

RITNER REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Passes Back to Governor Olcott— Says He Was Ordered to Release Prisoners by Executive.

LA GRANDE, Oregon, March 19.—Senator Roy Ritner of Pendleton today replied to critics of his action in granting from 19 to 20 pardons, paroles or commutations of sentence while serving as acting governor of Oregon in the absence of Mr. Olcott.

Mr. Ritner, as a part of his defense, passed the buck to Mr. Olcott for the pardoning of a long murderer, declaring that this was ordered by the governor before his departure on his eastern trip.

"My attention has been called to a letter written by a man by the name of Hodgins, a former district attorney of Union county, and which was published in the La Grande Observer," said Mr. Ritner. "Mr. Hodgins criticizes me very harshly for pardoning two Chinese tong murderers who were sent from Union county some six years ago. As is usually the case of a man who goes off half-cocked, Mr. Hodgins is only about half right.

One Pardoned by Olcott.

"One of those men, Ching Lem, was pardoned by Governor Olcott just before he left on his trip east last November. Ching Lem was a trusty, acting as a cook for Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner at his house at the hospital for the insane. Governor Olcott pardoned him at the request of Dr. Lee Steiner. The parole board took the stand that if Ching Lem was entitled to a pardon, Chis Borkey, who was serving time for the same crime was also entitled to go free. It was upon the recommendation of the parole board and Warden Lewis that I issued a conditional pardon to Chis Borkey.

"Governor Olcott left instructions that the pardon for Ching Lem should be given him December 24. At that time Olcott was in the east and I was acting governor and the Portland newspapers, which have not been very particular about the exact facts about this pardon business, gave me the credit for freeing both men.

"Perhaps it would be of interest to your readers in Union county to know how two other convicts sentenced from your county came by their freedom. C. E. Dooley, who was serving a sentence for the larceny of an automobile, was recommended for a pardon by Judge Knowles and District Attorney Wright, and upon the additional recommendation of the warden of the prison I issued him a conditional pardon.

Jenkins from Union County. "W. T. Jenkins was sentenced from Union county for the crime of forgery. Judge Knowles recommended his parole and this same Mr. Hodgins, who so virtuously referred to me as a ward heeler and a scheming politician, states as district attorney at the time of the trial: 'I shall not oppose a parole and hope you have justly earned one.' I signed this parole upon the recommendation of the presiding judge, the parole board and the warden. The parole statement of the district attorney I did not take into consideration as amounting to anything.

"The newspapers which have been criticizing me in this pardon business have refrained also from publishing the recommendations of numerous judges, district attorneys, sheriffs and juries who made recommendations for pardons and paroles. They have also consistently refrained from giving out the information that most of the men, released were men who were without friends or influence and who were probably more entitled to pardons than some of those who had friends to intercede for them or money with which to pay some attorney a fee.

"Quite a number of the men whom I set free were ex-service men who had good records overseas. One was a young boy whose right arm was blown off in the Arconne. One was a man whom the immigration officers wanted to deport to Germany. Several were boys under the age of 20, whom the warden considered too young to be thrown with hardened criminals.

Low Rolling Tactics Denied
"Mr. Hodgins intimates that I was elected president of the senate by log-rolling and trading off appointments on committees. This time he is more than 50 per cent wrong. The editor of the Observer (Bruce Dennis) who was a member of the senate at the time I was elected president of that body, well knows that I was elected without making a promise of a committee appointment, and received all but my own vote.

"The people of this state have twice turned down the measure to create the office of lieutenant governor and passed by a large vote the measure making the president of the senate successor to the governor. No man big enough to fill the governorship would waste his time running for lieutenant governor. When you consider that such men as Fulton, Simon, Bowman, Selling and Thompson have filled the chair of president of the senate, it is silly to say that the senate cannot produce men big enough to fill the governor's chair."

ANNIVERSARY DAY AT M. E. CHURCH SOUTH

Sunday, March 25th will be a day of unusual interest at the M. E. church, south. It is the first anniversary of the dedication of the new church building and the 57th anniversary of the organization. At 10:30 Southern Methodist church in Rose-

burg. There will be three great services at 11 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. There will be a basket lunch at noon in the social rooms of the church. Special features will be presented at each service. Rev. J. C. Jones will assist the pastor. An invitation is extended to all members and friends to bring their lunch and participate in the program. It is also planned to hold services every night next week, closing with Easter.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT WILBUR FRIDAY

The Wilbur Parent Teachers association is planning an entertainment which will be given at the Wilbur school house, Friday evening, March 23. The main feature of the evening will be a home talent play, "The Deacon's Second Wife," which will be presented by the following cast: Deacon Fitz, Ben Irving; Mrs. Fitz, Bella Ison; Milton Fitz, Lynn Grubbe; Nancy Fitz, Ella Hill; Kate Robbins, Thelma Chapman; John Bullock, Bruce Carvalho; Mrs. Bullock, Maizie Walker; Dorothy Bullock, Maxine Harrington; Ernest Rench, Robert Irving; Phillip Gamboe, Bernie Bates; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Moxley; Hartley Bullock, Eldon Moxley.

A good program in addition to the play has been arranged. There will be a vocal solo by Frank Grubbe, a reading by Helen Grace, a solo by Golda Parker, vocal solo by Mrs. Redhead, and a violin solo.

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MAY BE LOOPHOLE IN NEW GARB BILL

SALEM, March 21.—In the opinion of some attorneys the 17 nuns who teach in the schools of Marion county, may continue wearing their religious garb to the end of their terms, regardless of the fact that the new law prohibiting them from so doing goes into effect before the end of the school year.

The constitutional provision providing that no laws shall ever be passed impairing the obligations of contracts, is taken as the loophole through which the school directors in districts where nuns are employed may escape the provisions of that statute for the present school year. These attorneys cite that the nuns are hired under contract for the school year the same as all teachers in the public schools and that the legislature cannot make it a crime either for the nuns or the directors to carry out the provisions of the contracts which were perfectly legal at the time they were entered into.

District Attorney Carson, when asked as to the possibilities of this interpretation declined to make any positive statement yesterday. "I don't like to give any authoritative opinions," said the district attorney. "But I will say the matter has been called to my attention, and it is possible there may be something to the contention. I haven't looked into it however, and don't care to pass on it in any way."

The nuns employed include five at St. Paul, two at St. Louis, three at Sublimity, and seven at Mt. Angel. The schools at St. Louis and Sublimity are expected to close before the garb bill goes into effect and consequently neither the teachers or directors could be touched by the law. The other schools are scheduled for terms running past the time when the new law is effective.

County Superintendent Fulkerston stated today she does not feel like advising the directors what to do in the premises. She stated, of course, it would be a matter for each board of directors to decide for itself.

The law provides a penalty of \$100 fine or imprisonment in jail not to exceed 60 days, or both, for school board directors who fail to see that its provisions are complied with.

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE IS PROSPEROUS DURING '22 SEASON

(International News Service.) HONOLULU, March 21.—The Hawaiian Pineapple Company, Ltd., earned a net profit of virtually \$1,500,000 during 1932. It was announced recently. The year 1932 is the banner year for the company so far. The deduction of \$291,296.88 for depreciation and \$262,451.79 for income and excess profits taxes, in addition to all other expenses, leaves \$1,438,637.65 as the net return on the year's operations.

On the basis of the old capitalization of the company, increased last Fall, the net earnings would amount to almost 30 per cent. On the present capitalization, \$6,000,000, the net return is approximately 25 per cent. The cash dividend record of the company shows a progressive increase from a two per cent return in 1907, to the present 25 per cent return over a period of 25 years.

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Get at once to your neighborhood drug store and get the Discovery in tablets or liquid, or send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial pkg.

UMPQUA POST OF LEGION HAS MEETING

An enthusiastic meeting of Umpqua post of the American Legion was held last night in the club rooms at the armory and a good attendance of the vets was reported. Many matters concerning the activities of the local post were discussed. The legion boys adopted resolutions backing the chamber of commerce in their move to stage a strawberry carnival in the city. Following the meeting the women's auxiliary at an informal dance. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time resulted.

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The Harness brothers are planting out 400 Bartlett pear trees on their ranch in Happy Valley.

A fine crop of brussels is being harvested at the Picken Bros. and Harness Bros. ranches in Happy Valley.

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HURT IN ACCIDENT

While painters were working about the soda fountain at the Palace of Sweets late yesterday afternoon the top paneling of the fountain toppled over and crashed to the floor, causing the scaffolding to also fall and strike Miss Lolita Lough, an employe of the confectionery store. Miss Lough suffered a cut in the forehead and other bruises as a result of the accident. It was miraculous that she was not more severely injured. Much glassware and dishes were broken and the panel of the fountain badly damaged.

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REUNION BALKED BY DEATH OF VETERAN

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 21.—After dreaming and planning for eight years to bring his widowed sister, fiancée, and his little brother to America, Louis Kosman, a veteran of the World War, died in a hospital here following an operation, complicated by disease contracted in service, just after his family had started the long journey from Central Europe to join him in his adopted land.

When a lad of fifteen, Kosman, who was the heir of a once wealthy and influential Albanian family, was forced to flee his Greece to escape the Turks, who had killed his father, Kosman's mother was betrothed, according to the custom of his people, to the wealthy Aspasia Gerdani. In the following years he found his family scattered in their prisons and finally separated in America when he started building a home for

his family and his sweetheart. He entered the service of his adopted country when he entered the war, and a breakdown in health resulting from this service further delayed his plans for reunion. Finally the war was over and American Legion pals aided him in cutting the red tape of immigration regulations. He then sent word to his loved ones to come on to this country. But disease contracted in the army made an operation vital. On Thursday he went on the operating table. On Friday he died. Somewhere in Central Europe an aged widow and a 19-year-old dark haired fiancee and a little brother are journeying toward America, not knowing the news which awaits them.

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- 52721. R. of Way Cal. Ore. Power Co. from W. H. Smith, \$4 D 417, \$1.00.
- 52722. Deed, S. W. Starmer, to Jos. Lyons, \$4 D 417, \$6.05.
- 52723. Sat. A. L. Hicks to E. T. Durr, \$9 M 297, \$5 M page 322.
- 52724. Aff. Wm. Wise, \$4 D 415.
- Doc. Cl. James Marzenera.
- 52725. Aff. Fay S. Ores.
- 52726. Mtr. Flora MacDonald to J. W. Tollman.
- 52727. Corporation Deed. Cal. Saw Works to E. L. Giles.
- 52728. Chattie Mtr. A. A. Cook to 1st St. Bank, Sutherlin. \$2200.00. Mtl.
- 52729. Mtr. A. A. Cook to 1st St. Bank Sutherlin, \$9 M 238, \$2200.00.
- 52730. Mtr. Boswell Mineral Springs to J. N. Post, \$9 M 238.
- 52731. W. D. J. N. Price to Glen H. Newport, \$4 D 418, \$10.00.
- 52732. Mtr. G. H. Newport to J. N. Price, \$9 M 209, \$25,000.00. Same 52731.

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