

Has a Political Look.

To the disinterested reader that story from Harrisburg about the State having lost \$1,500,000 during the Pinchot administration through the unbusinesslike methods of the Department of Highways does not ring true. We hold no particular brief for Gifford Pinchot, but everybody knows that in his four years as Governor he was most scrupulous in seeing that every dollar of the taxpayers' money was honestly expended and that great results were accomplished in pulling Pennsylvania out of the mud. Even according to the story itself there was no loss of \$1,500,000, because nearly \$1,000,000 seems to be involved in slow collections or in disputes between State officials and local authorities over the amounts to be apportioned in the building of good roads. When it is remembered that during the Pinchot

term nearly \$200,000,000 was expended upon the highways the alleged losses complained of, which can probably all be explained satisfactorily, seem rather picayunish.

We fear that this is merely an opening wedge for the introduction of political methods into the Department of Highways. It was greatly to the credit of Governors Sprout and Pinchot that they revolutionized highway work in this State, and that by the expenditure of several hundred millions of dollars they made the roads of Pennsylvania equal to those of any Commonwealth in the Union. This was accomplished by eliminating politics from the Highway department and by putting trained engineers and experts in charge of the wonderful improvements made. Governor Fisher cannot do better than emulate the example of his two immediate predecessors. If he permits factional politics to have a part in this department of his administration he will be laying up trouble for himself and great loss to the taxpayers of the State.

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1928 COLORS IN MOTOR TAGS

Several States other than Pennsylvania will have blue numerals on the 1928 motor vehicle license plates, but the background will be different, according to a list of color schemes of the various plates announced by the Pennsylvania motor federation. The other States having blue numerals are Montana, Maine and Missouri.

Following a long established custom the 1928 Pennsylvania plates will be a reverse of those in use this year and will have blue numerals on a background of gold.

The color scheme of the plates of other States and of the provinces in the Dominion of Canada follows:

Arkansas, black numerals and letters on orange background.

Alabama, Federal yellow background, black letters and numerals.

Arizona, vermilion red numerals and letters on copper background.

Connecticut, passenger—white numerals and letters on blue background; commercial—reverse.

Colorado, black numerals and letters on salmon background.

California, blue background, gold letters and numerals.

District of Columbia, black numerals on chrome yellow ground.

Delaware, black numerals and letters on white background.

Florida, maroon background, deep orange letters and numerals.

Georgia, white numerals and letters on blue background.

Illinois, white numerals and letters on maroon background.

Iowa, black numerals and letters on white background.

Idaho, green letters and numerals on light brown background.

Indiana, white numerals and letters on maroon background.

Kentucky, white numerals and letters on green background.

Kansas, white background and dark blue letters and figures.

Louisiana, minimum cars up to and including 22 horse power, blue numerals and letter on white background. Maximum cars over and above 22 horse power, white letters and numerals on dark blue background. Trucks, red numerals and letters on cream background. Dealer, white numerals and letters on black background. Trailer, black numerals and letters on orange background.

Maryland, white numerals and letters on light blue background.

Massachusetts, white numerals and letters on green background.

Montana, blue numerals and letters on bronze background.

Michigan, green background, white numerals and letters.

Minnesota, passenger—black numerals and letters on drab background. Trucks and trailers, black numerals and letters on gold background. Dealers, white numerals and letters on maroon background. Tax exempt, lemon yellow numerals and letters on granite background.

Mississippi, black background, and white letters and numerals.

Maine, blue numerals and letters on pure white background.

Massachusetts, blue numerals and letters on orange background.

New Jersey, white numerals on sky-blue background.

New York, yellow numerals on black background.

North Carolina, red numerals and letters on grey background.

New Hampshire, white numerals and letters on green background.

New Mexico, gold numerals and letters on New Mexico blue background.

Nebraska, blue background with white letters and numerals.

Nevada, red background with white letters.

North Dakota, passenger—white letters and numerals with black background. Trucks, white letters and numerals with green background.

Oklahoma, black numerals and letters on yellow background.

Ohio, dark blue background with white numerals and letters.

Oregon, black numerals and letters on a white background.

Rhode Island, white numerals and letters on black background.

South Carolina, yellow background and black letters and numerals.

South Dakota, white numerals and letters on red background.

Tennessee, white numerals and letters on green background.

Texas, black numerals and letters on black background.

Utah, black numerals and letters on Federal yellow background.

Virginia, orange numerals and letters on black background.

Vermont, green numerals and letters on gold background.

Washington, orange background with black numerals and letters.

West Virginia, green background with white letters and numerals.

Wyoming, blue background, yellow letters and numerals.

Wisconsin, orange background, black letters and numerals.

Quebec, white numerals and letters on black background.

British Columbia, orange numerals and letters on black background.

Saskatchewan, white numerals and letters on emerald green background.

Victoria, orange numerals and letters on black background.

New Brunswick, white numerals and letters on maroon background.

Ontario, black numerals and letters on yellow background.

Manitoba, black numerals and letters on green background.

Nova Scotia, orange-yellow background, black figures and letters.

Prince Edward Island, 1927-28—white letters and numerals on green background.

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Whales Nearly Extinct, State Bureau Warns.

Solemn warning is given by the State department of fisheries that if the killing of north Pacific whales continues at the present rate, within a few years the earth's largest animal will be extinct.

Each year whaling ships, equipped with the latest improved weapons and appliances, search the Arctic for these denizens of the deep. The industry

produces big revenue and unless an international agreement limits or suspends for a period of years the hunting of whales, nothing will stop the destruction.

This season the catch of wales from the Alaskan coast stations is large and it is reported the mammals are easily taken. However, it is reported that every year the whales grow smaller, which, say authorities on the subject, is evidence that continued hunting prevents the full development of the huge species and only the undersized ones are victims.

OLD METHODS OF TORTURE DESCRIBED IN PRISON BOOK

Horrid forms of torture once practiced in the West Virginia penitentiary are described in "Work and Hope," a prison publication, in comparing the present humane methods to the punishment inflicted on prisoners years ago.

The publication stresses on the improvement in prison management and the reformative methods brought about in the past twenty-five years.

How prisoners were allowed out of the penitentiary only with "a ball and chain" is vividly described in the recent edition of "Work and Hope," as compared with the way they are now trusted outside the prison gates alone.

"To this little building (penitentiary) at one time," the magazine states, "all men convicted of felony in the state were sent, and more than a hundred men were therein confined; and when worked outside they were only allowed in stripes, ball and chains and strongly guarded. We now have many men, life-terms included, working on the outside, coming and going almost at will and it is very seldom that one of them causes any trouble, proving that the more trust placed in a man and the more like a human being he is treated the better he becomes and the further he can be trusted."

Speaking of the punishment in "old days," the prison magazine says:

"No doubt it is hard for citizens of West Virginia to realize that men have been beaten to death or otherwise slaughtered, while undergoing brutal punishment in their State prison, yet such are the facts.

"Since prisons were built, flogging has been a recognized form of punishment for refractory prisoners. An instrument of torture which was once used in this prison, was a big strap about two inches wide, made of pieces of harness leather sewed together. When soaked in water over night, dipped in sand and vigorously applied to the bare flesh, caused most excruciating pain."

It is recorded here that women were padded in this manner, also. The only difference being that the women were dressed in a very thin gown before the padding was administered.

Other forms of punishment were grossly depicted such as the "water-cure," "gagging and freezing."

"Underground dungeons in which men were alternately frozen and suffocated, were also employed," the magazine asserts. "Bucking and gagging was another dreadful punishment which has likewise been abolished."

"This torture was inflicted usually by handcuffing the prisoner, his hands slipped over the front of his knees, his mouth forced open and filled with a large piece of cork or wood and left in this position until life was almost extinct."

No Excuse for Being Bald, Hair Now Sewed Into Scalps.

Science has now come forth with a method of putting hair on bald heads, even though they be as bald as billiard balls. The hair is "sown" into the scalp in much the same manner as young tomato plants are transplanted to the spring gardens.

The first demonstration in this country of this latest scientific achievement was carried out recently when Professor Christian Ashkaven of Oslo, Norway, sewed a patch of curly bronze hair into the head of Miss Peggie Tudor, who says she is a descendant of the noble English family of that name which figures so prominently in English history. The hair was sewn into a bald patch about the size of a quarter where the natural hair had been killed by a beauty parlor accident.

Professor Ashkaven later explained the process of inserting this foreign hair into the scalp.

After disinfecting and applying local anesthetics on the part of the scalp under treatment, he explained, two root ends of hair are fixed into a gold ring that is so small it scarcely can be seen with the naked eye.

By means of a hollow needle the ring to which the hair is attached is then pressed into the hair canal down to the hair follicle, the needle is drawn back, and the ring to which the hair is fixed remains behind in the follicle. It does not irritate the skin, for it passes easily down the hair canal to the follicle, and it is only by means of its stringy nature that it holds the hair fast in the hair canal.

In this way the hairs take a natural position, they do not get tangled on being washed, it is easy for them to draw moisture and fat from the scalp and they are thereby kept supple and strong.

This sewed-in hair will stay in the head forever, the professor says, or at least for 2,000 years.

Professor Ashkaven said he has worked at his discovery for the past eighteen years, during which time he has covered many European domes with hair where once they were perfectly bald.

"That takes time," he explained, "because only a small bald patch can be filled at one sewing. For a large head three months are required and perhaps 32,000 separate hairs are used."

Curly hair raises technical difficulties, the professor said. In covering a bald spot he always starts along the edge of the natural hairs, so that the spot gradually grows smaller until it disappears.

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