

SAYS MORAL UPLIFT NEEDED IN STATE JAILS

Report States Agitation for Better Jail Condition Failed in Omaha for Lack of Sympathy.

Lincoln, Neb., June 7.—(Special.)—Supt. J. A. Leavitt of the Nebraska Society for the Friendless, an organization the purposes of which are the prevention and cure of crime, the reclamation and restoration of the criminal and the relief of the needy and distressed, told the board of directors at their annual meeting recently in Lincoln that while there are some new jails in the state there is not a first-class one that provides adequate work for the inmates.

Mr. Leavitt declared that the architect has yet to make his bow who has incorporated one idea for the intellectual or moral uplift of the men and women incarcerated. He said, in his annual report, that there should be a state-wide effort to supply these institutions with suitable literature. There is a good library in the penitentiary, and it is well patronized by the inmates.

Failed in Omaha.

The great need is to reach the short time men. A beginning has been made in the Lancaster county jail, but one started at Omaha failed for want of sympathy. His report also says:

"The agitation for better jail conditions has resulted in better feeding of the men. We went into one, however, the other day, where I am satisfied that the men are underfed, where men would have gone hungry if they had not means of their own or were not fed by their fellows, who could not bear to eat while their associates were suffering from hunger. Consequently they bought for them as well as for themselves. A system that promotes graft by officials off of the men in their power is certainly vicious.

"The Omaha county jail has by far the largest number of prisoners. If I am correctly informed, winter and summer the prisoners there never have anything between them and the steel slats on which they sleep except one blanket and they have but one over them. At times I have known nearly all of them to be suffering from colds. This condition ought to be remedied. The jail is on the fifth floor and under a low flat roof. In hot weather the pipes become very warm and for about 10 weeks the last two years the inmates would not have a cool drink of water. The Society for the Friendless had not furnished it."

Praises Government Work.

Mr. Leavitt praised the government for its efforts to protect the soldiers located near Omaha from the diseased women, but did not believe the attempt satisfactory because the women are put on a punishment basis and conditions are such that a partial failure was inevitable. The custodial farm for women, authorized by the legislature, he expects will help solve the question of women misdemeanants. He had words of commendation personally for Superintendent McAuley of the state school for girls at Geneva, but insisted that this is a woman's job and that McAuley was doomed to fail because of the conditions beyond his control.

The superintendent said that he had been treated royally at the boy's industrial school for Kearney, but that he had been made to feel he was an interloper. He said that it is apparent that the school, intended to be run on the cottage plan, is actually run on the military plan. He suggested that while the educational course offered at the prison is a fine one, he would like to see work carried higher than the ninth grade to include popular courses there in agriculture, horticulture, history, literature, ethics, evidences of christianity and the Bible. He concluded his report thus:

"After nearly eight years of service I am convinced that our penal system is largely unintelligent and vicious. The laws are enacted for normals, but applied in large part, perhaps 50 per cent, to subnormals. The penalties are adapted to the crime and not to the criminal. This leads to the infliction of gross wrongs, bitterness and pauperism and increases criminality. Revenge still persists and reformation lags behind. We put the sick on a punishment basis. We forget that the solidarity of the race is as universal a law as gravitation and that we cannot mistreat one of the least of these our fellows with impunity."

Liberty Fire Insurance Company Has Office Here

The Liberty Fire Insurance company has recently opened up offices on the sixth floor of the First National Bank building of this city. One of its first steps in Omaha business circles was to purchase \$25,000 worth of Victory bonds, in addition to having put up \$100,000 of Liberty bonds with the Nebraska Insurance department. Its officers and directors are well known insurance and business men, the managing underwriter of the company, P. F. Zimmer, being a successful insurance man with 27 years' experience in the business. He is also manager of the Nebraska National Insurance company of Lincoln, and will move his family to Omaha in a short time, and make his headquarters here.

The company now has a premium income of upwards of \$1,000 per day, and has upwards of 400 agents throughout the state of Nebraska. Besides having connections with nine other insurance companies, which it receives a large income and premiums from other states. Its authorized capital and surplus is \$1,500,000. It will in a short time make application to do business in six states surrounding Nebraska, and will also make application for admission to the state of New York.

The Thompson Belden Store

Lace and Other Collars

Long collars of white or ecru lace are an addition to many frocks and suits. The collar which is cut straight, fits neatly on a suit coat, while curved ones are best for dresses.

A new model is of cream batiste scalloped and embroidered and the round white organdie collars edged with rose, blue or lavender ruffles are very dainty.

Newest Costume Accessories

—Week-end bags come in patent leather and seal with an adjustable strap for toilet articles, \$9 to \$16.50.

—Hand-tooled purses of beautiful workmanship in brown leather. Various sizes come from \$10 to \$25.

—A particularly beautiful purse is one of seal gathered into a puffy little bag with a coin purse and mirror inside. \$12.

—Combs and pins for Milady's hair come in beautiful designs. A lovely black Spanish comb with a filigree pattern is \$4.

—Jewel encrusted combs in blues and greens are particularly effective. Smaller ones that form just a line of sparkling stones against the hair are from \$3.50 to \$5.50.



The Summer Hats

Summer millinery is to have a long and successful season for the first time in several years. Heretofore, the custom has been in vogue of introducing velvets at so early a date in mid-summer that it was hardly worth while to buy a number of summer hats.

This season it has been decided by the designers and creators of millinery, that the summer hat shall have an extended career; that fall hats shall "come in" quite a bit later than usual.

So the styles are more varied and more carefully thought out than ever before and several types have been raised to favor.

The sailor or the sport hat in every conceivable shape and size; in softer styles, or rigidly tailored.

The drooping leghorn, weighted with flowers and ribbons.

The rough straw, covered with field flowers and grasses.

The large, sweeping hat that features feather treatments of unusual grace.

The lace hat or the soft, transparent one, wreathed in quaint flowers.

A range of charming models from the sport hat to the black horsehair, Paradise trimmed, will be found in our shop. You will be delighted with the array.

Have You Seen The Dix Dresses

They are attractive wash frocks for afternoon and street wear. They come in pretty checks, stripes, plaids, and dots and are made in the neatest patterns.

One of the sweetest is a blue and white check, tiny checks, with a plain front piece which buttons across the neck-line and ties around the waist in a bow in back. The skirt is gathered and has two pockets. This is only one of the styles and the prices are

\$4.50, \$5, \$6.50 and \$7.50

The Basement Store.

Stylish Footwear

The mark of a well-dressed woman is the appearance of her footwear, and Sorosis shoes give service and comfort in addition to the desired style. A large line of pumps and oxfords come in white kid, brown kid, black kid, patent leather, and white Sea Island duck—from \$8 to \$12.

Some Buckles on Your Pumps

would make them much prettier than they are now. You will find buckles of every sort in this sale tomorrow. Values up to \$3. Monday, 50c to \$1.



Tomorrow Opening Displays

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Summer Fashions

Presenting comprehensive selections of apparel, fabrics and accessories suitable for the warmer days to come. You are extended an invitation to view these showings while they are at their best.

Monday and Throughout the Week

The Showing of Mid-Summer Apparel

As the Season for Vacations and Travel Approaches Our Collection of Appropriate Costumes Increases.

For the Season's Affairs

Silk suits, traveling dresses, cool voiles, organdies and crepe de chins for the hot afternoons; lovely dinner dresses, sport skirts, coats for motoring, sports or evening wear are all assembled for your approval.

The styles have never been so charming, nor materials so varied, and as for colors, the new shades are many and delightful.

Individual Display Rooms Are at Your Disposal

Cool Mid-Summer Furnishings

The Men's Shop

Silk Shirts in wonderfully good looking patterns and colors. Crepe de chins, broad-cloths, peau de crepes, jerseys, tub silks and fibres. Manhattan, Eagle, Earl and Wilson makes.

Neckwear That's Distinctive. English twills, foulards, crepes, grenadines and other silks that fashion best into summer scarfs. Besides the Delpark line of wash neckwear in plain shades, stripes, plaids, hand embroidered figures as well as regular silk shirtings. Four-in-hands and bats.

Silk Hosiery, Interwoven and Wayne Knit in champagne, beige, navy, grays, cordovan, tan, white, black and a large assortment of smart fancies.

Soft Collars in silk, fibres, madras, pique and linen. All desirable shapes and styles. Pins for soft collars, too.

The Men's Shop is also provided with proper selections of—

Handkerchiefs, underwear, sleeping garments and all other haberdashery for summer wear.

To the Left as You Enter.

Making Lamp Shades

It would be fascinating work for summer afternoons to make a lamp shade which would suit your own particular needs and the color scheme of your room better than any you could buy. Or, if you dislike sewing we could make one to order for you.

For those who prefer making their own we have all the materials.

- Frames of all sizes from 4-inch candle shades to 30-inch banquet lamps in almost as many styles.
- Silks of marvelous beauty of design and color, figured and plain.
- Gold and silver braids.
- Fringe in varying lengths of chenille or silk.
- Binding ribbon.

Lessons are given daily from 10 to 12 A. M. and from 2 to 5 P. M. You are cordially invited to enter the classes.

The Newest in Silk "Undies"

If you happen to visit the silk underwear department sometime in the very near future, you'll see the most bewitching pajamas ever designed. Two of them are in the display case. Such dainty and fantastic ones, that you couldn't help having pleasant dreams if you wore them. Magic pajamas! Now, why didn't Hans Anderson or any of those weavers of fairy tales ever weave in any magic pajamas! One reason might be that they had never seen these.

If you happen to be a brunette you won't be able to see any but those of palest yellow silk, trimmed in wide bands of black satin and long black silk fringe. The neck is square and is outlined in three rows of cross-barred black ribbons. Then on the front of the coat, on a background of black, is a huge, pale yellow embroidered rose. Could anything be more striking?

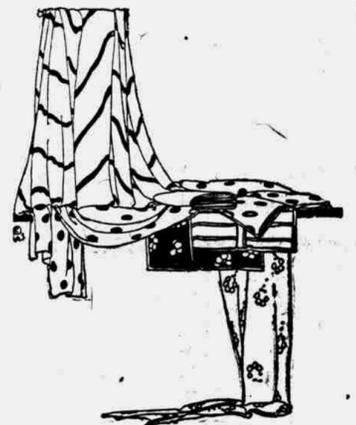
Now if you had the misfortune to be born a blond, the other pair in the case will go quite a way toward consoling you. It is of light blue silk, all sprinkled over with pale pink embroidered daisies. The square neck is untrimmed, but shirred silk forms cuffs to the trousers.

Among the New Teddy-Bears

A blue crepe de chine one is on display that has a short, pleated piece set in each side. It is lace-trimmed and has tiny lavender bows in the most unexpected places.

The most unique one, though, is in pink chiffon. An embroidered band forms the bodice and from it is hung a skirt, closely pleated, under which are bloomers with lace-trimmed ruffles. All in one piece, you understand, and on the front of the bodice and over the shoulders are ribbons of palest pink and blue.

Third Floor



Summery Silks and Wash Goods

For Sport Clothes

Such sport fabrics as Tricollette, Trico, Fan-ta-si, Baronette Satin, Satin Barre, are to be found here in all the desired colors.

Lingerie Silks

A choice assortment of Satins, Crepes, Jersey Crepes, Trousseau Crepes, in shades of pink and ivory. The prices vary from \$1.75 to \$4 a yard

Dress Cottons

Plain and figured Organdies, Voiles, Crepes, plain and novelty, make the most attractive and practical frocks for summertime. 75c-\$1 a yard.