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REFORMING CRIMINALS

There is a popular impression that the inmates of jails and prisons are as a whole a depraved class, bent on crooked ways, and that not many of them can ever be reformed. Many employers would be reluctant to give any kind of a position to a man who had been in jail, feeling that he had a bad streak about him that would come out some day.

Yet Mr. Maude Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteers of America and an authority on prison work, said in a recent address that she had known personally more than 18,000 prisoners who had finished their sentences and come out straight men.

The greatest obstacle encountered by released prisoners who want to go straight, is the difficulty they frequently encounter in obtaining work. If such a man who really wants to make good, finds himself rejected again because of his record, he forms the conviction that he must live in any way he can if society won't let him work then he must steal.

A man of that type might not be a suitable candidate for a position of trust until he had demonstrated a thorough change of heart. But if he has made a good record in jail and shown an industrious disposition and a docile temper, there ought to be plenty of chances for him to make a fresh start.

Many prison inmates could be reformed, if during their jail terms they could be organized in gangs for work on a farm. Jails that have land attached find that the experience of cultivating the soil is a healthful one for such men. It seems to turn their minds away from the crooked path and brings them more into harmony with the world of honest endeavor. It teaches them one of the basic industrial arts, and shows them that when they get out they can make a living. They will never have any trouble in selling good food products.

It is enough to make anyone heart sick to go through slum districts in large cities. It is not strange that people get disintegrated in these dingy districts, in which buildings are in poor repair and dirt and disorder prevail. And in most cities and towns there are some houses that approximate the same condition.

The living conditions prevailing in a town have a great deal to do with the morals of the people. Those who reside in forlorn and ill kept tenements get dissatisfied with life, and are rebellious against the social system. If you move those people into attractive little apartments or homes, and induce them to maintain that condition you reconcile them to life. You incite them to pull themselves up and show ambition, and check the tendency to engage in vices, which often result from the discouragement of discontented people.

The landlords of poorly kept homes, usually say that the tenants are careless and would not keep the property up if it was improved. That is true in many cases. If discontented people who are sick of their unhappy surroundings, would show more responsibility for improvement, they would encourage real estate owners to keep their property in better repair.

It would pay landlords to make special inducements to such tenants. An owner could well afford to make a discount on his rent to any family that would keep their building and grounds in attractive condition, and do some thing to beautify them. Or he could make the rate higher to those who refused to cooperate in this way.

Ill kept homes are a blot on the nation and the community. A combined effort should be made to produce neat and cheerful conditions for the people who occupy rented quarters.

MAKING GOOD ON SALES

A man who bought an automobile in another state was remarking the other day on the tremendous difference between the attitude of the people who sold him the car, before and after the deal was completed. Before that date they were calling on him about every day, and manifesting the keenest concern to please him. But afterward, they seemed to have lost interest in him and the car.

The same man was speaking of burning coal, and how he had to learn through his own experiments how to avoid waste. He believed it would pay coal dealers to make a study of scientific combustion, so they could help their customers make their fuel go farther. But probably some, he said, would like to see it burned up as soon as possible so as to sell more.

People who get out mechanical devices and machines

are frequently indifferent about how they work after they are sold. Many of these contrivances have sold well for a time, and then people have discarded them, because they did not understand how to run them right. The company that made or sold them needed to give service to make them useful.

It has been said of some conscientious business people, that they made such substantial stuff that it took too long to wear it out. The people who used it would come back and buy the same thing each time, but they had to buy so rarely that it did not make much business for the producer.

MUCH PROFIT IN AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Like craftsmen obtain much that is helpful by frequent mingling. A unity of purpose develops a cordiality of spirit. To know the other fellow who is participating in the same game with yourself enhances respect and dispels suspicion. It is profitable to learn the plans and purposes of your neighbor. We learn by absorption. However shiftless the other fellow may be he has some particular quality that you should possess, and thus we learn each from the other.

A coming together of newspaper men, publishers and printers, for the average country publisher belongs to this trinity, is helpful because like minds are seeking mutual enlightenment. The study of common problems and the exchange of experiences all serve to eliminate difficulties. The viewpoint of each enhances interests converging toward a common center.

An exchange of ideas is the basic principle in organization. There are no fundamentals but what are susceptible to improvement. The business office may be materially benefited by the application of improved methods.

The mechanical department depends for his efficiency upon the application of up-to-date ideas. News features, the general trend of publicity and the development of skill and dexterity in meeting emergencies all are subjects for deliberative discussion.

A conference of men and women with like purposes and mutual problems cannot fail to produce helpful results.

FACTS ABOUT THE DIAMOND

The diamond is the hardest substance nature makes. Its density is 10. Diamonds are found in volcanic funnels in a kind of blue, clay only. There is no person who knows just how or why diamonds were formed. They are believed to be of vegetable origin. The diamond is simply carbon the same as the coal we burn in our stoves, but purified. The principle supply of stones comes from the Kimberley mines of South Africa, the diamonds are found in the Andes in South America, a few in parts of North America, on the Isle of Borneo and in Australia. Cecil Rhodes organized the diamond trust in 1889 which still controls 90 per cent of the world's supply, and it is an English cooperation. When fully operating the Kimberley mines employ 30,000 men. A depth of over 2,000 feet has now been reached in the Kimberley mines. There is but the one thing sought in the diamond-brilliance, fire, sparkle, life. A whole carat diamond without brilliancy may be had for \$75. But it is a poor buy at that. Diamonds are classified into six grades. The 6A stone only is absolutely perfect, and commands the highest price. The 5A stone is not quite perfect, and is cheaper in price, and so on down. To become an expert on diamonds requires years of study and application. Diamonds are cut with diamonds, and are polished on bronze discs smeared with their own dust. Diamonds are found in many colors; white, blue, yellow, black etc. The blue-white is

the most desirable. Many styles are employed in cutting, but the brilliant cut is the best; which consists in giving the stone fifty eight facets; thirty-three above the girdle and twenty-five below. A perfect specimen may be imperfectly cut, and an imperfect diamond may be perfectly cut. Imperfections consist of sutures, feathers, heat waves and carbon spots. Probably the largest diamond ever found is the Cullinan which weighed in the rough about 3300 carats. Never buy a diamond until you have had an expert grade it and state its value.

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SERVICE AND ADJUSTED COMPENSATION DRIVE

The National census of veterans of the world war, recently authorized by the American Legion, will begin here this week when every ex-service man and woman in Safford and Graham county will be enumerated according to announcement made today by Gilbert Wheelock, commander of Swift-Murphy Post of the Legion. The local part of the census will be carried on under the direction of Swift-Murphy Post and the American Legion Auxiliary.

A house-to-house and farm-to-farm canvass of every city block and township in Graham County will be made. Every veteran will be interviewed, asked forty-eight questions and his answers recorded. When the census is complete national headquarters of the Legion expects to have concise and complete record of every man and woman who was in the Service. This record will be invaluable to the Legion in prosecuting its fight for the disabled, and for all classes of veterans who have unsettled claims or adjustments to make with the

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government in the past two years the national service division of, the Legion has been instrumental in settling claims in favor of veterans, totaling more than \$10,000,000.

Every veteran will be asked if he was wounded or gassed or injured by accident; if his health was impaired in any way while in the service, and if he has received satisfactory medical treatment and compensation. It is known that there are many still suffering in various ways as a result of their military service, who have never been reached by government relief. The services of the Legion are laid at the disposal of all persons in this position.

There are other ex-service men in a more fortunate position, who have re-established themselves financially and can spare to their less fortunate comrades the benefits to which they are entitled under the pending adjusted compensation bill. These persons are to be asked if they will devote their share of the government compensation allowance to aid their needy and disabled "buddies" in this way the Legion intends to establish a rotating fund for the immediate relief of all whose needs are too pressing to wait on the course of government procedure. There are thousands of these. They will not be helped by the passing of laws. They need care taken of them right away, according to local Legionnaires. It has been a case of "let George do it," and "George" as usual has stayed around the corner. This is the condition that the rotating loan fund of the Legion has been designed to remedy and the Legionnaires are confident that the same old spirit that brought in wounded comrades under fire will not be found "around the corner" in the relieving of the ex-service man in distress today.

All veterans are to be sought out whether members of any soldier organization or not. The matter of their membership in the Legion is of no consequence. The fact is that there is no other organization of sufficient scope to undertake and carry through a national census of veterans, and with the very apparent need of such a census the Legion has taken it up.

The recording of what choice each veteran will make under five alternatives provided for in the Adjusted Compensation bill will be a very important result of the census. This question is to be asked of every ex-soldier in the community. The bill offers the soldier his option of any one of the five following provisions for compensation (1) adjusted pay for the term of service put in; (2) a paid-up 20 year insurance policy; (3) expenses paid for a course in vocational training; (4) a loan for the purchase of a farm or home; (5) application of a man's adjusted pay on the purchase of government improved land.

The adjusted pay is to be set at the rate of \$1.00 a day for home service \$1.25 a day for service overseas. The face value of the life insurance policy offered is to be 3.38 times the amount that would be received by the same man as adjusted pay. His vocational training aid or farm or home loan would be 140 per cent of what he would receive in cash. All back claims against the government are likewise to be entered in the Legion census. If a man did not get his \$60 bonus on discharge he is requested to make it known. If the government owes him back pay travel pay, if his allotments or liberty bonds have gone astray, if he has never received his Victory medal, he is to enter his complaint on the Legion questionnaire.

"We want to know everything that every service man has got coming to him," is the word that has come from State Headquarters at Phoenix. That is what the local post is going after.

A Free public camping ground has been established at the Kirtland Garage and an efficient mechanic, Carl Williams, has been employed by Manager Kirtland, and will have full charge of the automobile department.

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