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TWO CONVICTS ESCAPE

Saw Out of Solitary Cells in Penitentiary During Night.

Salem, Or., Oct. 9—By sawing out of their cells and scaling the wall, James O'Brien and Frank Smith, two of the most desperate and dangerous convicts in the penitentiary, escaped early this morning and guards are scouring the country for them today.

Because of their bad record the two were confined in the new solitary cells in what was formerly known as the "bull pen." Both sawed the brass locks from their cells, and in scaling the wall with a rope made from blankets they were successful in eluding the wall guards. How they obtained the saws is a mystery, but it is suspected that the tools were smuggled to them in some manner by convicts from inside the prison.

O'Brien was serving a term from Coos county for burglary, and is considered an especially desperate criminal. Smith was serving a term from Multnomah county for burglary, and has a bad criminal record. He was a repeater.

The cells from which O'Brien and Smith escaped were especially constructed for incorrigibles, and were being especially guarded by B. B. Smith. Investigations prosecuted by Warden Minto disclosed that Smith had fallen asleep, and he has been discharged. As the morning was foggy the men eluded the other wall guards, he said.

The warden believes that the saws used by the two escaped convicts were either smuggled to them by prisoners inside, or from friends outside.

Both were attired in striped clothing and were wearing striped trousers when they escaped.

Fooling The People

(Eugene Register)

The simple and unadorned fact is that the really valuable agricultural land in the Oregon & California grant was sold off long ago. The railroad did not want to retain anything but the timber. The so-called agricultural land that still remains is either worthless in character or is so completely isolated that making a living on it would be impossible. The grant lands are valuable principally for their timber, and land with 300,000 feet of timber to the forty cannot be taken up. It is not right to lead the people to believe that happy homes are waiting for them in the O. & C. grant and then cruelly disappoint them.

MRS. KERSCH PAROLED

Woman Who Prevented Escape of Willard Tanner is Rewarded.

Salem, Or., Oct. 9—Mrs. Carrie Kersch, serving a term in the penitentiary with Jesse Webb for slaying William Johnson, in Portland, a number of years ago, and who prevented the escape of Willard Tanner yesterday morning by warning the prison officials, was rewarded with a parole from Governor Withycombe today. Clemency had previously been recommended for her by the parole board.

"I am influenced not only by the recommendation of the parole board, but especially by Mrs. Kersch's action yesterday when her warning, given at the risk of her life, thwarted Tanner's escape from the prison," said the governor in announcing that he had granted the parole. "I have hesitated to grant leniency in such a case as the one involved. But it does now seem that Mrs. Kersch deserves a chance. She has learned a bitter lesson."

She is paroled to Major Jessie Stark, of the Volunteers of America of Portland, and pending the latter's return from the East, Mrs. Kersch will remain at prison.

Bids are Opened for Government Timber.

Bids were opened today by the District Forester, Portland, for the sale of 124,000,000 feet of timber on the Middle Fork John Day River, Whitman National Forest. The Pacific States Timber Investment Company, of which Mr. Frank B. Mitchell of Baker, Oregon, is President, was the highest bidder.

The timber involved in the sale is 92% yellow pine, and is situated in T. 10 S., R. 34 and 35 E., and T. 11 S., R. 33 and 24 E., W. M., and covers an approximate area of 14,600 acres. The prices bid by the Company are $2.91 per M for the pine and 75 cents per M for the other species.

Mr. Mitchell, the President of the Company, says that they will build a mill of 75,000-feet daily capacity at Austin, Oregon, and a railroad tap line will be built from that point to log the timber. A planing and finishing mill will be constructed in Baker.

The Pacific States Timber Investment Company is a Minneapolis corporation, with considerable holdings on the Middle Fork John Day River.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PRUNE CROP

Estimate of Output Now Is 300 Carloads, a portion Still Unsold.

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 10—The prune output of Douglas county will probably reach 300 carloads, 40 or 50 carloads more than previously estimated. Of this amount over 200,000 pounds are yet unsold. H. S. Gile Co. of Salem and Roseburg, are said to control 200 carloads. Already orders to ship prunes have been received from England.

The Overland Orchards company expects to ship 1000 crates of grapes, principally Tokays. As a result of the success of this experiment more vineyards will probably be planted. Several hundred acres of new prune orchards are also planned.

A PIONEER GONE

Grandma Moore Died at Central Point Friday

Mrs. Rebecca Moore, pioneer of the valley, aged 80 years, died at her home in Central Point, Friday morning, Oct. 6th, 1916.

Rebecca McFarland Moore was born at Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 7th, 1836. She married the late Wm. Moore in Pennsylvania Sept. 30th, 1856. On Dec. 18, 1875, she arrived in Jackson county and had since made this valley her home.

She leaves three children, Robert H. Moore, of Central Point, William J. Moore, Los Angeles, and Mrs. J. W. Merritt, of Central Point. Another daughter, Mary Belle Moore died at the age of 17 years. One granddaughter, Esther Merritt Sanderson, and one great-grand-son, John Merritt Sanderson.

Practical Joker Kills Self With "Empty" Gun.

Presidio, Tex., Oct. 10—"It isn't loaded," exclaimed Trooper Henry Chicone, L troop, 6th United States cavalry, as he placed his automatic revolver to his head and pulled the trigger. He died instantly. A moment before while cleaning the weapon, he jokingly pointed it at a comrade, who remonstrated. Chicone enlisted two years ago from Philadelphia and was known as the practil joker of his regiment.

NEW

FALL

GOODS

AT

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store Jacksonville, Ore.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Wages Greatly Increased

Salem, Or., Oct. 9—Figures compiled by Labor Commissioner Hoff show that wages generally are better in the state now than in 1909-1910. The wages of carpenters in this city have increased $1 a day, and the wages of Portland barbers have increased 40 per cent, according to the figures. Lumber mill workers, pressmen, machinists sailors and other classes are also obtaining a better wage, according to the figures.

To Solve Fruit Problems

Salem, Or., Oct. 9—Governor Withycombe has appointed his members of a tri-state committee which will endeavor to solve the problems of fruit selling. Decision to appoint such a committee was reached by Governor Withycombe, Governor Lister of Washington, and Governor Alexander of Idaho, at a meeting at North Yakima recently. The members of the committee appointed by Governor Withycombe are: C. I. Dewis, Corvallis; O. C. Allen, Medford, and Dr. C. A. Macrum, Portland.

Albany Youth Shot in Face

Albany, Or., Oct., 9—Roy Crowder, 16 years old, son of Austin Crowder, of this city, was accidentally shot while hunting pheasants yesterday. The youth and a man named Kenneth Kennedy were together and Crowder was hit in the face with sixteen shot, three puncturing the eyelid, but not the eyeball. His condition is not serious.

Pioneer of 1852 is Dead

Lebanon, Or., Oct. 9—George A. Waggoner, author of "Stories of Old Oregon," and a pioneer of 1852, died at 11 p. m. Saturday at his home in this city at the age of 75 years. He arrived at The Dalles just 64 years ago on his 10th birthday. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. at the First Presbyterian church here and interment will be in the family plot in the Keeney cemetery, six miles south of Brownsville.

Brother Dies in European War

Bandon, Or., Oct. 9—Mrs. George C. West, of this city, has received word of the death of her brother, Roy Mullin, formerly of Bandon, while in action with the Canadian troops in France. He was a member of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Mrs. West's father and two other brothers are also fighting with the British army in Europe.

Prune Dryer is Burned

Salem, Or., Oct. 10—Fire of unknown origin yesterday destroyed the prune dryer of O. E. Fry, in Polk county. The loss is approximately $4000, with no insurance.

151 Aeroplanes Lost in Month

Berlin, Oct. 10, via London—The French and British lost 130 aeroplanes last month on the western front, as compared with 21 lost by the Germans the war office announces. "Our aviators put their full strength on artillery observation," the statement says.

Negro Hanged by Mob

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 10—Frank Dodd, a negro prisoner held on a charge of having annoyed a young white woman, was taken from the county jail at Dewitt, Ark., by a mob of 300 men and hanged from a tree in the outskirts of town.

Rosenberg Will Probated

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 9—The will of the late Samuel Rosenberg, distributing an estate valued at $600,000, has been probated. The principal heirs are the widow, Mrs. Ella S. Rosenberg and two sons, David and Harry Rosenberg. The will contains a provision disinheriting any persons bringing a contest.

THE CAR SHORTAGE

Railway Officers Hold Out Little Hope Until After First of Year.

In line with forecast of transportation officials, the shortage of cars on railways operating in Oregon and Washington is growing more acute. The shortage on the Southern Pacific, Spokane, Portland & Seattle and Oregon-Washington Rail Road & Navigation systems today is approximately 2500, with probably an equal aggregate covering the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul lines in Washington and Northern Idaho. In the opinion of railway men the situation will become more serious before shipments of lumber, grain and other products eastward ease up. No railway official is willing to predict that relief will come before the early part of next year.

Community Prosperity

Encourage investments of private capital on equal terms with what is called public ownership.

The people have a right to full benefits of both systems and open competition is best for interests of all.

Private capital should not be used to prevent public ownership nor public ownership to destroy private investments.

Discourage laws and regulations that impose hardships on industries or prevent employment of largest number at labor.

Leave as much to individual enterprise and initiative as possible so as to get the highest efficiency of every citizen.

Keep down the number of offices, the overhead expense, and inject as much business as possible into public service.

Public expenditures for needed improvements honestly expended are a benefit to every citizen and to all property.

Do not pass laws to stop the people moving about, spending money or doing business with each other on legitimate lines.

Support the home industry, the home enterprise and the home merchant as the golden rule of community prosperity.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

"Must Keep Her Pledge"

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 9—Just before Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador called on President Wilson at Shadow Lawn this afternoon the president issued the following statement on the German submarine attacks on vessels off the American coast:

"The government will, of course, first inform itself as to all the facts that there may be no doubt or mistake as far as they are concerned.

"The country may rest assured that the German government will be held to the complete fulfillment of its promises to the government of the United States. I have no right now to question its willingness to fulfill them."

Gets Long Term

Chehalis, Wash., Oct. 9—Eugene Holly, who pleaded guilty a few days ago to setting fire to the Brown shingle mill here, was sentenced to from two to twenty years in the Walla Walla penitentiary. Dolt Kahn, a Hindu, who was found guilty of robbing a fellow countryman in Chehalis of $200, was fined $300 and costs. George Sullivan, of Centralia, found guilty of selling liquor, has asked for a new trial.

11-Year-Old Girl is Strangled To Death,

New York, Oct. 10—Strangled with her own bookstrap after having been assaulted, Tillie Brown, an 11-year-old school girl, was found dead today in a cellar of a tenement on the lower East Side.

The girl had been missing since yesterday when she failed to return home from school. An uncle reported to the police that last Thursday he saw a strange man purchase candy for the girl near the school.

The Democrats were always rainbow chasers.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland—Longshoremen's strike to be settled on open-shop basis in Seattle.

C. E. Spense, Master of the State Grange says the People's Land and Loan measure on the ballot this election spells confiscation for the farmer.

Eugene—State highway planned from Florence to Klamath Falls.

If Congress passes satisfactory waterpower legislation permitting the development of our streams without additional taxation, millions of dollars will pour into the state for this line of industry within the next few years.

Lone to have a modern store building.

North Bend men start new shingle mill on Larson inlet.

Douglas county Pomona grange disgusted with political agitations is working for the establishment of some cheese factories.

Salem State sold 25 tons of flax at 7 cents a pound to California mills. Same was produced with convict labor. State is handling 750 tons.

Gresham—New garage is largest in Multnomah county.

The third sawmill for Bend has begun operations.

Dufur Dispatch: "is there anyone left who wants to be candidate for some office or other?"

Elbert Bede, President Willamette Valley Press Association says: "The state fair board this year slighted the country newspapers and gave all their advertising to the city dailies and magazines. That should set well with the country newspapers that have given the state fair so much free space and have boosted early and late for its success."

The car men of the northern roads threaten to strike unless they get a raise in wages. They are peeved because the Adamson law does not apply to them. Well, threaten to tie up the business of the country; that's what the other fellows did and they made their bluff stick.

North Plains to get electric lights.

Salem is getting the one-man street cars, made necessary by jitney competition.

Oregon Railroad commission abandons valuation of Oregon trunk line of Hill system, as Interstate Commerce Commission is doing same work.

Portland—Plans under way for another large steel ship yard here.

Canby buys local water system.

Riddle will ship between 40 and 50 carloads of prunes.

Marshfield is working for cannery to handle local products.

Myrtle Creek prune crop will approximate 2,000,000 pounds.

For two carloads of chromium ores recently shipped from Riddle to Illinois Steel Company at Chicago the Oregon Nickle Mining Company received a check for the sum of $3,068.95, says the Riddle Tribune. In the shipment were a little less than 100 tons of ore, and it is easy to compute that the rock was worth above $30 per ton f. o. b. at Chicago.

Stanfield—New creamery to be started here.

Grants Pass—Bids to be considered for Josephine county's new $75,000 courthouse.

The employer must realize that not all the profit should come to him. His workmen are entitled to a fair division when they give their labor. They are entitled to protection of their health by sanitary conditions, by safeguards around machinery and by reasonable hours.

Republicans Lead Six to One

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 8—The votes cast for the Washington state Republican ticket at the recent primaries aggregated, without the missing Skagit county vote, 214,660, or about six times the number of votes cast for the Democrats, 34,970. The Progressive cast 496 votes.

When organized labor meets disorganized government, the outcome is inevitable.

Washington reports that General Pershing's expedition is soon to be withdrawn from Mexico. With or without a salute?