

State Flag

HORIZONTAL

- Depleted in the state flag
- Copies of
- Aged
- Memento
- Insect egg
- Accomplish
- Down
- Moslem
- Paradise
- Eras
- African port
- Piece
- Displaced person (ab.)
- Hebrew deity
- Higher
- Lord (ab.)
- Persian fairy
- Unspirited
- War god
- Oklahoma city
- Chaldean city
- Burgals
- Chinese measure
- Plot of ground
- Pertaining to the cheek
- Spurt
- Cycle
- Its capital is

VERTICAL

- Spanish hero
- Part of "ba"
- Italian coin
- Passage in the brain
- Old madrigal
- Of the ear

Answer to Previous Puzzle

FLEMISH GIANT RABBIT

35 Revise
40 Love god
41 Festive
42 Morose
43 Tardy
44 Ireland

47 Beverage
49 John (ab.)
51 Vice-consul (ab.)
52 Ear (comb. form)



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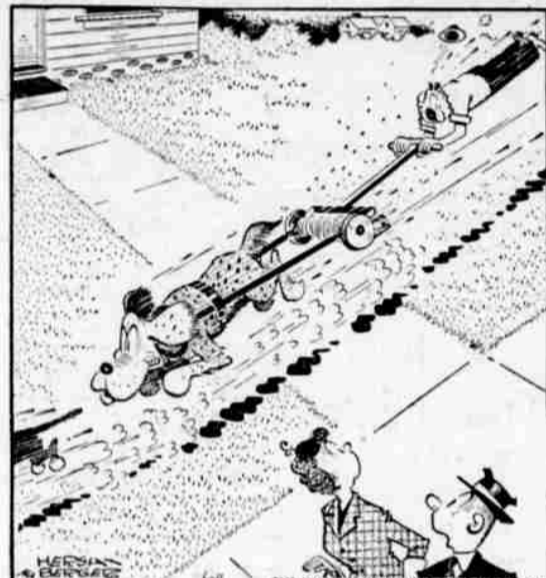
IT WON'T BE HALF AS HARD TO GET THE CAR IN THE GARAGE NOW, I MADE IT WIDER. I KNOCKED DOWN ONE WHOLE WALL!

FROM NINE TO FIVE By Jo Fischer



Of course Mr. Wump's business trips are important! It enables him to get out of town... and avoid work!

FUNNY BUSINESS By Hershberger



"I forgot about cats when I got the idea of hitching him to the lawnmower!"

LIL' ABNER By Al Capp



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Overcrowding Blamed

Improvement Of Oregon Prison Conditions Long Way Off, Officials Think

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — (AP) — Last week's strike of prison convicts is only a symptom of the trouble at the state penitentiary. State officials hope they can finish the prison building program before the lid blows off.

Warden George Alexander says all the trouble is caused by overcrowded conditions. His critics, including the Oregon Prison association and the senate committee on Institutions, say that a lot of things could be done now to improve the place.

A new cell block will be built in the next two years, and that should help a lot. The prison contains some 1,500 convicts, or about 400 more than capacity.

The board of control, which consists of the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, runs all institutions. It is looking for a new warden, and Alexander will be moved upstairs into the office of superintendent.

Alexander now is both superintendent and warden. Under the new set-up, the warden will actually run the prison, while Alexander will handle business and financial details. Both will be responsible to the board of control.

It's going to take time to find a competent warden. So far, some police chiefs have applied for the job. But the board doesn't want any policemen running the place. They want a man who knows how to restore men to society.

Senate Action Blamed
Alexander blames the senate committee for the recent trouble. He says the committee gave the convicts the idea that they are running the prison.

The convicts had a six-man convict committee, which Alexander claims was self-appointed. This committee, Alexander says, was trying to run the whole prison.

The warden called for a showdown, putting four of the convict committee members in isolation cells.

The convicts went on strike, demanding the release of the four men from their correction cells. Alexander agreed to release them, and the strike ended. Then Alexander got the convicts to agree to name a new committee.

The convicts are picking the new committee now, but it is subject to the warden's approval. He doesn't want any desperate characters on it. He says the original committee had four very troublesome men.

The new committee should help maintain order. It will transmit prisoners' grievances to the warden. The idea is patterned after the federal prison system.

What's wrong with the prison? The main thing is overcrowding, forcing youths into the company of hardened criminals, some of them sex degenerates. The men need more opportunity for education, including learning of trades. They need more recreation.

to man them, and the warden doubts if there are enough convicts who could be so trusted. He says he can't find enough trustees now to run the prison.

The board of control wants a reformatory built for young first offenders. The legislature agreed—but it didn't provide the money to build it.

There have been reports of guards beating convicts. The warden denies them, saying they come from discharged convicts who are not telling the truth.

Reliable News Scarce
Warden Alexander gives Capitol news reporters the free run of the place. Yet it's hard to tell what's going on inside. We talk to lots of convicts, but we can't decide who's telling the truth.

News is hard to get at the prison because the warden is not news-minded. He doesn't volunteer information, figuring the less printed about his prison, the easier it is to run it. He says many of the troublesome convicts are publicity seekers.

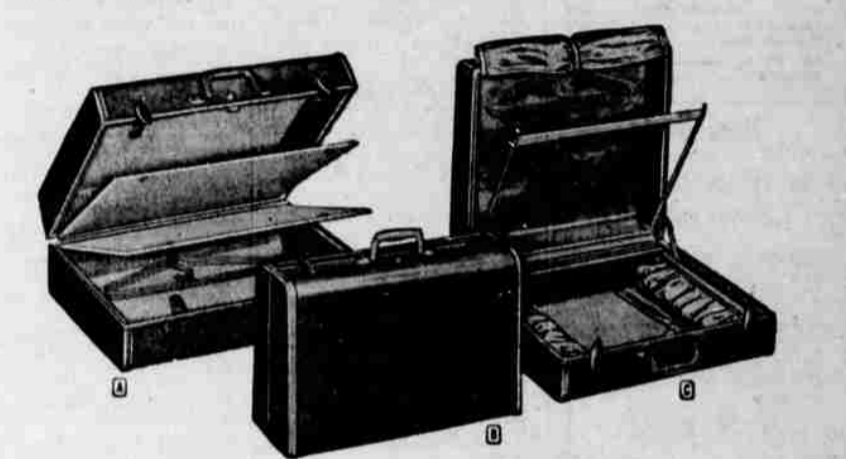
The recent strike went on for 24 hours before it leaked out. Even Governor McKay didn't know anything about it.

Yet the warden will answer any questions freely. The trouble is knowing just what to ask him.

The brittle star, a dweller of the ocean bottom, can shed any of its five arms and grow a new one.

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