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A PRISONER'S VIEWPOINT.

Should the newspapers print less news of crime, or more? What would be the probable effect upon potential criminals of the one policy or the other? The following answer is given by a convicted criminal who is today serving time in the state prison at Charles-town, Mass. His views are controlled to the current issue of The Mentor, the magazine which the prisoners conduct.

"Idealists and professional reformers would have the world believe that the suppression of crime news in the newspapers would have a deterrent effect upon crime, but to one who thinks sanely and logically that course would be asinine.

"The newspapers should adopt a policy, not of suppression but rather of wide open publicity—truthful publicity, not half-truths or reflections of popular fancy. Write up the crime, by all means. Write up the trial, conviction, the consequences, so often fatal or serious, to the innocent victims of the crime; and then, follow the convicted criminal to prison. Remove the false coating of romanticism, of melodrama. . . . Tell truthfully what prison is; show the drab, dull days, the long, bitter nights, the food, the petty, maddening rules, the discipline, the work of an unaccustomed and often distasteful kind. Show not the occasional concert or recreational period . . . but the dreary, monotonous solitude of a cell, and the harshness of prison life. Any other course is but a temptation, an invitation to break the law whose punishments, in reality terrible, are derided as futile."

Miss Gertrude Ederle, who swam the English Channel, has received an offer of marriage, which she has refused. In an interview she said: "I've always wanted to be independent and make my own way in the world. The only reason I turned professional and want to make money, is that I craved some of the nice things of life, and also that if I ever do get married and have children, I will be able to give them a good education and everything they want—until they are able to take care of themselves. However, I have no thought of getting married for many years to come. I have yet to see any man who made my heart flutter—although I like several just as pals. I can't tolerate the silly boys who think staying out all night and drinking gin is smart. I never have been petted, and I don't believe in petting. I prefer reading an adventure story to being bothered by boys."

Irvin Cobb, who knows more about writing than the average person who can run a typewriter, stopped off in Chicago long enough the other day to give good advice to reporters who are ambitious to write the great American novel, play or short story. And most reporters who are any good desire to do that thing. Write for the mezzanine folks, Cobb says—for those who are neither low-brow nor high-brow. Write life as you find it. Don't set out to please the vain little folks who admit they are the true intellectuals. Write simply, so everybody can understand. Don't put your cookies on the high shelf. Put them where we all can reach.

A Chicago lady journalist says that "a flapper would never dream of meeting her best beau in a shabby old apron, with her hair mussed up. And what beau would think of calling on his lady love with a healthy growth of whiskers on his chin and his hair unkempt?" And that's where the flapper and the sheik are wiser than married folks. They know that it is important to look the part. They play up to each other. They work at the trade of making themselves both beautiful and agreeable. They get results.

Hon. W. L. Hall, member for Queens Co., in the Nova Scotia Legislature has been sworn in attorney-general in the Rhodes Government to succeed Hon. J. C. Douglas who resigned to contest Antigonish-Guysboro for the Federal House. Hon. Mr. Hall is an able lawyer and has been in public life for some years. At one time he was leader of the Conservative opposition in the Legislature.

Someone suggests that in the event husbands are compelled to wear wedding rings, the nervousness of the bridegroom's best man in hunting for the ring during the ceremony will be nothing as compared with that of the married man when he comes home late from one of those important business conferences and begins going through his pockets for his temporarily discarded badge of servitude.

Two youths, aged 17 and 15, of Cape May county, New Jersey, were convicted of selling liquor. Doesn't the summer job of mowing lawns have any appeal to the generation of this day?

Mussolini has assured Captain Nobile he did pilot the Norge on its polar trip, and that authoritative statement ought to settle any doubt the officer may have entertained on the subject.

Hickory, dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock, and it certainly was amusing to watch its embarrassment when it found the short skirt gave it no place to hide.

It is said the first play to be produced in North America was staged at Port Royal, Nova Scotia in 1906; and no doubt it will astonish many to know it was not "Abie's Irish Rose."

The two Easterners who got into a street fight over whose watch kept the better time will spend the next 30 days where watches are popularly supposed to be superfluous.

Speaking of variety, there is the story you tell friends about the smash-up, and the one you tell when you trade the car in.

If the next war, as prophets insist, is to be fought in the air, we've only just begun to get static from the ether.

Some seem to get along rather comfortably by hunting up the young and thoughtless spender and selling him seed wild oats.

The old-timer who was three years out of New Bedford on a whaler has a grandson who thinks that landing a two-pound bass is a rodeo.

Sometimes it almost seems as if a great detective is one who can land his man in spite of the co-operation.

The one high record that wins no applause is that made by the thermometer.

Still for the average traveler the old problem of crossing the channel without being seasick isn't solved.

We will believe Dempsey is going to fight when we see him in the ring.

A Boston hosiery mill has quit. Must have made 'em of cotton.

It's a small world after all, until you start looking for a golf ball.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

Examples of right living are far more eloquent than much preaching.

Isn't it a fact that more people lived within their incomes when the incomes were smaller?

Lima Beane says the butter one gets in one's ears while eating corn off the cob is a total loss.

After all, the world itself hums along pretty smoothly, never having to stop for gas.

A man may have all the money he needs and still not have enough to make a fool of him.

Gertrude Ederle is one young woman who doesn't need any young man to teach her how to swim.

Paper money will survive being folded two thousand times. Some of us unfold ours once and it is gone.

Socrates said he married for discipline. Other men since his day have done the same thing but didn't know it.

"Girls of the old days," remarked the Man on the Car, "were just as pretty as the girls of today—what one saw of them."

Our personal taste in detective runs to the kind, if any, that has nothing to say, at least until he actually got him.—Ohio State Journal—There is always admiration or the one who doesn't know what the word "baffled" means.

M'LAUGHLIN
LIBERAL CHOICE
IN CHARLOTTE

St. Stephen, Aug. 18—Major P. Elmer McLaughlin is the new Liberal candidate for Charlotte, having been chosen at a large Liberal convention held in the Queen Theatre, here, this afternoon. That there will be a stiff fight in Charlotte this election was evidenced today in the large meeting of Liberals of the county. Hugh M. Balkam was in the chair.

In opening the meeting Mr. Balkam stated that Charlotte county always seemed to be in opposition to the government. "Now," said Mr. Balkam, "let us choose a candidate that will be elected, and so have a man from Charlotte who will be with the government, for there is no question but that Hon. Mackenzie King will be returned to power."

Hon. W. P. Jones, the first speaker, said that he brought good news from Carleton county, saying that despite Mr. Flemming's majority in the last election, he left that Carleton county would elect Mr. Foster in the coming election. He also spoke on the different questions of the day.

He was followed by the Hon. W. E. Foster of Saint John, Daniel Gilmour, of Montreal and Hon. Burton M. Hill, all of whom gave illuminating addresses on the issues of the day.

Two Nominated.
Nominations were called for and William A. Holt, of St. Andrews, and P. E. McLaughlin, of St. Stephen, were the only two nominated. Mr. McLaughlin received 76 votes while Mr. Holt received 66, and Mr. McLaughlin was declared elected. Mr. McLaughlin was then introduced and was given a rousing reception. He thanked the convention for his nomination and said that he would not take up their time with a lengthy speech, but he said that he wanted the assistance of every man in the Liberal party.

LITTLE-LAKE
NUPTIALS AT
AVONDALE, N.S.

Truro News: A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lake at Avondale, Hants Co., on Tuesday afternoon August 10th at three o'clock when their eldest daughter Ruby Irene was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Little formerly of Kuncudbrightshire, Scotland, but now of Fredericton, N. B.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. E. Barrett of Windsor, the parlor being tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bride looked charming in a dress of Raphael blue flat canton crepe, with sand trimmings and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and carnations.

The wedding march was played by Miss Mildred Canning of Parrsboro, N. S. The bride was unattended.

After the ceremony a dainty lunch was served. Only the immediate relatives and intimate friends were present.

The happy couple mid showers of confetti and good wishes left by auto for Windsor, N. S., and thence to Truro by D. A. R.

The bride was a school teacher and taught last year at Freeport, Digby Co.

The groom was quite well known in Truro having been employed for two or three years at the Experimental Farm, Bible Hill only leaving town last year to take up a position of a similar nature in Fredericton, N. B.

While in town they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Bible Hill, Truro. Mr. and Mrs. Little will make their future home in Fredericton, N. B.

* PERSONAL MENTION *

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hooke, John Challis and A. H. O'Leary of Winchester, Mass., and Miss L. P. Gay of Castine, Me., motorists are at the Barker House.

J. W. Brankley of Chatham was here yesterday registered at the Queen. He left for home last night.

C. L. Fenderson of Jacquet River is registered at the Queen.

G. B. Hellman of Upper Kent is at the Barker House.

L. R. Hetherington of Cody is at the Queen.

J. M. Benjamin of Montreal, Me., is in the city.

A. M. Vaughan of Saint John is in the city.

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A geologist says the world's coal supply will last another 4,000 years, or 8,000 in case the biennial strike is to be a fixture.

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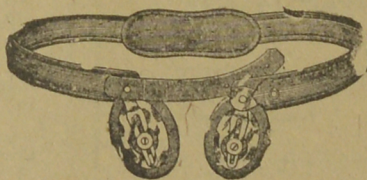
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