

**MAKING USEFUL MEN FROM WORTHLESS KIDS**

**That's What the State Reformatory is Doing—Teaching Them a Trade.**

One day a worthless kid—that's what folks called him, anyway—who had stoen something, was sentenced by a judge in the eastern part of the state to the state reformatory, and was brought to the Hutchinson institution.

That "worthless kid" is today holding a good job as a pressman in one of the biggest printing concerns of the country, drawing \$24 a week, with a chance of advancement, has a steady job and is highly thought of.

"I owe it all to you and the institution there," he wrote Frank Ormsby, superintendent of the printing department at the state reformatory. "I can't thank you too much for what you have done for me."

Now there wasn't anything very bad with that boy. He just hadn't had a chance. Nobody took any interest in him. When he was sent to the reformatory some folks probably thought he was a convict going to prison, to put in years at hard labor, pounding rock or something.

But it wasn't that way at all. He merely come to school. He found friendly folks ready to help him. He found a chance to learn a trade. He didn't know a thing about it but he started in at the bottom. He went to school and got an education.

It wasn't long until he was ready to graduate and now he is a self-respecting, hard-working steady, reliable young man, pulling down a good pay check.

And that's what the Hutchinson Reformatory is doing for hundreds of young men.

"That letter is only one of scores of the same kind," said Mr. Ormsby, who keeps in close touch with "his boys" after they leave him. And they're always leaving.

There are at the present time 23 graduates of the printing department of the reformatory out on parole. Eighteen of the 23 are working at the trade they learned in the institution. They are in Kansas City, Wichita, Denver, Portland, Ore., all over Kansas in print shops, some back east, all working in the printing trade.

They are linotype operators, pressmen, job printers, some got into the newspaper end of the business; one is holding a good job on the editorial staff of a Denver paper.

Only one of those on the list has gone bad—only one out of 23. Which is 100 per cent better average at that, than the carpenter of Nazareth found when he picked his twelve disciples, for one of the 12 went bad.

This one was bad at heart, it developed. It was learned, after his parole, that he had previously served time in two other penal institutions for stealing diamonds. After he left here he drifted to Nevada, and got into the old trouble, stole some jewels and is now serving a 15 year sentence in the Carson City pen.

But he is the only one who slipped and fell.

The printing plant at the reformatory is a regular plant. There are two linotypes, two job presses, a paper cutter, over 200 fonts of display type, and everything that a printing plant requires. Not only blank work, and



# Christmas Suggestions

## For Discriminating Gift Buyers

### For the Lady

- Cedar Chest
- Sewing Cabinet
- Place Rugs
- Rocking Chairs
- Bissel Sweeper
- Electric Sweeper
- Card Table
- Pedestal
- Tea Wagon
- Electric Iron

- Food Chopper
- Kitcehn Cabinet Stool
- A Cabinet to shorten her hours in the kitchen.
- A Mattress guaranteed for 20 years.
- Furniture for any room in the home.
- Fernery
- Washing Machine

### For the Gentleman

- Smoke Stand
- Foot Stool
- Big Rocker
- Traveling Bag
- Chifferole
- Chiffonier
- Suit Case
- A Costumer, a place to keep his hat

### For the Kiddies

- Bassinnet
- Carriage
- Jumper
- Walker
- Crib
- High Chair
- Youth's Chair
- Wagon
- Arrow Cycle
- Tricycle

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job work of all kinds is done, but considerable book work.

Recently the shop got out a 260 page Alumni catalogue for Kansas University, and are now starting on an 80 page book for the Southwestern college at Winfield.

Much of the printing for state institutions, instead of being done in the state printing plant, is done by this plant at the reformatory. Besides the job printing and book work, a weekly institution newspaper is issued called the Reformatory Herald.

This newspaper is handled by the inmate student printers and editors, from the writing of the copy, the editing of it, the proof-reading, the setting of the type and the printing of the paper.

The purpose of the printing plant of course is to teach the trade to the boys who are assigned to it. None of them are printers when they are re-

ceived.

"We take green men, who know nothing at all about it, and yet who express a preference for the trade, and who show a capability for it," explained Superintendent Ormsby. "We are, of course, constantly changing our force. Just about the time we have some linotype operators and printers trained, they are paroled, and leave us. But that is all right. I like to see them go out into the world, and get a new start."

"And I want to tell you, the satisfaction of seeing these boys, who come here practically good-for-nothing outcasts of society, leave with a good trade and able to make good, is reward worth more than the salary paid us."

And the superintendent of the print shop pointed to a bunch of letters just received from his "graduates" scattered all over the country,

letters showing how they were making good.

"That's what makes this institution something worth while," he remarked. "Those who call this a sort of pen don't know what they are talking about."

### FEDERAL AID PROJECT AWAITS AN ESTIMATE

At a meeting of the county commissioners Monday, the claim of the State Highway Department for \$2,000.00 for the work of the preliminary survey and incident expenses, for the Federal Aid project in Texas County was allowed, Commissioners Hall and Glatthaar voting aye, and Landess nay. Owing to the fact that the County Excise Board had not passed the county estimate, County Treasurer Jack Curtis decided he should not register the warrant at the present time. The County Excise Board can call a meeting and approve the estimate at any time it sees fit, the money for this purpose being in the county treasurer's hands. The County Excise Board has nothing to do with this claim, and are not called upon to pass on or consider it, it being no part of the business of that body. There is ample money in the fund in the hands of the treasurer to pay the claim, and a great deal more and the claim will no doubt be paid just as soon as the excise board meets and makes its estimate.—Guymon Herald.

### DEATH BY STRYCHNINE

Unnoticed by her parents, little Gladys Arleen McPheeters, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. McPheeters, who reside in the northwest part of the county, about seventeen miles from Guymon, reached and swallowed some strychnine tablets, which caused her death before a physician could be secured. This occurred last Sunday. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their suffering. Rev. J. R. Lambert conducted the funeral. Interment was made in the Bethel cemetery.—Guymon Herald.

Mrs. Frank Turner arrived Sunday from Beaver, Oklahoma, for several days' visit at the home of her niece, Mrs. Leona Botts, before returning to her home in Bronson, Colorado. She has been visiting relatives at Beaver and Forgan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Etzold, of Liberal, spent Thanksgiving at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Hall, and family.—Fowler News.

FOR SALE—Practically new Ford Sedan. Inquire at Democrat office.

### SEWARD CO. CLUB ORGANIZED AT K. U.

The Seward County students of the University of Kansas effected an organization of the Seward County Club Friday, Dec. 8th. The following officers were elected:

President—George Spradling.  
Vice President—Mildred Cure.  
Sec.-Treas.—Blanche Jones.

There are ten Seward county students enrolled there. They plan to give a program of speeches and songs in the high schools here and at Kismet to promote the K. U. spirit among the students in the high schools during the Christmas vacation.

### MRS. A. RUSSELL DEAD

Word was received this week of the death of Mrs. A. Russell at the home of her daughter Mrs. McCloud, in Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were former Liberal residents and will be remembered by the old timers here. Mr. Russell was at one time mayor of this city. Mr. Russell passed away several years ago.

J. H. Yarberry and family have moved into the old Landis property, now owned by the First National Bank. Mr. Yarberry likes the city fine, and expects to make his home here. He recently purchased the Photoplay theater from W. E. Salyer.—Fowler News.

R. M. Gilbert left Monday for Kansas City where he will receive treatment from physicians.

Kenneth and Lois Gilbert drove to Ulysses, Kansas, Saturday and visited a short time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Maricle visited last week at the home of their son Jess Maricle at Elkhart.

Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. G. W. Ferris went to Guymon Saturday evening for several days' visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pile and Ross Pile and Lorena King attended the Fred Hoskinson sale near Hugoton Wednesday.

R. B. Loffin of near Hugoton was attending to business interests here Saturday.

Carl Wettstein of the Rose Valley neighborhood was visiting friends here Sunday.

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# GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Our Holiday Gift lines are now on display and embrace appropriate gifts for old and young. We have been especially careful that every offering be of high quality and we invite your inspection.

## Toys for the Kiddies



We cannot begin to enumerate the many things for the little folks in our Toy section. You'll just have to bring them to see. There are dolls of all kinds and sizes, doll furniture, doll carriages, drums, iron and tin tops, mechanical toys, balls, blocks, games; in fact just about everything a boy or girl could want.



### Give "Him" a Box of Cigars

Any smoker will appreciate a box of really good cigars. He'll like them if we furnish them. Different size boxes to suit all.



### Cameras Make Excellent Gifts



A big line of Christmas Candies in fancy boxes.

### Perfumes

And toilet preparations, little toilet requisites of all kinds are very popular gifts. We are showing a big line of these popular gifts.



### Toilet Articles and Novelties

Splendid lines of Toilet Articles and Leather Goods will make it an easy matter to choose the gift you want at the price you desire to pay.



### Stationery

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## Why Not a New Edison?



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Why not have that phonograph this Christmas?—that New Edison—"the Phonograph with a soul"—the one Phonograph perfected by Thos. A. Edison, the master mind of all time. Edison invented the phonograph in the beginning and now he has perfected it until it not merely plays music—it recreates music so faithfully that great artists cannot tell the difference between its rendition and the voice of the performers. Plays all records, comes in many styles and models. Highest in quality, lowest in price. Have a demonstration of the many models in stock.

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