Convicts who have no other means of support are given an urgent invitation to go to work and complete a sentence, then to go out and earn an honest living, should they wish to do so.

During the month of June, 1905, the sale of labor from the Missouri prison aggregated to more than forty-three thousand dollars, which was six thousand dollars more than total prison expenses for that month. Binding twine is one of the leading articles of manufacture and the large out-put was a principal factor in reducing the price of twine to farmers for the past harvest more than two cents per pound and so saving to them a large amount of hard earned money.

Hitherto, prison wardens have restored to the private cell, scourge dungeon, cold water bath, etc., to govern convicts, and it was hoped that such harsh methods would intimidate law breakers and lessen crime.

It now remains to be seen whether the fear of having to do actual work will lessen crime more than those measures, which were calculated to antagonize the disposition of the average convict to the point of greatest resistance. Right here we recall the remark of a celebrated German traveler, who, when asked if among the nations he had visited, he had discovered any one thing characteristic of all, replied in broken English: "I dank I find dis, all men live lazy."

Perhaps you will say a penitentiary, however vast and flourishing, is not a proper thing for the people of a great state to take pride in or boast of. Permit us to say a few words relative to the Missouri pen. The bureau of labor statistics have just finished compiling statistics from all Missouri counties regarding the poultry products shipped out of them during the year 1904. Here are the figures showing quantity and value as per said report:

Live poultry, 168,454,747 pounds at 8 cents, \$13,476,379.76; dressed poultry, 48,553,636 pounds at 10 cents, \$4,855,363.60; dozens of eggs, 93,007,415 at 11 cents, \$13,021,046.10; feathers, 642,607 pounds, at 45 cents, \$289,193.15.

This is only the surplus actually shipped out of the one hundred fourteen counties of Missouri in the one year and is estimated to be only two-fifths of the whole product, three-fifths being consumed at home. Had this surplus product been shipped on one train, it would have required 20,751 cars, and would have been 157½ miles long and moving at twenty miles an hour and twelve hours per day, it would have taken eleven and one-half days in passing any given point. Adding to the value of the poultry shipped, the value of the three-fifths remaining at home and we have the sum of \$70,106,906.50, total value of the poultry of Missouri during 1904; a sum only five million dollars less than the total out-put of gold from the United States and Territories the same year as per report of United States mint,

and exceeds by \$2,000,000 all the gold mined that year in the Transvaal, that Eldorado for which England waged one of her most cruel and costly wars.

A noteworthy thing about this poultry business, is the fact that comparatively little capital is invested, it being carried on as a bi-product of the farms and the sales are nearly all profit.

Among the criticisms regarding prison labor it is said that democratic Missouri always and loudly declaiming against trusts has through her legislature put up a powerful prison trust. That they gather up such characters as the James Brothers, the Ford Brothers, the Gounger brothers and all their brothers-in-law convicted as law breakers encourage them to work under the inspiration of the cat o' nine tails and then place the product of their labor in market in direct competition with the labors of those who maintain an honest livelihood. There is logic in these criticisms. There is something criminal in prison labor. The poultry business is free from such objections, free from trusts, from politics and free for all with an almost unlimited field for operations and a market always calling for more. Query, will the boasted time honored and far famed Missouri mule kick when these poultry statistics are published through the state?

J. O. PATTIS.

### THE PRIMACY OF DOLLARS.

Newport, Rhode Island, has long regarded as the summer home of the American snob of the more aggravated type. The aggregation which now occupies the cottages at that place during the summer time has petitioned the legislature for a new charter for the proposed town of South Newport alleging that they are annoyed by idle pleasure seekers and mere common folks. They also request a representative and a senator in the legislature which members shall represent South Newport exclusively. They evidently feel that no one representing ordinary people is fit to occupy the high pedestal of honor which is the privilege of the person who guards the interests of affluence.

The possessor of riches is entitled to its advantages, under the present system of law and property holding. No one pretending to be law abiding can consistently attempt to limit the freedom of the rich in the disposition of their wealth. It would necessitate the readjustment of our entire system of jurisprudence and civil government.

There is one province of activity, however, which is by law, and should be, exempt from the domination of those possessed of much property and credit. It is the domain of government. It is the right of every individual to live wherever he chooses, and to engage in such pursuits as he may see fit, provided he does not thereby endanger the public health or morals, and he pays his share of the revenue which improvement and regulation requires. In theory his voice is as strong as that of the strongest member of the community.

The attempt of opulent people to give a voice to their material possessions in state affairs is subversive of the public weal, and abhorrent to the sense of justice.

It involves the elevation of secondary things to the altitude of the primary and sole consideration in all government and association of mankind. Property is dead, inert matter; human beings of infinitely higher essence, and should direct every course.

According to the very best information obtainable, we pass this way but once, and when we pass into the valley of the shadow, all our earthly belongings will be left behind. Not a cow, nor a sheep, nor an acre of land, not a dollar of money will go into the grave with us. Why then should men race through life in a mad fight for gold, brushing all the better things aside, when at last it must be unloaded at the tomb? Would it not be a better plan to put a flower into the hand of some sad-hearted human being struggling along the road of life, than to clinch an almighty dollar until cold death forced us to relinquish it? —Bode Bugle.

We are advised from an authoritative source that the greatest difficulty the railroads have to meet now is to dispose of their earnings in such a way as not to arouse the public. They are fairly running over with prosperity. They are making extensive betterments and hiding surplus in every way possible and still their dividends are large. So far they have refused to try the expedient of reducing rates. They have millions for defense, but not a cent's worth of prosperity to divide with the public. —Glidden Graphic.

The Taggart divorce trial has reached a stage which is positively nauseating. The press should eliminate the disgusting details of the weakness and vice of characterless people. Enough has come to light to stamp these people too low for the consideration of self respecting people. No good comes from holding up to the lime light the frailties of such folks.

### A MAN KILLED AT MANILLA.

Kansas City Man the Victim of a Fatal Accident of the Milwaukee on Wednesday Evening.

Robert Fuller, a laborer, whose home was in Kansas City, Missouri, was accidentally killed by the cars on Wednesday evening of last week just as the Milwaukee train No. 6, was entering Manilla. Fuller had signed a contract to work for the Milwaukee at Defiance. He started from Omaha in the afternoon, but in some way was carried past his destination. Just as the train was entering Manilla the conductor noticed him and a companion who was with him and aroused them from their sleep and told them they had been carried past Defiance and must get off at the next station. Fuller got up from his seat and before the conductor noticed what he was doing he stepped to the front of the smoking car. The car ahead was the baggage car, which has but a narrow platform and no vestibule. Fuller evidently did not notice this and he stepped off, falling between the cars, the wheels passing over his legs. He was quickly cared for and the crushed limbs were amputated, but he could not stand the operation and died at two o'clock in the morning. His mother, living at Kansas City, was notified, and later the remains were shipped to that city.

It is said that he was intoxicated at the time of the accident and that this was undoubtedly the cause of his fatal misstep. The moral has been pointed so many times as to become trite and we will spare our readers a repetition, never-the-less the sad story of this young man will do to think about.

It would be hard to find a more fruitful source from which to draw the material for a magnificent electrical display than the symbolism and legendry of the fraternal orders.

### OMAHA ADOPTS POPULAR THEME FOR FALL FESTIVITIES.

It was a happy thought that prompted the Knights of Ak-Sar Ben to adopt "Fraternity" as the theme of their annual fall entertainment.

It seems remarkable to us, that the idea of a fraternal week has not occurred to them before.

In devoting the electrical parade entirely to the fraternal societies, Omaha has paid them a compliment that should win their friendly appreciation.

The parade will take place at night on October 5th and will be composed of the following subjects:

1. The world of Mystery.
2. Grand Army of the Republic.
3. Mystic Shriners.
4. Odd Fellows.
5. A. O. U. W.
6. Elks.
7. Eagles.
8. Royal Arcanum.
9. Redmen.
10. Woodmen of the World.
11. Knights of Pythias.
12. Royal Achates.
13. Modern Woodmen of America.
14. Turners.
15. Danish Brotherhood.
16. Maccabees.
17. Knights of Columbus.
18. Scottish Clan.
19. Foresters.
20. King Ak-Sar-Ben XI. XI.

Handsome prizes will be given the degree teams making the best appearance in the day parade on October 4. A prize will be given the team coming to Omaha from the greatest distance.

The Japanese mob which has so strenuously and lawlessly expressed the discontent with the peace terms should have shown their pride and patriotism earlier in the game by going to the front and exposing themselves to Russian bullets. There are always a few loud mouthed individuals who come out from hiding when the trouble is over and obstreperously declaim against the way it was done.

John Cornie declares that Iowa farmers have lost 100,000,000 bushels of corn as a result of poor seed. \$20,000,000 is the price he places on this carelessness. These figures are doubtless not far from correct. The problem is for each individual farmer to figure out his share of this loss and then find a remedy. It would be a good plan to begin looking after next year's seed now.

Pat Crowe has emerged from obscurity once more. He seemed to have felt the necessity of drastic action in order to win serious attention from the public, and therefore shot a policeman as an opening incident of his reappearance.

The purchase of a wig by John D. Rockefeller seemed to prompt the newspaper humorists to call upon him. It developed during their visit that John D. is a little funny himself at times. Maybe the wig tickled his scalp.

Secretary Taft is conducting a triumphal tour in the Orient. He invaded China with a view of lifting the boycott against American merchandise. Results are confidently expected in due course of time.

At this particular time the farmers of Iowa are more concerned in moving spindles and revolving wheels of factories than they are in hair splitting distinctions on tariff and reciprocity.



The above is a cut of one of our good durable women's Shoes. This shoe sells for \$1.60 and is a great value at the price.

## Price and Quality

### Win

We buy the Best Goods on the market and by comparing these prices you will see we can't be beat.

## Dry Goods

We bought our fall stock of Dry Goods before the recent heavy advances in wool and cotton goods. This gives us a chance to let our customers have these goods at the lowest possible prices.

### Shoes

We carry nothing but the best grade shoes bought direct from the manufacturer. By doing this we can guarantee every pair of shoes we sell and sell them at the right price.

### Crescent Shoes

for girls and boys

\$1.35 up

### Work Shoes

Seal Grain Work Shoes for men

\$1.75

### Seamless Shoes

Seamless Work Shoes for men

\$1.75

### \$3.50 Shoes

We carry the best line of \$3.50 Shoes for men and women that we can buy.

### Outing Flannel

all styles and colors

6c per yard

A bargain that ought not be overlooked.

### Cotton Batton

Buster Cotton Batton; one Bat. is enough for a comfort

60c each

Size 72x84 inches.

### Sheeting

Extra heavy Unbleached Sheetting, good width

6c per yard

### Bleached Sheetting

Regular 5-4 Bleached Sheetting

15c per yard

### Ticking

Blue and White Stripe Ticking at

10c per yard

A Good Bargain

### Japanese Patterns

in Crepe Flannel

8c per yard up

Come in and look our large assortment of these Flannels over.

### Oil Cloth

Guaranteed Oil Cloth

15c per yard

### Blankets

Our full stock of Blankets are now in and we have them in all styles, grades and sizes; the prices range from

50c per pair up

### Comforts

With a good grade of batton and cover

\$1.00 each

they are good values at the price.

### Lace Curtains

The latest patterns in all styles

39c pair up.

### Floor Oil Cloth

We carry a good stock of Floor Oil Cloth in different patterns.

### Underwear

We now have in a full stock of the best grades of women's, men's and childrens underwear and can save you money in this line

### Men's Underwear

Men's heavy ribbed Jersey fleece lined underwear in brown and grey at

40c a piece

### Women's Underwear

Women's heavy fleece lined underwear, 2 piece suits

25c a piece.

### Hose

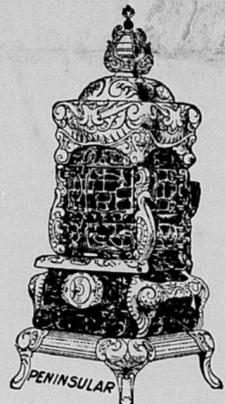
Women's Fast Black Hose

10c pair

### Heaters

Winter will soon be here and you will need a heater. We sell heaters, both hard and soft coal, that will heat as much space with as little fuel as any other heater on the market. See us before you buy.

### Palace Peninsular



The above is a cut of one of our beautiful "Palace Peninsular" Hard Coal Heaters and has a raised bottom, duplex grate and a double heater. It is very heavily nickled on copper. This makes the stove the best hard coal burner on the market

We carry a full stock of Binders & Shelf Hardware

### Omar Wringers

\$2.25

Rollers guaranteed 1 year.

### Steel Frame Wringers

\$2.25

Rollers guaranteed 1 year.

### Copper Bottom Boilers

\$1.25

### Tea Kettles

Heavily nickled fancy tea kettles \$1.00.

### Frying Pans

Never break frying pan No. 8

35c each

We sell the salt that's all salt at \$1.35 per bbl.

# Geo. Menagh & Co.

We Pay Cash for Butter and Eggs