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NEW HIGH MARK ASSESSED VALUES

TOTAL IN COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OF INTANGIBLES AND ROLLING STOCK \$16,767,920

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Burkhardt Independent School District Next to Wichita Falls in Increase

Assessed valuations in Wichita county exclusive of railroad rolling stock and railroad intangibles show an increase in 1917 of \$1,915,325 over the valuation of 1912.

Figures have just been compiled in the county tax assessor's office showing the total assessed valuations in the county exclusive of railroad intangibles and rolling stock to be \$16,767,920. This is the high mark for Wichita county. Last year's valuations totaled \$14,848,325. Every independent and common school district in the county contributed to the increased valuation.

In the Wichita Falls independent district this year the valuations total \$7,252,765, an increase of \$964,550 over 1912.

Burkhardt shows the next largest gain with values of \$417,715, an increase of \$205,420.

Other valuations and increases are: Electra—Valuations 1913, \$2,856,115; an increase of \$118,300. Iowa Park—Valuations 1913, \$511,430; an increase of \$31,400. Common school districts—Valuations 1913, \$5,550,585; an increase of \$900,950.

CRIME GREATEST ITEM OF COST

PRISON REFORMER SAYS COST IN U. S. IS IN EXCESS OF SIX BILLIONS

BELIC OF BARBARISM

Prison System Connecting Between Civilization and Savagery Declares Speaker

By Associated Press
Portland, Ore., July 2.—The only solution for the problem of crime which is estimated to cost the country six billions of dollars a year—is the suspended sentence or probation, in the opinion of McKenzie Cleland, of Chicago, who addressed the Sectional Conference on Prison Reform today in connection with the World's Christian Citizenship Conference in session here.

"The prison is the connecting link between civilization and savagery," Mr. Cleland asserted. "Were there no prisons now in existence it is inconceivable that enlightened society would adopt such an unnatural and unscientific system for the treatment of its delinquent members."

"It is unquestionably true that the prison has been assigned the most difficult and the most important task in organized society; viz, the prevention of crime and the rehabilitation of the criminal. Upon its success depends the happiness, contentment and prosperity of the nation. It is expected and required to take the hereditary criminal, the physical, mental and moral defective, the educated delinquent, the ignorant and unlearned, the convict whose only home is his poverty, and with the common—especially the most vicious—uneducated and unventilated cells, urged suits and perchance a few blotted books—and these untold horrors—back in a few weeks or a few years to society, freed from their hereditary taints, healthy, useful citizens in love with their country and its laws."

"The largest single item of cost in any civilized nation is now the cost of crime. In the United States the investment in prisons exceeds five hundred million dollars, while the annual cost of maintenance is upward of two hundred million dollars. No accurate estimate of the cost of crime is obtainable, but it has been placed by the highest authority as high as six billion dollars per annum for the United States, a sum ten times in excess of the total cost of the government. In twenty-six years the number of homicides in the United States has increased over seventy per cent in proportion to the population."

"It has built up a professional criminal class in every country there is a large and increasing class of professional criminals, practically all of whom have served one or more prison terms. It is estimated that the yearly earnings of these criminals in the United States amount to nearly a hundred million dollars. Every person is necessarily a subject for crime and in the United States alone approximately 800,000 persons who are thus imprisoned annually are given a compulsory education in crime. If there were no jails there would be no schools for criminals."

"It has increased disease and poverty. The Creator did not intend that man should live in prison. The most deadly disease known to civilization is tuberculosis, whose greatest aids are dampness, darkness and dirt, the special characteristics of most prisons. It is insisted by the highest authorities that there is three times as much tuberculosis among prisoners as among others. No estimate can be placed upon the amount of this disease disseminated by prison-made goods and discharged prisoners."

"It punishes the innocent as well as the guilty. The greatest wrong committed today is the imprisonment of the bread winner and the sale by the State of his labor to prison contractors, or its confiscation by the State itself, while the family of the convict is left to suffer. This crime against innocent womanhood and childhood is as disgraceful as it is unnecessary."

"It does not reform the offender. Forty per cent of all prison graduates are again imprisoned, many of them scores of times. Petty offenders in jails serve as many as two hundred or more sentences. No process in the art of manufacture, 40 per cent of whose product is defective, would be tolerated. Its failure is logical and inevitable. Not until roses can be grown in a cellar can character be developed in a cell."

"As a means of reform the prison has been the most colossal failure in civilized society. The indeterminate sentence and parole now adopted in twenty-nine States are attempts to remedy a system whereby it is sought to reform one man and punish another by locking them both in the same cell for the same term."

"Because of the inherent impossibility of improving subnormal men in subnormal surroundings, the duty of reforming delinquents must be removed from the prison and placed elsewhere, and the prison be made what it is intended to be and what it is fitted only to be—a place of detention where reprobable offenders may be deprived of their liberty and required to labor in order to make restitution to their victims and furnish support to those dependent upon them."

"The one institution of the State which is qualified and equipped to deal with offenders capable of reformation is the court. Possessing the necessary power and intelligence to determine causes and effects, it can bring to bear upon every delinquent the particular process by which his deficiency—physical, mental or moral—may be remedied."

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CONSUMPTION CURES HARVEST MILLIONS

Over 500 Fraudulent Remedies Sold Cheating People Out of \$15,000,000 Annually

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis takes consumption cures as follows:

Within the last five years, no less than 500 fraudulent cures for consumption have been tried upon thousands of victims in the United States, and the exploiters of these nostrums have reaped a clear profit of not less than \$15,000,000. This is an estimate made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in a bulletin issued today.

The National Association estimates that not less than \$20,000,000 is invested in the business of manufacturing and exporting fake cures for tuberculosis, and that the annual income from these concerns and individuals is \$15,000,000. About one-third of this amount is spent for advertising, leaving a profit of \$10,000,000 a year, which is "boloney money" taken from ignorant consumers.

Three kinds of consumption cure frauds are distinguished by the association, the first being the "institute" fraud, where a pseudo hospital or dispensary is established and the wily doctor or professor administers treatments at so high a price that the doctor can carry on a small order business with great profit. The second group of cures contains over a hundred different kinds of drugs and patent devices, any of which may be purchased at a drug store. Usually the consumptive is charged from \$1 to \$5 for these and the institute cures which he could make them up himself in exactly the same form for from one to five cents.

The third group of cures includes home made remedies which certain self-deluded individuals believe will cure tuberculosis. Among them are such things as onions, lemons, oat smoke, pig's blood, alcohol, dog oil, teas of various kinds and other things. These are not usually advertised for profit, but are usually given publicity in various ways.

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More than 100 pieces of standard dress ginghams in a wonderful variety of choice spring colorings in plaids, stripes and checks, the best 10c quality on sale this week 10 yards for 89c

Beautiful Faille Silks, Yd 50c
We have just received a special purchase from the manufacturers of 42-inch Faille dress silks in pretty shades of tan, gray, blue and white fabrics that are good 60c values, for quick sale, we marked them 50c.

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Ratines and colored linens continue in high favor as the season's most popular dress fabrics, recent special purchase enables us to offer extraordinary values in these popular fabrics in the popular colors at 35c

Dress Linens and Voiles 29c
One lot of 36-inch dress linens in the popular shades and beautiful silk striped voiles in all of the prevailing spring shades, and the best 35c values will go on sale this week at the yard 29c

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...been greatly successful in reducing crime. It appeals directly to the most powerful reformatory instrument known, the delinquent's own honor and self-respect and constitutes the only process by which the problem of crime and the criminal may be solved."

Cucumber Crop Creates Comment. League City, Texas, July 2.—That judges in sympathy with it, it has been restored to his proper place in society without the disgrace or contagion of a prison term. This is the economic reformatory principle of probation or the suspended sentence, which is as old as Christian civilization and which has been adopted in two-thirds of our States and many foreign nations.

"Wherever put into operation by the cucumber crop from this section of the state will reach a value of over \$20,000 is the consensus of opinion here. So far this season twenty-one cars have been shipped to northern markets. These cars contained 12,000 bushels with a total value of \$11,000 while the shipments by express will bring the total to \$20,000. The average price paid for the vegetable was 70 cents per bushel.

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