

MAINE JAILS ARE TOO ATTRACTIVE

Sheriff Sets "Weary Willies" To Hard Work for the Future.

BANGOR, Me., February 13.—At the Waigo county jail in Belfast tramps have been so numerous of late that the sheriff has adopted heroic measures to make the place unattractive. Within a few weeks a dozen or more hobos were arrested in Faldo county and sentenced to 30 or 60 days each in jail and Sheriff Cushman is trying to make them pay for their keep. He marches the gang out every morning, sometimes when the temperature is 10 or 15 degrees below zero, and keeps them steadily at work all day chopping cord wood. When a dozen cords or more have been felled and cut into four-foot lengths the prisoners load it on sleds and haul it to the jail yard, where they cut it into stove size, and split it. Those who work hard get something extra to eat—a bowl of hot soup and a big piece of pie and more than the usual allowance of tobacco; those who loaf on the job are sent back to the jail and kept locked up day and night, with the ordinary fare. In this way the sheriff expects that the county will come out about even with the tramps on their board bill. In years past Belfast jail and that at Farmington, Franklin county, were famed as "soft spots" by the hobo fraternity. At Belfast years ago there was a sheriff whose wife did the cooking for the prisoners, and she was such a fine cook and so good natured that her fame spread all over the country, and hoboes flocked to Belfast to get some of her cracked pies and amberbaked doughnuts. In every way the jail was "easy."

There was no work to do save to chop what firewood was used, in the jail and in the sheriff's house, and the tramps used to quarrel over the division of even that small job. They sat in their cells all day reading novels and playing cards. Finally they got so lazy that they could scarcely rouse themselves to eat. When any of the gang felt like taking a stroll he took it, for almost any one could get away from the jail yard, the fence being low and the turnkey half asleep. One fine day in spring it was discovered that nearly all of the prisoners had disappeared. They had come to the conclusion that winter was over and that the jail was no longer a safe place.

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place for them; so they just went away from there. In Farmington it was the same. The jail was a little toy house of stone, connected with the sheriff's house by a covered walk. One day the four prisoners in the place, having read all the novels and smoked up all the tobacco in sight, made a key of wire, opened the door into the connecting corridor, kicked out a sash, and vanished. Two days later three of the four returned, saying that the weather was yet too cold to sleep out, and that anyway, the grub in that jail was good enough to make it worth a man's while to stay a few weeks longer. After serving as a place of confinement for all sorts of evildoers for more than 110 years, the Lincoln county jail at Wiscasset has gone out of business. So few are the arrests and sentences for any degree of crime in the county that it is not worth while to keep the old jail running, and an arrangement has been made whereby any who require restraint may be sent to the Knox county jail in Rockland.

ONCE MULATTO COLORED, IS NOW ENTIRELY WHITE

PERRYSBURG, O., Feb. 13.—Thirty years ago James Wilson, colored, aged 79, was as brown as the usual dark-complexioned colored man. Now he's completely white. Wilson has been examined by physicians at the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia and at Johns Hoskins university in Baltimore and by hundreds of other doctors. His blood has been tested and the skin studied as it was turning. They all gave up an explanation of the phenomenon, Wilson says he never used anything externally or internally to produce the change. Wilson's wife discovered the first white spot on his shoulder, when she was bathing his back. It was about the size of a nickel. That was when Wilson was 45. In subsequent baths the growth of the spot was noted. At fifty his entire back had become white. Wilson was employed as a barber in Perrysburg at the time, but was later forced to give up his trade when his hands began to turn white in spots. People feared it was leprosy or some other contagious disease. Twenty years ago he was all white except his face, which was the last to completely turn.

TOO MUCH FOR HIM. "Are you a Socialist?" "No," replied Mr. Penwidge. "I was for a little while, but I found my talent didn't run in that direction, so I had to go back writing ordinary fiction." —Washington Star.

"I'LL GIVE YOU THE \$7,500,000," SAYS THE BARON TO THE EARL



Baron Maurice Arnold de Pores, has agreed to pay to the Earl of Derby \$7,500,000 for the latter's estate in Bootle, a suburb of Liverpool. Behind this announcement lies an interesting bit of history. In making a speech in Liverpool recently the Earl of Derby referred contemptuously to "an alien gentleman owning no land in this country—Baron de Pores." "I have no love for him," said Lord Derby. "He has stated that the most conservative estimate of the revenue of my estate at Bootle might be safely put at \$500,000. The capital value he places at fifteen or twenty millions. If he puts down \$7,500,000 he can have it." Now the Baron has accepted the offer and a big land deal is likely to be the result of a political controversy.

England Picks A New Ambassador To France

LONDON, Feb. 13.—King George and Queen Mary are anxious to make their state visit to Paris while Sir Francis Bertie and his wife Lady Feodoromna, are still at the British embassy, for it is known that the English ambassador, who is by no means young, wishes to retire. Directly the royal visit is over, he and Lady Feo will be glad to be out of what they think about London and country houses. Recently, Mrs. Bertie, who was Ethel Field before her marriage, said "British women are all as hard as nails, if they were not they would be turned into pillars of ice long ago because of the way they keep their houses." Like Queen Victoria, the present Queen can stand any amount of cold and the coldest nights will sleep with her windows open. What those sensitive to temperature suffered at some of the country house parties during the spell of frost would fill volumes. Women left the dining-rooms during dinner and changed their evening-gowns for any warm frock at hand saying, "I am not going to catch pneumonia to please my hostess."

Earl and Lady Dufferin are mentioned as possible successors to the Berties. They would have a great welcome. The other people remember well the late Earl Dufferin and his sons, one of whom is the present peer. They are all favorites in Paris where Lady Dufferin is also a very familiar figure. One of the young men who is very much in the public eye just now is Lord Titchfield, the heir to the Duke of Portland, because of the fact that his majority is reached this year and because of his friendship with the Prince of Wales. He has the genial manners of the Cavendish-Bentincks and, though his mother has never cultivated the American element, her son has a decided partiality for it. Lately he has been darning a good deal at country houses with Lord Curzon's debutant daughter, Mary, who, if not as beautiful as her late mother, who was Mary Leiter, is as witty as her father and directly she is out of his sight is an unconventional as her "Aunt Daisy" (Daisy Leiter) used to be in the old days. She does not see eye to eye with her father, but for all that they are most devoted to each other. She recently gave Lord Titchfield a long lecture on what a landlord should be. She says she intends to keep all her money in her own hands "if" she marries and she has great schemes for the "fitting" of the masses. Mary is to wear her mother's bridal veil to decorate her court train at her coming out. It is historic lace and was once in the collection of Queen Marie Antoinette. Kisses are Barred.

The duchess of Manchester won't allow any of her children to kiss anyone and the duchess of Roxburghe is adopting the same attitude in regard to her small son. Even when his grandmothers, the dowager duchess of Roxburghe and Mrs. Goelet, arrived to see him his mother declared they must abstain from kissing him. Many modern mothers here, however, claim that children who are brought up without knowing anything about kissing become cold, heartless, little prigs with very little feeling. Recently, when somebody questioned the duchess of Marlborough as to what she thought on the hygienic value of this innovation she replied, "I should very much rather risk the chance of my boys catching a stray microbe than that they should miss enjoying any true and beautiful human attention. They should always be allowed to kiss anyone who wanted to kiss them. Now, however, they are the ages when they fight shy of kissing anyone." This crusade was started by the queen of Spain, who is something of a crank on the question of her children's health. American women who are in a position to leave England have flown from it because of the weather. Many others have to stay on, however, for one reason or another and no words can give an adequate idea of what they think about London and country houses. Recently, Mrs. Beatty, who was Ethel Field before her marriage, said "British women are all as hard as nails, if they were not they would be turned into pillars of ice long ago because of the way they keep their houses."

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LONDON, Feb. 13.—The gates are closed against any more applicants for presentations to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace this year. The lord chamberlain has announced that the lists are full, which will doubtless mean a lot of disappointed social debutantes from America in London this year.

Four courts are ordinarily held each year, two early in February just after the opening of parliament, and two in late May or early June. Last year, owing to the large number entitled to presentation, a fifth was held, but at such great inconvenience that it is hoped to avoid a repetition this year.

As the embassies have only four invitations, outside the diplomatic circles, to which only ladies of the embassies and legations and their near relatives are admitted, it is easy to realize the demand that has been made on the embassies for the privilege of being presented. Strictly speaking, the four extra invitations are personal to the ambassador or minister, but in some cases requests for presentations have been made through the authorities of the country which the ambassador represents.

Queen Has Umbrella Habit. This question of distributing the four invitations is one of the most trying that the social secretary of an embassy has to deal with. He receives hundreds of requests, all or mostly all from people of equal merit, and must make an early selection. The rejected are his sworn enemies thereafter.

Rain or shine, Queen Mary must have her umbrella, the habit being so confirmed that she often feels lost without it indoors. This peculiarity has become conspicuous through the recent incident in Norwich where the Queen insisted on carrying her umbrella through a museum whose rules forbid the taking of walking sticks or umbrellas into the picture galleries.

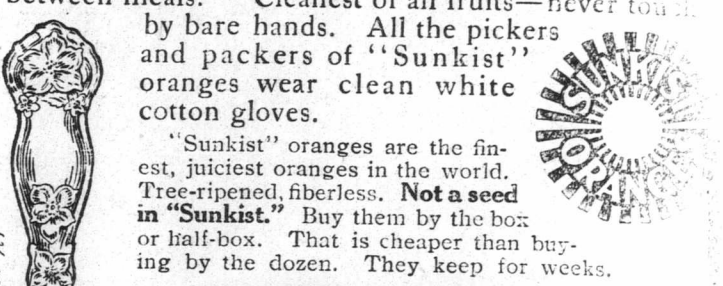
The Socialist papers seized on the incident and even in more conservative quarters the queen's conduct is questioned. No matter what the occasion, unless it be some very formal ceremonial, the queen invariably carries a neatly folded umbrella despite the fact that she always drives in a covered carriage and whenever she stops anywhere a canopy is provided. Princess Mary has the same umbrella habit as her mother.

Ban on Suffrage Raised. Some little time ago Queen Mary withdrew the rule forbidding the women of her household to belong to any suffrage organization—the militant organization, however, was excepted and still remained under the royal ban. The other day she made it known that she would no longer forbid the members of the

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royal household joining the Women's Social and Political Union if they so desired, provided they ran no risk of being associated in any way with the outrages or illegal acts committed by the militants. It does not appear however that the Queen has in any way altered her own opinion regarding the suffragist question. She is well known in the royal household to be a thorough anti-suffragist.

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