

MANY WILL WATCH TESTS OF NEW GAS

With the conviction of Gee Jon and Hughie Sing for the murder of Quong Kee at Mina, and the recommendation of the death sentence by the jury, speculation naturally runs toward the new law which provides for the death sentence by the lethal gas route.

At the last session of the legislature a bill was passed and signed by the governor authorizing state executions by lethal gas, which means a deadly gas which will produce almost instantaneous death, and there are a number.

Since the passage of this law, practically every state in the Union has made inquiry relative to the procedure of such executions, Nevada being the first state to adopt what is believed to be the quickest and most painless mode of execution for condemned persons.

As the mode of administration, the details of the execution room and the state witnesses to the execution will have to be worked out and undoubtedly some consideration has been given toward a death chamber at the new prison.

Governor Boyle, who signed the bill, and who has always maintained that the old modes of execution are cruel in every respect, recently gave on the following relative to the carrying out of the death penalty by gas.

"There are a number of lethal cases that may be employed. Any will produce practically instant death. I satisfied myself thoroughly concerning this phase of the proposition before I signed the bill. I am convinced that this method of execution can be simply, humane, and will be effective.

"The gas will be administered to some person designated by the warden. It will be given by mechanical means. The execution by this method will not be painful.

"I do not think, however, it is correct in any respect to the abolition of the death penalty.

"The foolish job of providing the conveniences for sending a human being across the great divide by lethal gas has been assigned to the state architect. He must build a chamber in which the victim may be held while the watchers and witnesses provided by law are present while he is put to death. As is well known in connection with lethal gas used during the war, the slightest diffusion of these elements caused wide spread alarm.

"It is not possible to build a chamber which is relatively hermetically sealed, because it will not permit the provisions of the law to be carried out. Neither is a glass chamber feasible. The likelihood is

that the death chamber will be built that the gases will be blown away from the necessary witnesses and watchers if any fumes should escape.

It is anticipated the gas will be administered much as gas is administered to a patient in a dental chair or to a person preparing for a surgical operation. In other words, it will be a form of anaesthesia and the administration will probably be an expert anaesthetist chosen from among physicians or male nurses.

Those who favor this method of dealing death declare it is absolutely painless. Most of the advocates of the measure believe that the condemned criminal should be given a sleeping potion in his food and that the lethal gas should be administered in the subsequent chamber. The claim that no gas can be administered without awakening the sleeper is disputed.

"World-wide interest has already focused upon the state with its eastern and its small population, an account of this extraordinary death penalty. Students of prison reform are divided concerning the humanity of the measure. Its application will be watched with exceptional interest by scientific organizations and colleges.

Many have asked to be kept advised concerning the developments in the penitentiary. It is probable that the first victim of lethal gas under this act will die in the presence of a very distinguished gallery. Physicians and students of physiology and toxicology will come from all parts of the west.

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Peanut Pietro

KAYE GRIER

For a long time I know one guy wot never do any work and he gotta plenty cash, too. He wears plenty diamond on da feenger and da swella clothes and he no care eef he eat meat five, seven time every week. He sure one richa guy, allright.

One time I aska my frien how dat guy make da beeing. My frien tella me he keepa da blind pig and make plenty cash dat way. I no see how can do dat weeth da blind peeg and I think my frien try makea fool weeth me by da joke.

I tella my frien wot's matter dat guy eef he gotta plenty money why he no keepa da peeg wot can see. My frien say eef he do dat he go en da jail and righta quick lossa hee cash. He say everybody looka for da blind peeg and weel pay beegga price eef can find.

For tella you straighta goods, I tink my frien dunno somating ver mooch. When he tella me ees plenty money for anybody wot keepa da blind peeg I feegure he craze een da head. He tella me eef I no tink he knows wot he talk Jusa getta myself da blind peeg and I makea plenty money pretty soon.

Well, I am almost bust weeth da cash so I try somating once. I go out on da farm and geeva look for da blind peeg, but I no can find. Every one can see good too much.

I no like to putta da eyes out for dat peeg Jusa for makea da money. I no traats even da peeg so bad as dat. So I feegure da system for getta da cash and no geeva moocha trouble for da peeg, too. I buy da peeg and putta handage over da head so he can no see. Dat way ees so good as eef he no gotta da eyes. But I dunno wot's matter nobody come yet for buy da son-of-a-gun. I have dat blind peeg for three week now and he costs me seven dolla for da food and nobody show up weeth da cash yet. I dunno, but I tink my frien foola me allright.

Wot you tink?
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Concrete Ships in Use in Germany. Concrete ships are being used on the Rhine for river trade. The Germans are building many such boats to replace those that were turned over to the allies.

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Alice Lake



The emotional force displayed by charming Alice Lake in her most recent pictures has placed her in the front rank of screen stars. Miss Lake is barely twenty-two years old. A few short years ago she was attending Erasmus Hall high school in Brooklyn. She is the daughter of a successful merchant. The winsome "movie" star is of medium height and lithe in figure. Her eyes are a dark hazel and her hair a rich brown.

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

WHEN YOU EAT FRUIT.

Remember this—that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life—Marcus Aurelius.

IN THE formal, many-course dinner a fruit course usually follows the sweets and cheese, directly preceding the coffee. In many families fresh fruit is always served at dinner following the dessert. The decorative value of fresh fruit served in this way has, no doubt, had something to do with the establishment of this course in the dinner menu. But there are not a few good folk who always decline the course because they really don't know just how to eat it. Oh, to be sure they can eat oranges and apples and bananas and grapes, but they are not at all sure whether they eat them in the right way. For eating fresh fruit at a picnic or as a between-meal is one thing, and eating it at a dinner is another. The idea is, however, always to serve it in its natural form. To serve the oranges all peeled and sliced would indeed be a mistake on the part of the one who planned the dinner. To serve the bananas sliced would be just as grave an error.

But really it is no very difficult task to eat whole fruit as it should be eaten at dinner. This becomes comparatively easy at tables where the English custom of serving a fruit knife and fork is followed. The banana should first be peeled. Morsels should then be cut by means of the knife and eaten with the fork. Do not cut it all at once.

The best way to eat an apple at the dinner table is to cut it in quarters with the knife, handling it as little as possible, and then to pare the skin from each quarter and to core it as required. There is quite a knack in doing this without taking the apple up into the hands any more than necessary.

Pears are eaten in much the same manner and so are peaches and plums, but the considerate hostess does not serve these fruits when they are so juicy and over-ripe as to be difficult to manage.

Many persons would not serve oranges at all for dinner, but instead tangerines that can be managed more gracefully. Tangerines may be peeled and then broken into sections, the seeds being removed by means of the knife before taking them in the fingers to eat. Orange skins should be removed by holding the orange firmly on the plate with the fork and then cutting off the skin by means of the knife. After this morsels of the orange may be cut from the core by means of the knife and fork and the pieces conveyed to the mouth by the fork. Needless to say, this is more easily accomplished when the oranges are firm and not extremely juicy. So the wise hostess selects California oranges for dinner, though she may prefer those delicious Florida oranges when they are to be eaten with a spoon for breakfast.

You may have your own pet way of eating grapes, but there is only one right way—that is, according to the accepted usage. They should be eaten by means of the fingers of the right hand, the stones should then be dropped into the left hand inconspicuously and thence conveyed to the fruit plate. Cherries should be managed in the same way.
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Time Speed of Jackrabbits. How fast can a jackrabbit run? Motorists of Lyons, Kan., recently have made tests of speed on country roads and have found that a cottontail will go 45 miles an hour for half a mile, while a jackrabbit will travel more than a mile at 60 miles an hour before hopping out of the road.

VALUES CAN BE STABILIZED BY DEFLATION

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Sir Charles Adlms, president of the Institute of Bankers, in an inaugural address to that body, made a strong plea for continued efforts to restore the gold standard.

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