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CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS

Work in Prisons the Subject of Earnest Discussion Among Delegates.

REFORM IN OUR PENAL INSTITUTIONS

No System Yet Devised Is Perfect and the Results Desired Can Only Be Achieved by Patient and Persistent Effort.

Yesterday morning's session of the Trans-Mississippi Conference of Charities and Corrections was devoted to the consideration of the subject, "The Prison Question." Five papers were read on subjects connected with the general topic. The president of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, Prof. C. H. Henderson of Chicago university, who was unable to be present at the earlier sessions of the organization, occupied the chair.

The first paper was presented by Rev. Cyrus Mendonhall, chaplain of the State reformatory at Ionia, Mich. His subject was "Reformatories for Men and Women." The substance of his paper was:

No method yet devised is so mechanically accurate that you can turn young men and young women into the proper vessel of sinners and put them out of the spot full-fledged saints. Hereditarily accounts for a great deal of the crime. Environment is also a factor that can enter into the destiny of men and women for good or ill. Intemperance, poverty, ill-health, ignorance, imperfect social conditions—these are the other factors that enter into the problem. Oftentimes if we could reform the parents the outlook for the future would be bright. There are cases to which one's heart goes. Conceived in vice, cradled in shame, reared in crime—what can you expect? The earlier the work begins the better. Home should be the best place. The prison is the poorest place for reform work. But if you have officials who believe in their work and love it, men who carry respect, this would go far beyond teachings and preachings.

Work in State Prisons.

Prof. C. H. Henderson was the next speaker. His subject was "Reformatory Methods in State Prisons." He spoke in part as follows:

If it could be generally understood how closely related reformatory work is to religion we should have a much more enlightened condition. If we understood how corrupt are our institutions, if we paid more attention to the psychology of the crowd, we should say that the worst criminal in our brotherhood is the man who is the human class. I believe in the indeterminate sentence, in a sentence not terminable by the judge or jury, not by the operation of a law, but by the action of the man himself. The question we have to deal with is how to form new habits for the man who comes into the reformatory. He must be washed without and within. I believe that a trade must be taught to every man who enters if the state means to reformat him in society. We want whole men as wardens and governors of institutions. They must be strong men all the way up and down. If these conditions exist there will be no occasion for the quotation, "All hope abandoned, ye who enter here."

Improved both in the management and in the construction of the buildings. In fact he said that the number of jails in the United States that are properly administered could be counted on the fingers. And unless they are so they become pesthouses of crime. He recommended the Ohio plan for the construction of jails and drew a description of it. This is known as the central corridor jail, and is best exemplified by the one at Columbus, O. The fundamental principle is that the prisoners are not allowed to see one another. Young men are not allowed to become familiar with those teachers of crime—the old crooks.

Concerning Capital Punishment.

L. B. Copeland of Omaha read the next paper on "Capital Punishment." It was in part as follows:

The so-called necessity for capital punishment is little better than the straw puppets which some vainglorious agitators fashion with elaborate pains as grotesque antagonists for their mill onslaughts. And what little semblance of necessity there is is only the natural result of blind disregard for nature's highest law. The law cannot revenge and in its infliction of capital punishment contemplates only the protection of humanity against its repetition and the deterring of others from its commission. Both of these desiderata can be accomplished without the infliction of capital punishment.

Miss Mary Fairbrother closed the session with a paper on "Women's Christian Temperance Union." The reading and discussion of papers will be resumed Sunday evening at the First Methodist church, when the subject will be "The Child Saving Problem." Several of the papers will be occupied by visiting delegates Sunday morning. They will be distributed as follows: First Presbyterian church, Prof. C. R. Henderson; Unity church, N. S. Rosenau; St. Mary's Congregational church, General R. Brinkerhoff; First Methodist Episcopal church, H. W. H. Hale.

BOY SHOT BY A POLICEMAN

Seventeen-Year-Old John Coyne a Victim of an Officer of the New Regime.

John Coyne, a boy of 17 years was shot through the arm last night by Patrolman Musselman while he was endeavoring to escape from an assailant who had attacked him in a drunken stupor. The murderous demonstration of the policeman occurred after he had called to the boy to halt and, according to Coyne's account, he had stopped running. The policeman justified himself with the explanation that the boy was a fugitive from justice and refused to stop at his command.

Coyne with several companions had spent the evening in the neighborhood of Twenty-fourth and Clark streets and when the party broke up about 11 o'clock he started south on Twenty-fourth street alone toward his home at Thirtieth and Burt streets. He had gone a short distance when he saw John Vanness, whom he knew, sitting in the door of a saloon across the street. He crossed to speak to him and had reached the curb when he was attacked by an unknown man, who had apparently been drinking heavily. The stranger conceived a desire to possess a tobacco pouch which Coyne had in his hand, but the boy wrenched himself free after receiving several heavy blows and started to run, with his assailant using his unsteady legs to the utmost in the race.

already assaulted by a robber he then took a turn as the victim of a guardian of the law. Instead of firing into the air, according to a general custom in petty cases of that sort, Musselman shot to kill, the bullet taking effect between the shoulder and elbow of the right arm. The heavy forty-four calibre bullet tore a great hole in the flesh and buried itself so deep that no trace of it has as yet been found.

MAN SHOT FOR A BURGLAR

Lee J. Dillon Receives a Mortal Wound While Entering His Boarding House.

Lee J. Dillon, a resident of Omaha for several years, was accidentally shot and mortally wounded last night by O. P. Anderson who was under the impression that Dillon was a burglar. Dillon, who is employed on the Nebraska side of the river, has been boarding with Mrs. Ashton, 229 North Eighth street, Council Bluffs, and on his way home when the shooting occurred. Anderson, a brakeman on the Rock Island line at 108 North Eighth street, a short distance south of Mrs. Ashton, and situated similarly in the block, in the darkness Dillon lost his bearings as he made his way along the street at 11 o'clock and turned in at Anderson's gate under the belief that he had arrived home.

ROBBERS HOLD UP A SALOON

Line Up Five Men Against the Wall While They Go Through the Till.

The practice of Saturday night robberies which kept bartenders in a state of apprehension several months ago was resorted to again last night at the saloon of Charles Wachtler, Thirtieth and Canton streets. The proprietor spent the earlier part of the evening behind the bar in easy reach of a revolver, and the robbers apparently awaited a more favorable opportunity. About 10 o'clock Wachtler left his post and engaged in a friendly game of cards with four men who were spending the evening in the saloon. The party was seated around the table interested in the play when it was interrupted by three robbers. One of them entered a rear door and his companions came from the front, all disguised with handkerchiefs bound tightly just beneath the eyes.

HEARD ABOUT HOTELS.

"Albert! Albert!" was the subdued but impassioned appeal made by a befuddled Shriner at one of the local hotels the other night, and it aroused a number of the guests who had previously been slumbering peacefully. The hour was about 3 o'clock a. m., a time when all good Shriners are supposed to be thinking about retiring. The party making the call was past the middle age, and he was staid and dignified in his bearing. He had been called to the door of the room which Albert was supposed to be occupying. The two had started out in the early evening together, but in the rush which followed had become separated.

Bicycle Riders and Street Cars.

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similar accident on Leavenworth street, and by rare good luck escaped with but a few body bruises. A Briter was riding in the car when his wheel struck a wet spot in the road. He was thrown almost under the car wheels.

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and the ministerial tenant, and the result was that a compromise was reached which was not satisfactory to either.

Free Reclining Chair Cars

"Is there any extra charge for a bowl of water and a napkin?" asked a guest at one of our hotels this week with withering sarcasm of the clerk. The man with the diamond shirt stud suspected something was going to happen, and prepared for emergencies. "I have been stopping here off and on for a long time," continued the offended guest, "and have always paid my bill. I am sorry to say that I am in a proper manner while in the house, and am sure I have never entered your dining room in an unbecoming condition. For that reason I do not see why I should be insulted by one of your 'nigger waiters.'"

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well.—J. R. Gibbs, Pineville, Va.

COMING HOME ON MONDAY

Gallant Twenty-second Will Reach Omaha Some Time Tomorrow Forenoon.

The gallant Twenty-second regiment of Uncle Sam's regulars will arrive in Omaha on Monday. They are heroes of the Cuban campaign now en route to Fort Crook from Camp Wikoff, Long Island, N. Y.

The Northwestern office in this city yesterday received a telegram announcing that a detachment of the Twenty-second left New York at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday morning. It consists of eleven officers and 189 men. There are no cases of sickness among these men.

should this schedule be maintained the regulars will arrive at the Omaha union depot some time on Monday morning.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$117,968,181; gold reserve, \$242,894,834.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A permit has been issued to J. J. Johnson & Co. to erect a two-story frame dwelling at 3114 Mason street to cost \$2,500.

The pastor of All Saints' church by special chief of police reported to the police that a sneak thief had entered his room and stolen an overcoat and a quantity of valuable papers.

Judge Munger has appointed H. M. Utley of O'Neill as referee in bankruptcy for the counties of Holt and Boyd, and J. L. White of Curtis for the counties of Perkins, Frontier and Gosper.

Governor C. M. Barnes of Oklahoma, accompanied by the members of his staff and the Gurley Military band, called at The Bee building this morning to pay their respects to Edward Rosewater. He handed a pair of cuff-links in the court of The Bee building.

The men who assaulted Officer Henry Musselman on August 27, while he was attempting to make the arrest of one of the number, will have a hearing before Judge Gordon September 24 at 2 o'clock. They are: W. Grogan, Thomas Vaughn, Charles Moran, Edward Luddy and John Fitzgerald.

In the olden times it was no uncommon occurrence for sensitive, delicate women to be headed for trivial or imaginary offenses. In the present day, however, women still suffer from a slower and more tortuous form, one for which there is no name, whatever, save a little ignorantly, a little neglect.

The woman who suffers from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organs, whether she realizes it or not, is being slowly but surely tortured to death. She suffers almost continually with sick headache. She has pains in the back, what she calls "stitches" in the side and shooting pains everywhere. She experiences burning and dragging sensations. She becomes weak, nervous and despondent. She neglects her home, her children, her friends, her business, her social life. She consults the average physician, there is not one chance in ten that he will hit upon the real cause of her trouble. He will attribute her ailment to indigestion, liver, heart or nervous trouble. A woman in this condition should consult some eminent and skillful specialist with her husband's experience. Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., has, with the assistance of a staff of able physicians, prescribed for many thousands of women. He has invented a wonderful medicine for ailing women, known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It has stood the test for thirty years. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned in weakness and indigestion, making them strong and well. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones and builds up the nerves. It transforms weak, nervous women into healthy, happy wives and mothers.

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