

PENNSYLVANIA'S DEATH HOUSE

Grim and Gloomy Building Wherein Condemned Murderers Will Pass Away.

NO MORE ROPE HANGINGS

The Instrument of Death And Its Appliances, And The Method of Their Use To Carry Out The Judgment of The Law.

BELLEFONTE, Pa.—The finishing touches have been put on the first death house in this State. Pennsylvania can now boast of a plant for the execution of murderers that, according to the opinion of experts, is unequaled anywhere in the world. The death-house and electric chair were authorized by the last legislature, and \$50,000 was appropriated for their erection and equipment.

Two stories in height, but very wide, the death-house stands alone in the prison yard. It is away from the main prison buildings and entirely shut off from the view of any convicts.

The first floor contains two large wings to the east and west. It will be used as the headquarters of the deputy warden. The death-house proper is on the second floor, and the only access to it is through a doorway closed by a massive dark painted door.

The only piece of furniture in the death chamber is the electric chair. Built of massive oak timber, it stands just inside the doorway, facing towards the room, with its back towards the dividing wall. A small room between the corridor and the electrocution chamber over the hallway contains the transformers and other machinery necessary to operate the electric chair, not including the engine and dynamo, which are located on the first floor.

A ventilating dome hangs like a canopy above the instrument of death. The switches and electric appliances for operating the chair are enclosed in a closet built into the wall of the death chamber, at the right and rear of the chair, and almost within reaching distance of a condemned man in the grip of the electrodes.

The head electrode is in the form of a closely woven copper wire mask, fitting over the forehead and reaching back to the rear portion of the skull. Another electrode will be attached to the ankle. The only persons who will be allowed to witness any execution, under the laws of the State, will be a qualified physician, six reputable adult citizens selected by the warden, one spiritual adviser, when requested and selected by the convict, not more than six newspaper men and officers of the penitentiary selected by the warden.

Under the law of Pennsylvania condemned murderers will be kept in the custody of the county sheriff, in the county where sentenced, until a few days prior to the date of execution. When they will be brought to the State prison here to be electrocuted. Thus it is not likely that more than five or six men will be shut up in the death-house at one time.

YOUNG PRIMA DONNA FROM WALKERVILLE GOTHAM SENSATION



Eleanor Painter.

Among the younger prima donnas who are creating something of a sensation in New York this season is Miss Eleanor Painter. She has achieved a success on her American debut such as seldom comes to opera singers, even after many years of appearances before American audiences. She is a native of Walkerville, Iowa.

conducting a campaign for one day's rest in seven, and in many instances their request has been granted.

TRIED COOKING RECIPES



PUMPKIN CHIPS.

Select a good, sweet pumpkin (the old Connecticut field pumpkin is best), halve it, take out the seeds and strings and cut as large a portion as you wish to preserve in chips about the size of a dollar. To each pound of the pumpkin allow a pound of fine white sugar and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Put the chips in a deep dish and sprinkle each layer with sugar. Turn the lemon juice over the whole. Let this remain for a day, then boil the whole together with a cup of water allowed to each three pounds of pumpkin, a tablespoonful of ground ginger tied in bags and the shredded yellow peel of the lemons. As soon as the pumpkin is tender turn the whole into a stone crock and set in a cool place for a week. At the end of that time pour the syrup off the chips, boil down to a thick syrup, then pour back and seal.

STUFFED CABBAGE.

Select a nice firm white head of cabbage. Wash and drain well. Then scoop out the center. Now peel and core several nice firm cooking apples; place in center of cabbage and sprinkle slightly with sugar if desired. Now place in a bag and boil in water until cabbage is tender. Drain and place on a platter of lettuce leaves and spread rich mayonnaise dressing over same. Can be served either hot or cold. Also adds as a decoration to the table.

SIMPLE FROZEN DESSERT.

Bury a can of peaches, pears or any fruit in ice and salt as when freezing mousse, and leave for three hours. The can may then be opened and the contents removed in solid form, the fruit frozen in its own juice. Serve with whipped cream, a dash of ice cream, or by itself. This makes a pretty, delicious and unusual dessert.

PEPPERMINT ICE CREAM.

Children never tire of the peppermint ice cream, made by dissolving three-fourths pounds of the red and

white striped stick peppermint candy in a small amount of water, then adding it to a quart of milk prepared with the junket tablet, and freezing as usual.

MILK SUBSTITUTE FOR STARCH.

A white garment wrung out of skimmed milk will be as stiff as when starched, but it must be partially dried and pressed with a medium hot iron or the goods will scorch.

THICKENING FOR PUREE.

A little potato, barley, sago, tapioca, or soft bread crumbs may be used for thickening a puree, quite as effectively as a roux of flour and butter.

VEAL AND PEAS.

Take 15 cents' worth of veal, stew until tender, take from liquor and cut in small pieces, put back in liquor and add one cup of peas, season and thicken with flour and milk.

FOR LUNCHEON OR BREAKFAST.

Flavor a rich cream sauce with some good meat sauce, and poach some eggs in the same sauce. Serve on toast. This makes a tasty luncheon or breakfast dish.

FLAVORING FRENCH TOAST.

When next making a French toast, sprinkle each slice with a little sugar and cinnamon after cooking; this gives the dish a delightful flavor.

MAKING ROLLS CRISPY.

For crisp rolls, bake the rolls one day and reheat them the next day. The double baking makes them crispy.

FIGS WITH CREAM OR CUSTARD.

Stewed figs, served with either whipped cream or boiled custard, make a simple dessert.

GARNISH FOR DISH OF GAME.

Slices of orange, tipped with jelly, made an attractive garnish for poultry or game.

Dinner Stories

An absent-minded husband was asked by his wife to stop in a store on his way down town and buy her three articles of feminine wear. Of course, when he reached the store he had forgotten what they were. So the young clerk behind the first counter was amazed to hear: "Excuse me, my wife told me to come in here and get her some things to wear and I've forgotten what they are. Would you mind naming over a few things?"

One time General Tom Marshall was speaking to a large gathering in Buffalo, when some one present every few moments kept shouting "Louder! louder." Tom stood this for a while, but at last, turning gravely to the presiding officer, he said: "Mr. Chairman, at the last day, when the angel shall with his golden trumpet proclaim that time shall be no longer; when the quick and dead shall appear before the Mercy Seat to be judged, I doubt not, sir, that the solemnity of that solemn and awful scene will be interrupted by some drunken fool from Buffalo, shouting, 'Louder! louder!'"

The father of a Germantown lad had given him a ten-cent piece and a quarter of a dollar, telling him that he might put one or the other on the church's contribution plate. At dinner the father asked the boy which coin he had given. "Well, father," exclaimed the youngster, "at first it seemed to me that I ought to put the quarter on the plate; but just in time I remembered the saying, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,' and I

knew I could give a ten-cent piece a great deal more cheerfully. So I put that in."

The advanced maiden was out rowing with a possible suitor and had taken her little sister along, who was exhibiting much fear at the waves.

"Why, Martha, if you are so nervous now, what will you be at my age?"

"Thirty-nine, I suppose," meekly replied little sister.

Pat had gone back home to Ireland and was telling about New York.

"Have they such tall buildings in America as they say, Pat?" asked the parish priest.

"Tall buildings, ye ask, sur?" replied Pat. "Faith, sur, the last one I worked on we had to lay on our stomachs to let the moon pass."

During a financial panic, according to a contemporary, a German farmer went to a bank for some money. He was told that the bank was not paying out money, but was using cashier's checks. He could not understand this, and insisted on money.

The officers took him in hand, one after another, with little effect. At last the president tried his hand, and after long and minute explanation some inkling of the situation seemed to be dawning on the farmer's mind. Much encouraged, the president said: "You understand now how it is, don't you, Mr. Schmidt?"

"I tink I do," admitted Mr. Schmidt. "It's like dis, ain't it? Ven my baby wakes up at night and wants some milk, I gif him a milk ticket."

GERMANY'S PURPOSE.

Main Idea of Her Economic Policy is To Help Workingmen. Everything for the workingman is Germany's silent though potent purpose today. Her vast army is a physical training school for her young men—artists and yokels. It is considered from this point of view by many distinguished anti-militarists to be alone one of the best investments (always from an economic standpoint). The German people have been making an investment in good health and physical and moral efficiency.

WAITED HIS CHANCE.

Then The Preacher Put in With a Sockdologer Of His Own. A German clergyman, while traveling stopped at a hotel much frequented by wags and jokers. During dinner these worthies opened fire on the clergyman, who, however, stood their jibes and sneers with a calm indifference. At length a fellow diner said to him, "Well, I wonder at your patience. Have you not heard all that has been said to you?" "Oh, yes, but I am used to it," replied the clergyman. "I am chaplain of a lunatic asylum."

SCUR MILK FOR CALVES.

It is Good Food If Properly Looked After.

That in summer time calves do as well on sour skim milk as they do on sweet will be interesting news to many farmers who have hitherto been kept from raising calves by the expense of keeping the milk sweet in hot weather. This expense experiments carried out by the department indicate to be quite unnecessary. The calves will make as rapid gains on sour skim milk. In winter, it is true, this is not quite so satisfactory. It chills the calves and some of them drink it with great reluctance. Very young calves have even been known to refuse it altogether. On the other hand, of course, it is much easier to keep the milk sweet in winter.

In calling attention of farmers to these facts, however, the department at the same time emphasizes an important precaution. Unless the milk is produced and kept under cleanly conditions, it may be contaminated with disease-producing bacteria. Farmers should therefore allow the milk to sour quickly and then feed it without delay.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN.

Together They Have Freed Several Great States From Debt.

Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska are free from debt, and Kansas will be free in 1915, when her last bonds will be retired. New York State has a debt of \$70,000,000 and there is a farm mortgage list in that state aggregating \$100,000,000. The bonded debt of Massachusetts is \$116,000,000, and of Virginia \$24,000,000, while several of the Southern States have no foreign credit because of their inability to meet indebtedness years ago. Grain and live stock farming is the answer. The grain belt daily gives the Chicago stock yards a business of \$1,300,000. Pick up the atlas and glance at the grain and live stock belt when you have an odd moment. It is the section of the country which "makes the wheels go round."

Instead of "raise more corn to feed more hogs to buy land." It is now "Raise more live stock on less acres and market cheaper and earlier to send more boys to college to learn more knowledge to raise more, etc."

'Oswald' Lays Egg; Name Changed.

Boston, Mass.—Oswald, a big green parrot at the Franklin Park Zoo, amazed the keepers of the bird house by laying an egg after having cried "Votes for Women." The bird was re-christened Irene.

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