

## BLAMES SOCIETY FOR FULL PRISONS

Rev. W. O. Stovall Says Persons Higher Up Should Help Convicts.

### CONDEMS LOCK STEP

More Attention Should be Given Educational Features of Prison Life.

Society is largely responsible for conditions which force thousands of men, women and children of the country to spend years of their lives in the prisons, said Rev. W. O. Stovall at the First Baptist church yesterday morning on the thirteenth anniversary of the end of the Civil War. "People used to say of Dante, the author of *Inferno*, when he went about the streets of his native city, 'There goes a man who has been through hell,'" said Rev. Stovall. "The same might be said of the men who have been in our prisons. The prisons of all our institutions retain the stamp of barbarism."

"The theory that there is a criminal class has been exploded," he said, "by a comparative study of the heads of great men and criminals. The low brow is not the sign of a wicked man of low morality. The responsibility for crime rests upon society. Society creates and makes possible circumstances which make the criminals filling the prisons."

*Semi-Born Deficient.* He pointed out that many are deficient at birth, born of parents from whom only deficient children could be expected. These unions are made with the approval of society and the law, he said, whose blame it is when the child goes wrong, and is sentenced to punishment.

"In the larger cities slums exist, breeding crime and vice," he continued. "Homes in the best residence districts of the cities are maintained on the profits from property owned in the tenement sections. Since society allows these conditions to exist, it is the duty of society when the men living under them become criminals."

Prisons would remain barbaric and harmful, instead of helpful, he said, as long as the convicts were taught things which would stamp them for the rest of their lives. Once forming the habit of walking lock-step, a man is marked for life. The stripes, he said, were a mark of humiliation the world over.

Prison authorities, he said, were making a mistake by not allowing outside persons bent on the uplift of the convicts to communicate with them.

#### Purpose to Reform.

More attention should be given to the educational features of prison life, according to Rev. Stovall. It's purpose should be reform and not to punish alone. An ex-convict now comes out of prison humiliated and with a deep-seated contempt for society and its ways, he continued.

Through it all, he said, there was a note of encouragement for the church workers. A New York judge who passes upon the cases of thousands of offenders has made a record, which shows that of 27,000 who have appeared before him, 25,000 never attended a Sunday school service. Though the progress may seem slow, Rev. Stovall said, no work was more sure of its results than that of the Sunday school.

### ACTUARIAL SOCIETY ADmits TEBBETTS

J. W. Tebbetts, of the mathematics department of Earlham college, has successfully passed the examinations for admission to the Actuarial Society of America. After completing his work in the local school, Mr. Tebbetts entered the Mutual Benefit and signed the mathematical department register June 30, 1911. In 1912 he passed both parts of the examinations and was successful this year in passing both parts of the second examination. He is an associate of the Actuarial society.

### EGOTISTS MAKE OF NGES, IT IS SAID

"It will be impossible to bring Branwell's *Silvia*, the new general of the Salvation army to the city, while I am in this country," said Ensign Vendeville today. General Beeh said for this country last week to make an inspection of the American army. He will spend two weeks in Canada, seven days in New York and five days in Chicago, after which he will turn to England.

Ensign Vendeville said the higher officers of the army were expecting several changes in the ranks as a result of the general's visit.

### W. C. T. U. REPORTS GIVEN TO CHURCH

Reports covering the work of the W. C. T. U. state convention held recently in South Bend were submitted yesterday at a meeting of the Richmond unions, held in the First Christian church. Reports were read by Mrs. Emma Cole, Miss Edna Smith, Mrs. Cecilia Relphine and Mrs. Nelle Barnard.

Mrs. Relphine, state superintendent of law and statistics, read the report she submitted to the state convention. The delegates were seated on the platform and those who did not have formal reports, gave two minute talks upon their impressions of the state convention.

### CITY STATISTICS

#### Births.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cooney, 136 Liberty avenue, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rutherford Wallace, 201 South B street, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maurice Miner, 423 North Sixteenth street, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welschahn, 728 South Eighth street, girl.

**Deaths and Funerals.**

FULLE—Ruby Fulle, 21, died at her father's home, 413 South Fourth street at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Friends may call at the home Tuesday afternoon and evening. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

### SWAYNE HONORED BY ASSOCIATION



### CHANCES OF COOK TO RECOVER SMALL

Man Struck By Donald Nester Unable to Live, Say Physicians.

PIQUA, Ohio, Oct. 27.—Although he is still unconscious, attending physicians today reported a slight improvement in the condition of Richard Cook, who is in a local hospital suffering from the effects of a wound in the head caused by a pair of scissors wielded by Donald Nester during an alteration in Richmond, Ind., Oct. 6.

Although he gives every indication of being stronger today his chances of recovery are small and his death at any moment would cause no surprise.

#### NESTOR UNCONCERNED.

**Assault Still Confined in City Jail.** Donald Nester, who is confined in the city jail pending the outcome of Richard Cook's injuries, caused when Nester stabbed him in the temple with a pair of scissors still remains unconcerned about his victim's condition.

Chief of Police Gorman said he believed a small piece of the steel from one of the blades still remained in Cook's head. An examination of the blades which were removed from the young man's skull, showed that the point was broken a fraction of an inch from the end. Chief Gorman said persons who had the scissors before the fight say the point was unbroken.

Colonel Abbott, army recruiting officer, was a personal friend of Cook in the army. Cook was a member of Company C, Fifteenth Infantry, and Abbott was a member of Company B of the same regiment.

"Cook was known to almost everyone in the regiment because of his athletic skill," said Abbott. "He was a great ball player and basket ball player. I do not believe that during the two years I knew him in the Fifteenth Infantry, he had a single fight while others in the regiment had fights every day. He had a reputation of being a good fellow and his main trouble was that he was too good hearted."

"I believe that there is no possible doubt, but that Nester stabbed him while he was not expecting it. I am sure that Cook did not threaten Nester, because if he had been of that nature it would have been shown in the army life."

"Being athletic, Cook was exceptionally quick. If Nester had given him any warning or if he drew a knife on Nester he would have expected an attack and Nester would never have stuck the scissors in his head. Cook would have been too quick for him. "Cook was such a good ball player that after he had received honorable discharge after three years of service in the Fifteenth Infantry, he re-enlisted him for special service so that they could keep him on the ball team at Jefferson barracks in St. Louis. He was a splendid all-around athlete."

### SKATING SEASON OPENS THURSDAY

The skating season at the Coliseum will be opened Thursday night. The interior of the building has been refinished and new equipment installed. During the season the rink will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and evenings.

### NEED FOUR WEEKS TO REPAIR STREETS

Another month of good weather will be required by the workmen to put the streets of the city in good condition for the winter, says Everett Davis, of the city engineer's office. At present D. C. Gentry and his men are repairing North Third street. As much as they have done they expect to repair two blocks of Main street from Second to Fourth streets, after which North Sixteenth street will be plowed and rolled.

In addition to this work which the city engineer hopes to have completed in another month, the extension of the sewers from Pearl, Kinsey and Lincoln street is to be laid before winter.

### SAFETY CRUSADE, MINISTERS' SUBJECT

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—The safety crusade started by Coronet Peter Hoffman was moving forward today under the impetus furnished by one thousand Chicago ministers, who delivered sermons on the subject of safety in as many churches yesterday. Within the next four weeks every one of the 2,200 ministers in Chicago will have addressed his congregation on the subject.

### REPLACE OLD RAILS

A gang of track layers are busy replacing the old rails in the east Pennsylvania yards. Several minor improvements are under construction.

### YOUTH TAKEN TO WHITE'S INSTITUTE

Richard Heine, 13, was ordered taken to White's Institute by Judge Fox in juvenile court Saturday. Heine will not attend school and cannot be made to obey orders given him by any person. He was arrested on the affidavit of Truant Officer George Bishop after several attempts to send him to school.

Lorena and James Edward Huston, ages 7 and 9, respectively, daughters of Mrs. Bessie Hart, were made wards of their grandfather, E. R. Huston, of Eaton. Following an attempt on the part of Harry Hart to kill her, then taking his own life, Mrs. Hart left her children and has not provided support since it is said.

### GOV. FOLKER HEARS HARRY THAW CASE

CONCORD, N. H., Oct. 27.—Gov. Folker today announced he would hold hearing at 4 o'clock at Rochester on the extradition of Harry K. Thaw. A postponement of decision in the matter is likely.

Roller skating, Coliseum, Thursday night.

### STOLE BICYCLE TIRES TO RECOVER SMALL

James Kidwell Arrested on Charge of Petit Larceny.

Charged with stealing bicycle tires from the repair shop on North Seventh street about three weeks ago, James Kidwell was arrested by Patrolman Westenberg today and will be tried in police court tomorrow morning.

This is Kidwell's second offence, having been sentenced to serve nine days in the county jail December 24, 1914, for the theft of an automobile tire.

### COUNTESS ROSALIND, W. C. T. U. HEAD

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Countess Rosalind of Carlisle of York, England, was today re-elected president of the world-wide W. C. T. U. for three years. Countess Rosalind was not present in person at the convention, but her daughter, Lady Aurea Howard informed the meeting that her mother would be unable to serve. Mrs. S. M. Stephen of Portland, Me., defeated candidate for president, was elected vice-president and said she would gladly do the work of president if the countess would accept the honor.

Congressman Richmond P. Hobson was elected a life long member of the W. C. T. U. and \$100 was voted to help his candidacy for senator from Alabama because of his hostility to rum.

Other delegations from Kentucky, Maine, Pennsylvania and Georgia increased the amount \$600.

By letter and statement—Carl Mindling, Mrs. Louis Mindling, Ernest Davis, Mrs. D. F. Scherf, Mrs. Elvira Snyder, Idras Sharpe, Fred Strauss, Leatha Leonard, Harry O. Jordan, Fred Minor, Mamie Henderson.

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### METHODIST MEN MEET TOMORROW

### Missionaries, Pastors and Laymen to Discuss Work of Church.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 27.—What promises to be one of the most important events in the history of the Methodist Episcopal church in America is the Methodist Men's convention, which opens here tomorrow to continue to October 31.

It is estimated there are about 3,000 delegates here, comprising all the Methodist bishops in this country, missionaries and laymen to the number of 1,500, and about an equal number of prominent laymen of the church from every part of the country.

The reason for this calling together of this first convention of its kind in the history of the church, is chiefly financial.

It is proposed to elaborate and perfect the financial policy of the church as promulgated at the general conference last May. Under this new policy there will be no more "begging" Sundays. That is to say, no minister of the church will be obliged, indeed, permitted, to solicit funds for foreign missions from his pulpit.

Men of all professions are needed in the work, she said. "The opportunity for a medical man to do good work is evident when we learn that if the United States had as many doctors as we have, the same rule would apply to the home mission finances."

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