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**SAYS PAROLES EXECUTED FOR POLITICAL EFFECT.**

**Governor Said to Have Supplied Funds for Convict to Leave.**

(Pendleton Live Wire.)  
That the much heralded prison parole system of Governor Oswald West is in reality an established system for the distribution of political patronage instead of a scientific move for the reform of criminals has become apparent through the methods pursued in effecting the release of W. W. Atfield, convicted of embezzlement in this county more than a year ago and committed to the state penitentiary at Salem.

On August 1, so the records in the office of the governor show, Atfield was released on a conditional pardon or parole, which local acquaintances of the man have every reason to believe he has since violated. His release was made without any petition from citizens, or so far as can be ascertained, without any request other than that of Will M. Peterson of Pendleton, chairman of the democratic county central committee of Umatilla county, an avowed candidate from congress from this district and the attorney who put up a strong defense for Atfield at the time of his trial before then Circuit Judge H. J. Bean, who has since become an associate justice of the state supreme court.

Atfield, greatly to the surprise of Pendleton acquaintances, appeared in this city August 2. To friends who inquired how he obtained his release within less than a year of his conviction, the ex-convict admitted that he did not know, except that he supposed influence had been brought to bear.

**Governor Supplied Funds.**  
He declared that on the previous day the warden of the state penitentiary at Salem had been instructed to provide Atfield with a new suit of clothes and release him. Atfield reported to the governor and asserted here that the latter produced a \$20 gold piece from his pocket, handing it to the paroled convict with instructions to proceed to Pendleton, there to await instructions which the chief executive promised would arrive in Pendleton in due time.

Without hesitating to inquire regarding the manner of his release, Atfield followed instructions and came to Pendleton, entering his name on August 3 on the register of the Bowman hotel. For perhaps a week he remained there, paying his rent daily in advance. Then he departed, saying that he was going to Walla Walla and that he expected to return in a few days. Atfield has never returned, and if he carried out his intention to visit Walla Walla, he has violated parole by leaving the state.

**County Officers Ignored.**  
A letter from Justice H. J. Bean, written from Newport, declares that, as far as he knows, the matter of Atfield's pardon or parole was never brought to his attention, nor was he asked for a statement of facts. Judge Gilbert W. Phelps of the circuit court of this district, who was deputy district attorney and prosecuted the case against Atfield a year ago, declares that he has never been asked for any recommendation. So far as the records show, no demand was made for Atfield's release and no petition ever was presented.

For that matter, the records of Umatilla and Morrow county courts show that at no time since Governor West assumed gubernatorial duties has any prospective parole or pardon been referred to a prosecutor or judge for recommendation or for a statement of facts, nor do the local police authorities know of any case in which Governor West has asked their opinion, although a number of criminals quite recently sentenced from this county are now enjoying freedom here.

**Follows Peterson's Visit.**  
The reappearance of Atfield in Pendleton followed a visit of Attorney Peterson to Salem. To this and the rather irregular manner in which the convict obtained his release local men familiar with the facts attach the belief that Atfield's parole, or pardon, was granted simply on the request of the chairman of the Umatilla county democratic central committee, who

had received a retainer for the man's defense.

When Atfield less than a year ago was on trial before Judge Bean his case attracted great attention, and he came in for a large amount of censure. After making a confession that he had embezzled funds of the express company, by whom he was employed as agent at Umatilla, he repudiated the statement, attempted to throw odium on Chief of Police Gurdane, who had befriended him, and sought to cast responsibility for the crime on an innocent fellow workman named Wrenn.

The jury promptly returned a verdict of guilty and Judge Bean did not hesitate to impose an indeterminate sentence of not less than one or more than ten years in the state penitentiary. Feeling against the man ran rather high at the time of his conviction, but as public interest in the case waned he became forgotten, and until his reappearance in this city on August 3 and his statement that he was unacquainted with the manner of his release, it was supposed that he was still serving the sentence for which a large amount of the taxpayers' money had been spent to convict him.

**NEWSPAPERS TO CONDUCT WAR**

**HUNTINGTON SPLIT ASUNDER OVER ALLEGED VICE.**

**One to Fight It and Other to Uphold Alleged Gateway Vice.**

Baker, Ore., Aug. 29.—That a newspaper war will be waged in Huntington between the business men and the editor of the Huntington Herald was made certain this morning when articles of incorporation of the Huntington News company were filed with the county clerk at Baker. The company is capitalized at \$1,250, and proposes to establish a newspaper and do a general printing business. The incorporators are F. S. Bubb, H. H. Mack, O. S. Fraser, F. M. Beck and W. J. Woods.

The incorporation comes as a protest by the business men of the policy of the Herald in relation to the "open town" conditions which it alleges obtains in Huntington and follows a meeting of the business men of the city in which plans were made to establish a new paper if Editor Beeson maintained his position in the fight. Beeson in the next issue of the Herald came out with a strong editorial bidding the friends of present conditions to do their worst.

**New Insurance Locates Here.**

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**CHEYENNE SECOND BEST.**

**Pendleton Show Considered Better Than Old Cheyenne Performance.**

The Roundup is a far better show in every way than the much vaunted Frontier days of Cheyenne, according to Sheriff T. D. Taylor, J. Roy Raley and Carl Powers, who returned this noon from attending the Cheyenne celebration, relates the Pendleton Live Wire.

The outlaw horses which will be seen in action in this city are just as good or better buckers, the riders are just as good or better bronco busters, and the spirit and vim which charac-

terizes the local show is said to be far better than that of the Wyoming affair.

In saying this the Pendleton men do not belittle the Cheyenne show, which they declare to be a marvelous affair, second only to the Pendleton exhibition.

The saddles which are to be offered at the Roundup were far superior to anything ever offered in Cheyenne, and attracted great attention at the hands of the big crowds. Many of the best riders there signified their intention of coming to Pendleton for the Roundup and trying for the trophies.

**ALLEGED CONFESSION WRONG**

**Panhandle Murder Not Cleared up Despite Rumor of That Fact.**

A rumor that Fred Makinson, formerly of Eagle valley, but now at Winnemucca, Nev., had become insane and had confessed to the murder of Willard Moody which occurred at Pine in 1906, has been authoritatively denied by the sheriff of that county,

says the Baker Herald.

The rumor has been persistent in the Panhandle for some time but it remained for Postmaster Oscar Kendall to finally determine its baselessness. His letter to Sheriff Lamb at Winnemucca and the sheriff's reply are as follows:

Richland, Ore., Aug. 15, 1911. Sheriff of Humboldt Co., Nevada, Winnemucca, Nevada. Dear Sir: There is a report current here that one Fred E. Makinson, who resides in your county, having moved there from this country, came into Winnemucca some days since in a deranged state of mind and rumor here has it that he confessed to a murder that took place in Pine valley some years ago. Makinson is a brother-in-law of mine, hence this letter. Respectfully, Oscar Kendall, Richland, Ore.

Dear Sir: I will hasten to answer these few lines to let you know that this is news to me as nothing of this sort has occurred; everything is all O. K. and the same is a false rumor. Yours respectfully, S. G. Lamb, Sheriff. (By C. W. Muller, Deputy.)

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