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Some two years ago, four young men, or rather boys, up in Cherry county, hanged a man, for which they were sentenced to spend their lives in the pen. After two years Gov. Morehead last week paroled the youngest lad, aged 17 years at the time of the commission of the crime. The story of the crime is as follows: A ranchman had been forcing his attentions upon a young girl, who told her brother regarding the same. The brother and three companions hanged the ranchmen. They claim they did not intend the death, but merely to scare him from bothering the boy's sister with his unwelcome attentions, yet after stringing the man up, became frightened away and the death followed. Let that be as it may, the judge who presided at trial recommended the release, and the governor so ordered, giving as a principal reason that the young man might attend the State University and finish his education. And now comes the University authorities quoting law to the effect that the young man on parole is still a criminal and as such is barred from pursuing his studies there. It would seem such a law was clearly unjust and in the nature of a premium on crime. As a paroled prisoner, he is practically on good behavior and in charge of the state yet forbidden University education because he is a convict. If the governor pardons him, then he is no longer a convict, no longer in charge of the state, entirely free of the state's restraining influence, yet is then free, we suppose, to become a University student. In the first instance, the state is responsible for the young man; in the second, is not more so than if he were never a convict. Would not society and the University itself be safer to give educational facilities to paroled convict than a pardoned convict, in a general sense? It would seem that a state educational institution with such a fool law would better have it thrown over the transom and something better enacted.

As to whether the parolling or pardoning of the convict above is for the best interests of society, that is not the question; it is as to the law refusing to a paroled convict the same rights granted a pardoned or time-served convict.

Since writing the above, we see a strong protest comes from Cherry county against even the parole of the young convict, but however that may result, the question involved remains unchanged.

January closed in Chicago with over a foot of snow on the level and the mantle of white deepening rapidly. The snow storm covered over Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and other states, with a regular blizzard raging at Columbus, O., and other points. Then only a few days previous great floods prevailed at Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Sunny Southern California. And here in Nebraska we were and are having warm, balmy, sunshine weather, with no floods, blizzards, heavy snows, zero killer and only the slightest trace of winter. What a joke on those who go elsewhere to find summer during winter.

Postmaster General Burleson recommends government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. And immediately comes the ever busy Bee, with the assertion that during the regime of Edward Rosewater, and on down to the present, that great newspaper has always advocated government ownership and control of those utilities. Hence the democratic postoffice headpiece springing nothing on the public but what was advocated by such leading republican newspaper men as Edward Rosewater.

Mr. Groundhog showed very little sense Monday by showing his ugly mug in the sunlight and taking a stay on springtime of another six weeks. We never had much respect for his porcupine majesty anyway.

PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESIGNS

Last week Thursday evening, at the mid-week meeting, Rev. J. C. Tourtellot, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city for the past three years, tendered his resignation as pastor, to take effect the 15th of this present month, which was accepted. We understand Rev. Tourtellot has accepted a pastorate of an Iowa Presbyterian church. Since coming to our city, and under his pastorate, the church has greatly increased its membership, and the Sunday school has doubled in numbers. Rev. Tourtellot is a very

HER GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

By C. K. KNOX.

"Oh, Mrs. Lee," cried that good woman's nearest neighbor, "will you come over to my flat and see if I have laid the pattern of my goods the right way? I'm going to make a dress all by myself, and I know Jack will be awfully proud of me. You see, he has the most absurd idea that I'm just a doll, and I'm determined to show him that I am as capable as any young married woman."

"Certainly Mrs. Henry," she said. Then when her eyes fell on the pattern which was spread on the Henry's dining table, she exclaimed: "Why, you're making the bodice one way of the goods, and the skirt the other. It's too bad but that will never do."

"Well, I don't see how I can ever get the dress out of this piece of material if we have to be so particular," mourned its owner. "It was a remnant and I got it cheap. I want to show Jack how economically I can get up a costume."

"When there's an up and down design," Mrs. Lee said, smiling, "it is necessary to have all the parts run in the same direction. Still, by facing the skirt instead of hemming it, I believe there'll be plenty."

"I simply can't make head or tail of the thing," she said, as she held up the bodice of her gown which she was basting. "See what a weird shape it is. I don't believe the pattern is right."

Mrs. Lee took the garment and examined it critically. Then she laughed.

"You have mistaken the sleeves for the fronts, and basted in the under arm pieces wrong side up," she announced. "I believe I'd better pin it together for you the way it goes."

Mrs. Lee had led her cake and was sitting down to her desk to write a letter when a knock at the kitchen door took her back to the rear of the flat.

"Oh, I thought you'd be out here or I'd have gone to the front door," said Mrs. Henry. "See, I'm ready to have you fit me. Haven't I basted this up quickly? Thank you so much for sticking in those pins. Now, I just take it in where you've pinned, don't I? If you don't mind I'll sit down here to do it, because, perhaps, it would be well for me to slip it on again for your inspection before it's really sewed."

After another fitting Mrs. Lee rebasted the necessary alterations herself and showed Mrs. Henry just where to stitch the seams.

"I forgot to ask if I could use your sewing machine," she remarked, sweetly.

"I'm Ready to Have You Fit Me." "You know I haven't one yet, but I'm sure when Jack sees what a stylish dress I can make he'll get me one."

"Leave the upper thread quite long," said Mrs. Lee, after threading the machine.

"What in the world do you suppose is the trouble?" exclaimed Mrs. Henry after a few moments of jerky stitching. "The needle jumps up and down and it isn't sewing at all. Oh, dear! Now the needle's broken."

"I'll fix it for you," Mrs. Lee rose from her desk. "I'm afraid you left the lower thread a little too long. It tangled in the bobbin. Now, you see, the new needle seems to run peacefully."

"Thank you, I'm awfully glad to learn to run the machine because now I can tell Jack that I know how. Oh, dear. It's acting up again."

"Perhaps I'd better do the seams for you, Mrs. Henry?"

"Oh, if you only will. I'll glance through the fashions in this magazine of yours to get an idea for the trimming."

When at last the stitching was done Mrs. Lee kept her promise about facing the skirt, having pressed the seams after discovering Mrs. Henry's peculiar knack of ironing more wrinkles in than out.

The next morning Mrs. Henry, glowing with pride, burst into Mrs. Lee's kitchen.

"I came in to tell you that Jack is simply delighted with my new gown," she announced. "He thinks I'm a perfect wonder to have accomplished so much yesterday. What do you think? He says for me to meet him downtown this afternoon and he'll buy me anything I want for another dress. You see, now that I can make my own clothes I can afford to have a lot more things than when I had to pay a dressmaker. Isn't it splendid?"

"I'll be back in a minute to get you to pin in the sleeves."—Chicago Daily News.

Lesson in Spelling. Pay great attention! What does this spell — Ghougphtheightean? Well, according to the following rule, it spells — it spells — Do you give it up? It spells potato, viz: gh stands for p, as you will find from the last letters in hiccough; ough for o, as in dough; phth stands for t, as in phthisis; eigh stands for a, as in neighbor; te stands for t, as in gazette, and eau stands for o, as in beau. Thus you have p-o-t-a-t-o.

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