

OLD PRISONER WANTS TO BE JAILED

Recent Events at Salem Stir John Tomseth and Oregonian To Humorous Comment Thereon.

The recent escape of several convicts from the penitentiary, and the stories of the liberties given prisoners, provoked John Tomseth, employe of the W. A. Woodard Lumber company, to write a facetious letter to the Oregonian. The letter and the Oregonian's comment thereon are so appropos to the present situation that they are reprinted.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Aug 17.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly do an old man a favor by letting him know whether it is really true that those prisoners at Salem are having such good times at the penitentiary? Do they really have chicken dinners with ice cream? And do they get plenty of free tobacco?

I am an old man who has been living in dread of going to the poor house, but if those stories I hear are true I'd have no objections to going to the penitentiary for the remainder of my days. I'm not so slow at cards for an old timer; in fact, in my younger days I used to be considered somewhat of a shark, so if they have those card games they talk about I'd soon make a lot of friends and be right in my glory.

Of course, I'm too old to play baseball, but I'd like to see some of those good snappy outdoor games where a fellow didn't have to pay any admission. I can't think of much else an old rouser's heart could desire.

Be sure to advise me, if there is any way an old man could be sure of getting a life sentence without killing some one. I haven't the heart to kill anybody, but I'd do most anything else to get into an old man's home like they describe that place to be, where the boss treats every inmate as his equal. If you have a pull with Governor Pierce he might be able to offer some suggestion—they tell me the governor is a pretty good old scout himself.

If you haven't the time to look this proposition up personally, you may be able to furnish an old man further information through the columns of The Oregonian.

JOHN TOMSETH.

P. S. I'd promise faithfully not to harm the warden or the guards in case I ever became dissatisfied with the place. I pride myself on having more diplomacy than that. In fact, I'm sure we'd get to be real cronies after I had been there a while.

An elderly gentleman of Cottage Grove, who styles himself an "old rouser," wants to know the easiest way to break into the Oregon penitentiary, of which he has heard much favorable report. He desires to pass his declining years therein, cheered by congenial companionship and minor luxuries, but he balks at killing anybody. Isn't there another means of attaining his heart's desire? Alas we do not know. Nor is it as simple a matter to get into the penitentiary as he appears, in his fond ignorance, to believe it to be.

We would say to him that having chosen his crime and committed it, in the presence of unimpeachable witnesses, he would yet be far from his goal. He would, of course, be ably defended, and a host of warm-hearted folks would bring him cream cake and consolation. Much would be made of his advanced age, and there would be a great deal of indignation over the bare mention of sending him away to the big house, the dear, fatherly old fellow. And, possibly, prying about in the prisoner's sub-conscious an alienist would eventually discover and proclaim an interesting complex. Or it would be revealed that at the tender age of seven he had fallen out of a haymow and torn his pants. Or the jury would decide that it was all right, anyhow, and that he ought to go home and milk the loving kin. The long odds are he'd never realize his dream.

No, it is far from being an easy matter to break into the penitentiary these days. But even if he managed it, is our old friend at Cottage Grove quite certain that he'd be contented and happy there? He must consider that there are some people who are not happy in Los Angeles, curious as that may seem. And not every inmate of the Oregon penitentiary is willing to forego the dubious pleasures of fault finding. They are in truth a finical lot. We mortals set our hearts upon this or upon that, and when we get it somehow the prize is not so desirable as it appeared to be. It might be that way with the penitentiary and the old rous-

Hikes Hills on 65th Anniversary

Three score years and more mean little in the life of those who are fortunate enough to live in this favored section of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette. Aunt Betty Earl, of Dorena, celebrated her sixty-fifth anniversary and her fifty-first wedding anniversary Sunday by going huckleberrying. Others in the party were the Max Stewart and George Gillispie families, also of Dorena. They went into the Bohemia district and "Aunt" Betty climbed around on the mountains as lively as the youngsters.

Thrilling Experience Recalled.

A thrilling experience in the life of W. J. White, Cottage Grove druggist, was recalled to his mind unexpectedly Sunday by the story in that day's Oregonian, "Fighting the Forces of a Mountain," by C. E. Rusk, who described how a woman's life was saved by the use of the human toboggan after she had fainted away at the summit of Mount Adams. As stated in the story, Mr. White was a member of the party. At that time, about 20 years ago, he was a druggist at Goldendale, Wash. The story was a graphically truthful recounting of what happened, according to Mr. White, and the illustrations were as realistic as it was possible for them to be made by one who was not present.

Lonely Woman Dies.

Mrs. Elizabeth Drane, who had for several years lived alone on Mosby creek, died early Monday morning. She was aged more than 80 years. Nothing much was known about her except that she came here from Coquille. The body is being held at the Mills chapel while a search is being made for relatives. It has been learned that she was a member of the Eastern Star at Coquille and that organization is making a search for a son who is supposed to be living in the vicinity of Port Orford. The husband died at Coquille several years ago and Mrs. Drane came here five years ago.

Berries Come by Tons.

Despite reports early in the spring that wild blackberries had been killed by a late frost, they are being received at the cannery at the rate of two tons a day. Berries are being received at the rate of more than half a ton a day. About 15 persons are now employed.

Cottage Grove Said To Be Live City

Cottage Grove, Eugene and Marshfield are live cities, in the opinion of C. F. Kilmer, of the Associated Industries of Oregon, who addressed the Tuesday noon luncheon of the local chamber. Mr. Kilmer is compiling a directory of Oregon products, to furnish purchasing agents of the coast, who are to be asked to give Oregon products an even chance with products of other states, quality and price considered.

He listed the three cities named as the most lively he had visited during a trip of two weeks.

or of Cottage Grove. The cooking, or something like that. The color of the warden's necktie. Or something.

And there he'd be, wishing with all his heart that he was back again in Cottage Grove, at the right hand of the cracker barrel. What then? Well, two courses would be open to him, and some incline to the one while some prefer the other. He could either punch a hole in the wall and saunter off, or he could have a talk with the parole board and receive a ticket back to the old home. And how they would laugh at him in Cottage Grove. What! Back so soon?

THE FEATHERHEADS



MILLION DOLLARS CAPITAL IN REORGANIZATION

W. A. Woodard Lumber Company Takes Over Walter A. Woodard Mill Business.

The W. A. Woodard Lumber company has been organized to take over the lumber and sawmilling business heretofore conducted under the name of Walter A. Woodard. The organization of the company, with capital stock of a million dollars, will make practically no difference in the ownership, conduct or operation of the business. Two sawmills on the Coast fork, with a daily capacity of 175,000 or better, and a remanufacturing plant at Latham are owned and operated by the company. The mills and remanufacturing plant are connected with a flume for the transportation of the rough lumber and timbers.

Fred W. Bradley, of Bay City, Mich., owner of large tracts of timber in which the two mills of the company have been operating, is president of the reorganization; Walter A. Woodard, who has been in charge of the business ever since its inception, is vice president and treasurer, and Roy Leonard, who has been with the business for several years, is secretary. Charles A. Hardy, Eugene attorney, is named as one of the incorporators.

The capital stock is divided \$500,000 common and \$500,000 preferred. No immediate extensive improvements are expected as a result of the reorganization of the company, but it is in a position to take advantage of an upward trend in the lumber market.

EAST MAIN YET REMAINS

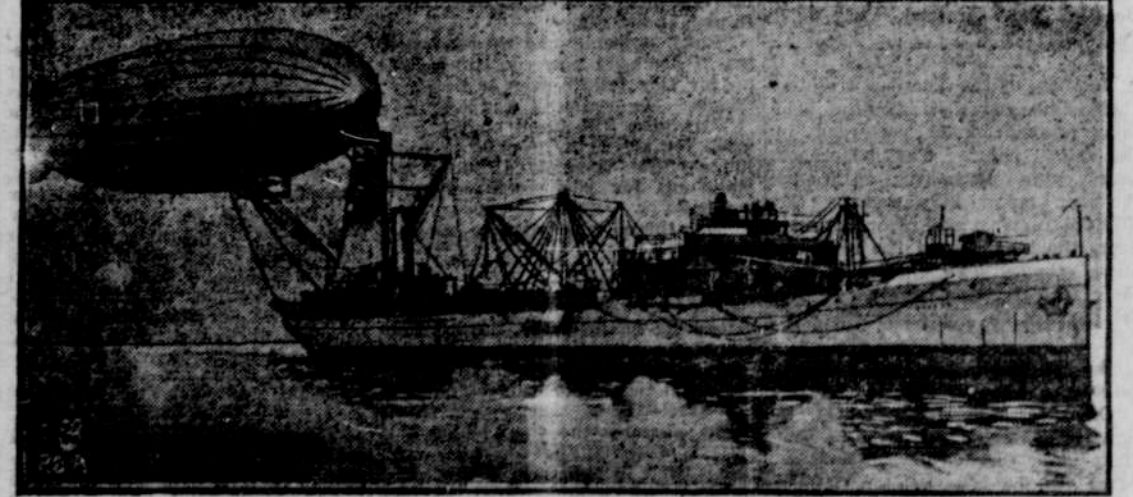
Black Top Paving Work For the City Nears Completion.

By the end of the week the paving of Washington avenue and Monroe avenue will have been completed or nearly so and the J. C. Compton paving crew will be transferred to east Main street, which will be the last street to receive black top. Considerable patching work on a number of the streets remains, particularly the repair of west Main. A small strip on south Sixth street between the tracks of the Southern Pacific and those of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern is yet to be finished. This strip was overlooked in the original ordinance for the improvement of the street and a special ordinance had to be enacted.

Chestnut avenue is to be paved with class A macadam. The curbs have been completed. One block of central Jefferson avenue is also being paved with class A macadam.

NEWSPAPER advertising makes big stores out of little ones and keeps them from going back to little ones.

Rubber stamps. The Sentinel. x



ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN AIRCRAFT. TOWING DIRIGIBLE AT SEA. Developments in the handling of aircraft recently have been nothing short of marvelous. This photo shows the dirigible, "Los Angeles," moored to the U. S. S. Patoka while the ship is under way.

Tot Dies Day After Arriving Home

S. L. Mackin has received word of the death from diphtheria of Mary Alice Evans, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, of Montevideo, Minn. The Evans family visited recently at the Mackin home and the child died the day after their arrival home. The disease was contracted during the trip. One or two of the children at the Mackin home were suffering with minor ailments during the time the Evans family were here and Mr. and Mrs. Evans were of the opinion that it was then the disease was contracted. They wrote expressing the hope that the Mackin children had recovered. The Mackin children, however, had had nothing resembling diphtheria.

Quicksilver Mines Are To Operate

The Black Butte cinnabar mines, 16 miles from here, will resume operations shortly, after being closed down for several years. The mines were operated during the war, after which the price of quicksilver dropped so low that its production was unprofitable. E. B. Crane will return as superintendent. Usually about 25 men are employed in the operation of the mines.



MACK STENNETT'S IDEA OF THE PHYSICALLY PERFECT

Everybody knows of Mack Stennett's bathing beauties. And everybody gives that famous movie producer credit for knowing a thing or two about physical perfection in attractive womanhood.

All of which carries so much more weight to his decision that Miss Lillian Knight—the pretty young miss in the above photo—is a physically perfect girl. Miss Knight won the Los Angeles beauty contest last year and represented that city in the Atlantic City pageant. And now Mack Stennett's verdict gives her more laurels.

In this picture you see Eddie Cline, movie director, taking Miss Knight's measurements. He doesn't seem to be a bit bashful about it, either.

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Rumor of Killing Of Child Not True

A report that a baby had been killed in an automobile wreck on the highway south of here Sunday gained credence, but it is probable that the report was exaggerated.

The six weeks old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hammon, of Woodard's camp, was injured in an accident south of Anlauf. It was brought here to the office of Dr. A. W. Kime, but its injuries were found to be not serious. It was later taken to Eugene for examination but there have been no serious developments.

Nelson Wasn't at Fault.

Because its informant misunderstood a question which had been asked, The Sentinel erroneously stated in its Monday issue, in referring to an accident in which the N. J. Nelson Willys-Knight was injured, that the accident happened when the Nelson car attempted to pass another on a curve. The fact was that the car which smashed into the Nelson car was the one attempting to pass a second car on a curve.

The car which hit the Nelson car was a Star driven by Thomas C. White, of Coquille. It was practically demolished. The several occupants sustained only minor injuries. In the Nelson car were Mr. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Short and Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Mills. Mr. Short was at the wheel. Mr. White agreed to make settlement in full for damage to the Nelson car.

Lateral Sewer Ordinances Passed.

Ordinances were enacted at the Monday night meeting of the council for lateral sewer districts in the block north of Ash avenue at the extreme west end of the street and in the district east of north Ninth street. Bids for the work will be asked shortly.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Eugene Foundry and Machine Company	\$87.50
H. J. Jergenson	19.00
C. A. Bisdler	1.80
Boone Shortridge	18.00
Woolworth Oregon company	15.25
O. W. Blackmore	9.75
Chestnut Transfer	17.95
Malla Miller	5.96
J. Larson	18.00
John Hastings	2.00
Sam Hardman	29.75

Cottage Grove Leads Way.

A story from Salem under a Salem date line, which appeared in a recent issue of the Oregon Journal, said that a five-pump service station there probably was the only one in the northwest. W. L. Bunge, of Cottage Grove, has had a five-pump station for a year. Not only that, but he handles five kinds of gasoline, whereas the Salem station is making use of but four of its pumps. Cottage Grove usually leads the way.

Wild Berries Plentiful.

Blackberries and huckleberries are being picked in large quantities by outing parties from here. Wild blackberries are to be found everywhere and were little damaged by the frost which killed so many berries this spring. Huckleberries are found only in the Bohemia mining district. They are so plentiful upon vines that hang over the roads that outers have gathered them without leaving their cars.

Firearms Law Explained.

In answer to inquiries as to the effect of the state law regarding the carrying of firearms in automobiles, John S. Medley, district attorney, has stated that this law does not effect hunters as the law limits the weapons that may not be concealed in automobiles without special permits to those with barrels 12 inches or less in length.

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MANY FROM HERE READY FOR UMPQUA PICNIC

Several Thousand to Join in Boosting for Scenic Highway From Drain to Reedsport.

Chambers of commerce and citizens' organizations of Cottage Grove, Drain, Yoncalla, Elkton, Scottsburg and Reedsport will join in a monster picnic to be held Sunday at Scottsburg on the proposed Umpqua scenic highway. The purpose of the picnic is to promote a movement to have the state take over and develop the road from Drain to Reedsport. It is anticipated that 300 to 500 will attend from here and that several thousand will be present from the several communities.

Cars from here will bear Cottage Grove windshield stickers, which may be secured from F. E. Mendenhall, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

The picnic will be an all-day affair. Those attending will take baskets for a mid-day meal. Coffee and ice cream, it has been announced by the committee in charge, will be available at the picnic grounds.

A program of speechmaking is being arranged and the chamber of commerce or civic organization of each community has been asked to put on a special stunt. Senator Charles Hall, of Marshfield, will be one of the principal speakers.

Wallace Family Reunion Held.

A Wallace family reunion was held Sunday near Creswell in honor of Turner Wallace and daughter, Mrs. Laura Pope, who are here from Stockton, Calif. Those present were Mrs. Anne Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Ves Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, James Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hemenway, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott and children, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace, Creswell; Frank Woolley, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chandler, Wendling.

Labor Demand Steady.

There was no falling off in the demand for labor last week, either on the west coast or in the Inland Empire districts, according to the 41 weekly employment letter. Forest fire fighters have already been released, the letter stated, but this has brought about no unemployment, due to the fact that calls for harvest and threshing help have not diminished, while in some districts logging activity has increased slightly.

John Dugan Injured Today.

John Dugan, an employe of the W. A. Woodard Lumber company, sustained painful injuries this forenoon, when the "nigger," which had been hoisted while repair work was being done on it, fell and struck Dugan a glancing blow on the head and chest. Dugan's hand was cut by one of the teeth of the nigger.

Sales books. The Sentinel. xx

Advertise Continuously Says Wrigley

Wrigley, the chewing gum man, has explained how he built up a business of millions of packages a day.

He has done it by sticking to his one line and advertising it. He spends over a million dollars a year in buying newspaper space to tell the world about 5-cent chewing gum. He has educated people to chew gum and to chew Wrigley's. He did not stop shouting as soon as he attracted attention.

He says you must keep it up or the buyers will forget you. Whether yours is a 5-cent or a \$50,000 business, keep telling about it.

In Dutch Again



By L. F. Van Zelm