

NEW PAROLE LAW EFFECTIVE JUNE 14

Board, Not Judges, Will Set Minimum Terms; Convict "Attorneys" Busy.

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, April 5.—(AP)—State penitentiary "attorneys" who do a land office business although remuneration is small, are busy these days interpreting the new parole law for convicts.

After June 14, the state parole board, instead of judges, will determine the minimum sentences. Judges, as a matter of routine, will hand out the maximum sentence permitted by law.

The system will tend to equalize sentences. Recently a man was sentenced to 30 years for a crime, while another man from a different county got three years for the same offense. Under the new act, all other things being equal, both would get the same sentence.

Prison "attorneys" are convicts who get law books out of the prison library and set themselves up as legal minds, although their own legal training has been in evading the law instead of abiding by it. And if they had been a bit better in evading the law, they wouldn't be where they are.

When the legislature passed the new law, these prison "attorneys" had many convicts thinking the law meant they would go free, but the law does not apply to convicts who already have been sentenced.

These convict lawyers have obtained quite a few packages of cigarettes as fees for the wrong advice they have passed out.

Like Washington Law
The new law is similar to that of Washington state, except that the Washington parole board full-time. In Oregon, parole board members will get \$10 for each day the board is in session.

The board also will have absolute power of parole, but now the board merely recommends to the governor, who has the parole power. The governor, however, retains his pardoning power.

Governor Sprague will appoint a new parole board.

Under the new legislation, Cecil Edwards, the governor's private secretary, automatically is removed from the board. The other members, Gerald W. Mason, Portland, and Dr. Floyd L. Uter, Salem dentist, are both democrats. At least the members of the new board must be a democrat, but the governor has not indicated whether he would retain Uter or Mason.

In many states, the parole act-up has made or broken many a governor. During the next two years while Oregon's new law is being tested, Governor Sprague's fate might be decided, because the legislature will expect results.

About one-third of all penitentiary convicts return on second offense, and the new law, which will cost \$50,000 a biennium to administer compared with \$12,000 during the past biennium, is expected to reduce this number.

It costs \$300 a year to keep a prisoner locked up, whereas it costs only \$100 a year to keep selected inmates on parole. If the law works, it will save the state money instead of costing more.

POULTRY EXHIBIT
MONEY APPROVED

SALEM, April 4.—(AP)—A bill appropriating \$3,450 for an Oregon exhibit at the world's poultry congress at Cleveland July 28 to August 7 was signed today by Governor Sprague.

The bill also provides that the state pay transportation and expenses of all clubs and future farmers to the congress.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
Farmers Security Bank

at Yoncalla, County of Douglas, Oregon, at close of business
March 29, 1939.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 66,312.53
Overdrafts	53.23
United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	16,100.00
Other bonds, stocks and securities	29,027.67
Cash and due from banks	27,870.54
Total resources	\$173,193.97

LIABILITIES

Demand Deposits:	
(a) Of individuals, partnerships, corporations, etc.	\$100,027.76
(b) Of state, county, municipalities, etc.	17,876.92
Total demand deposits	\$117,904.68
Time Deposits:	
(a) Of individuals, partnerships, corporations, etc.	19,387.28
(b) Of state, county, municipalities, etc.	1,825.00
Total time deposits	\$ 21,212.28
Capital Account:	
Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net (if deficit so indicate by -)	3,877.01
Total capital account	\$ 33,877.01
Total liabilities	\$173,193.97

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Total pledged excluding redemptions: \$ 9,000.00

Total liabilities secured by the pledge of loans and/or investments: \$ 9,000.00

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"RIDERS" TO BILLS HIT BY ROOSEVELT

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt criticized today the practice in congress of attaching "riders" to bills that are unrelated to each other.

Although leaders of both parties were trying to get away from this practice, he told a press conference, such a rider was tacked on the emergency army defense measure he signed last night—a rider which he complained had not been adequately studied and which probably would cost the government \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 a year.

"In signing the bill for emergency national defense in relation to the air service and the purchase of a large number of additional planes, it is necessary to call attention to a so-called rider which was added to the bill but which has no relation whatsoever to the title or the purpose of the bill," the president said.

"This rider gives the same retirement and pension privileges to reserve officers and enlisted men who may become disabled while on temporary thirty-day duty as is accorded to regular officers and men of the army."

"In other words, any civilian, under certain circumstances, would get the same disability retirement privileges as those whose whole time is in the government service."

"This question is, of course, open to full and adequate study, but it seems a pity that without this study this clause, which will cost the government a large sum of money, has been tacked on to an emergency defense measure to which it has no relationship whatsoever."

The defense bill was signed at the same time the president approved the government reorganization measure. Replying to questions, he said he had given no thought as yet to any reorganization moves.

JAPS AND RUSSIANS
CLASH ON BORDER

TOKYO, April 4.—(AP)—A Doi (Japanese news agency) dispatch from Harbin, Manchoukuo, today said a three-hour battle took place between Manchoukuos and

Daily Devotions DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

It is a very wonderful thought that even in this present world, that we live our lives in the very presence of God, and this thought should not depress or frighten us. "Thou God seest me," should stimulate us to active Christian living. It is an understanding and a sympathetic God from whose presence there is no escape. A God who has made us and has compassed our lives about with innumerable blessings and unreckoned good, what a caricature we often make of Him, when instead of the gratitude and trust and hope which the true Christian expresses, we turn from Him in fear or resentment or indifference. Our Heavenly Father, we would trust in Thee and would not be afraid. Thou art the God of our lives, the Father of our spirits, our Friend and Helper in every hour and time of need. Quicken our hearts with hope and trust in Thee, and help us ever to walk in Thy love. Amen.

Security Head Hits
Two Pension Plans

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—Arthur J. Altmeyer, chairman of the social security board, denounced the Townsend and general welfare pension plans today as "impractical and inequitable."

Testifying before the house ways and means committee, which is considering proposed changes in the social security law, Altmeyer contended the taxes proposed to finance these old age pension systems would not create purchasing power from a group which was already spending its income.

"I believe," said Altmeyer, "that both these bills are impractical and inequitable because of a fundamental defect, which is that they propose to pay uniform and universal benefits to a special class, regardless of need or economic loss. This means necessarily the cost will be tremendous."

Questioned by Representative Townsend (R-Mass.) he expressed the opinion no sound "middle ground" between the two measures could be found.

Both the Townsend and the general welfare plans provide for payment of old age pensions out of the federal treasury in amounts much in excess of payments now being made by the federal government and the states to aged persons in need.

The Townsend plan provides for a tax on transactions; the general welfare plan asks a gross income tax.

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ATTEMPT TO END
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NEW YORK, April 4.—(AP)—The joint committee of bituminous coal operators and miners announced today they would report a disagreement to the general conference on their attempts to write a new contract to replace the one which expired last Friday at midnight.

The negotiators had been attempting since March 14 to write the terms of a new wage and hour contract for 358,000 miners in the Appalachian area.

Work virtually was suspended following the death of the old contract last Friday night.

EASTER MESSAGE
GIVEN BY KIWANIS

The Rev. Perry Smith, pastor of St. George's Episcopal church, was the principal speaker before the Kiwanis club at its regular Tuesday luncheon meeting.

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DOUGLAS CONFIRMED AS COURT JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(AP)—The senate confirmed William O. Douglas today as an associate justice of the supreme court.

The vote was 62 to 1. Opposing were Senators Frazier and Nye of North Dakota; Lodge of Massachusetts; and Reed of Kansas, all republicans.

Douglas, 40, now chairman of the securities commission, was President Roosevelt's fourth appointee to the high bench. He succeeds Louis D. Brandeis, 77, who recently retired.

The new justice, a former Yale law professor, is expected to take his seat when the court reconvenes after a spring recess April 17.

Prior to today's senate vote, Douglas had won unanimous approval from a senate judiciary subcommittee and the full judiciary committee.

Confirmation was delayed yesterday, and for a time today, when Senator Frazier (R-N. D.) made a lengthy address criticizing Douglas.

The North Dakotan said Douglas once had proposed emasculation of the securities act.

OREGON DENTAL
EXAMINERS NAMED

SALEM, April 4.—(AP)—Dr. Arthur F. Weeks, Portland, and Dr. R. R. Elliott, Medford, were appointed by Governor Sprague to the state board of dental examiners, succeeding Dr. Estel L. Brunk, Salem, and Dr. O. J. Johnson, Klamath Falls, respectively.

Dr. L. S. Benson, Portland, was appointed to the state board of medical examiners.

DEBT OF GERMANY
HEAVILY INCREASED

BERLIN, April 4.—(AP)—An increase of nearly 10,000,000 marks (currently \$4,000,000,000) in the German public debt during one year was disclosed today in official statistics which put the total indebtedness at 25,109,500,000 marks (\$11,243,920,000) at the end of January 1939.

The figures also showed the government owes German creditors 23,500,000,000 marks (\$9,400,000,000). The balance—1,609,500,000

marks or \$1,843,920,000—comprises foreign debts including the Young and Dawes reparations loans, and accumulated funds deposited with the reichsbank of these amounts which have fallen due but which could not be transferred because of the often-mentioned lack of foreign exchange.

BOMB BLASTS GATE AT NAZI EMBASSY

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 4.—(AP)—A bomb shattered the garden gate of German Ambassador Baron Wilhelm Von Schoen's residence this morning and broke several nearby windows.

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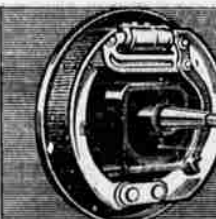


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