FACTS OF OREGON SCHOOL BILL SHOW ERROR OF ITS OPPONENTS

Distinguished Minister of Pendleton Demolishes Objections and Points Out How All Private Schools Can Continue and Grow More Prosperous and Useful.

Opponents of the Oregon Public | infringement on religious rights and School Bill will despair of answering privileges of parent and child. It does the defense of that great Act by the not in any respect touch religion. It Rev. W. A. Gressman, paster of the deals only with education and speci-First Christian Church of Pendleton, ties that the place where the child gratefully by all White Men.

To the Editor:

ing that it would be necessary for any see about this. If a parent is unduly measly \$5, discouraged and handibill goes into effect in 1926. With op- morals, we will see how surely the stantfal bank account for a new start against it, it seems rather strange that put it under proper care whether the self respect. In this splendid cause assertions to this effect have been child—the parent or the state? In- all decent, law-abiding Oregonians to made in abundance, but these are fu- deed, the state does. Then, if the support their own institution, helping buying expensive new buckets, for extile and inconclusive. We must deal state controls the educational standard him to make it all that it ought to

its pupils to the public school for through popular vote, the place where the policy of reclamation and reform their public school studies and re- that education shall be given! In and to make the prison self-sustaining. serve to itself instruction in matters fact, the child belongs both to the Success is assured, and this will mean for which such private school exists? parent and to the state. But this con- the saving of vast sums annually to Fundamentally, a private school does trol is not in the sense of an imnot exist to teach public school sub- perialistic Germany-for the glory of jects. Its purpose is to implant in its the state-but in the sense of a depupils the specialty for which it was mocracy-a "government of the peoestablished, for example, religion, ple, by the people and for the peohome economics, etc. It teaches pub- ple." . Thus, the child belongs to the lic school subjects because the state state, and as a member of the state, compels it to do so and because such the latter guarantees to safeguard its subjects are incidentally necessary to welfare. the pupils' equipment. Before and after public school hours is when the private school can do its work.

Then, too, the proposed law is no question.

Reclaiming Men

(Continued from Page 1) of barrels filled with syrup, etc., is on exhibition.

There was a huge waste in the purchase of fuel, under Lewis and his board of control. He had on hand, when Warden Smith took charge, an immense quantity of the cheapest slab and at fancy prices was being used administration. One man who ran fuel and supplies it from the prison

Graft in Beef Purchases?

wastefulness in the contracts for the were similar to those existing now recurring proofs. purchase of beef, made six months ago by the Olcott board of control. Warden side the prison walls. Smith necessarily must carry out these; contracts, and all others like them. The beef contract price, wholesale Warden's long experience in prison to get a better grade. He will be able to control this item when the Olcott fashioned smoke-house and is curing care and deals with them as sin- man, from top to toe. institution and all of its properties is a hobby of the Warden's family. rived, with a new spirit and ambition. it meant death to immure a human finest thing Fye, seen yet." About 2000 chicks have been hatched He found the prisoners living like being in one of those awful tombs, en. In the prison barbershop the inout and 1000 are on setting. He will animals, degenerating, discouraged, tirely without light and only a slit of

Ore., given below. Mr. Gressman's shall be taught public subjects is in prison environment, never afterward service for the common cause of the public school. But if mentally or Americanism will be remembered physically defective, or too far from public school, then private instruction may be given. What could be more fair than this? So far it seems that not one single You say the child belongs to the ducers, so that, as he said, a man fact or reason has been given, show- parent and not to the state? Let's shall not leave the prison with a parochial or any other private school cruel to his child, or is incapable of capped, subject to the whims and per-

in Oregon to close when the school caring for its health, education or secutions of police, but with a subponents of the bill saying so much state will take that child in hand and in life, the basis of independence and some of them have not shown why parent objects or not. Again, who the Warden is asking all thinking peosaid schools would be closed. Mere sets the educational standard for the ple to give him active support, asking with substantial facts and not with of your child, whether you like it or be. Governor Pierce, whose views coague theories.

not, how incidental and secondary is incide with those of the Warden, is for all purposes, saving 50 cents to a why not every private school send the matter of the state directing, giving loyal and steadfast support to dollar on each. The commissary

No Slur on Private School

But such control by the state is n slur nor slam against any good pri-Impracticable, do you say? Then, vate school. Let us keep clear the I ask in reply, how about the Girls' fact that the basic institution for Junior College at Eugene, Ore.? Dur- making American citizens is the pubing the last 11 years of its history it lic school-not the private school. has sent its girls to the public schools The latter is for a private purpose, as of Eugene and thus saved expense above indicated. True, God knows and energy of teaching those studies that the boys and girls of public occasion, he happened to remark, he cleaning and washing and nothing of itself. It teaches religion and home school age need more religion. So, economics before and after public why close the private schools? Why on liquor? he was asked. Why, cerschool hours the purpose for which not continue the specialties for which the school was founded. Besides, this such schools exist? Why not send all private school has had no state law pupils to the public school for public administration. This Warden doesn't wire," as they described it. Nobody compelling it to do as it has done, school subjects and let the private allow a guard around with the smell cared. Clothing was washed indiffernor will the proposed law affect it in school continue to teach religion, etc., of liquor on his breath. If an employe ently and it took an hour and a half the least. Here is the vital question: as usual? If the Girls' Junior College wants to drink liquor he must go some- to dry them. Everything now is made If the Girls' Junior College can do -a private school does so, why not where else and be quick about it. This spotlessly clean and the drying prothis and prosper, why cannot all pri- all? Let's quit theorizing on this Warden is grimly anti-booze and cess requires only seven minutes. A vate schools of the state of Oregon do matter and get down to facts and ar- knows fully the power for evil con- little ingenuity and constructive efguments which go to the merits of the tained in one alcoholic drink,

Concerning the Escapes.

Certain evil and designing men raise about 3000 chickens this year.

the taxpayers.

plans for reformation.

Booze Parties No More.

The State owns about 250 acres of ployed at the wood camps, 10 to 40 land, much of it poor soil, and has miles from Salem. Jugs of liquor about 300 acres under lease. The have been placed in conspicuous places Warden's task is to so develop this where the prisoners surely would see land and other industries as to feed them, and some of the stuff was found. and clothe adequately about 500 men. Instead of drinking the 'moon,' as the ing a riot and wholesale runaways, Upward of 200 prisoners are work. the prisoner who found it delivered it ing outside the prison, mostly in the to the guard. "I've been a drinking tles, with umbrella-like canopies overwood and logging camps. Out of this man in the past," the unfortunate but head. When Smith took charge these number 19 had run away down to May noble fellow said, "and this was a sore iron canopies, from which steamwood, for which thousands of dollars 6, but five were retaken and two were temptation to me, as well as to the fluids drip into the kettles, were en-

Consider This Crime.

was paid, and oil in vast quantities found who ran away during a previous other boys; but here it is, untouched."

and the warden is keeping down the average. None has escaped from in- shipping department of the prison, only three or four men in the hospital, Dealing with the prisoners as hu- lated army headquarters. System has Indian boy. This boy never tires of bage, now is like that of a well-regu- a matter of humanity, especially an man salvage, well worth saving, the been established. The clothing of the praising the kindly-hearted warden, inmates, worn when they came, has who finds time to cheer him up, inquantities, is 9% cents a pound, as work, his finished education in sociol-been put in moth-proof bags and all spiring him to bear up under his termuch as should be paid for prime beef. ogy and psychology, have led him their belongings are kept intact, rible affliction. A busy warden who wisely to the practice of a policy that awaiting the day of release. The un- can find time to think about the trou-

results. Warden Smith is a humani- four a week and about the same num- Indian criminal, doomed to die. Warden Smith has been doing his best tarian and in no sense a "con" herder. ber leave. Every man departing now He is firm and inflexible in enforce- is decently clothed, in garments that ment of discipline, but always kind bear no suggestion of prison. The quired to keep himself clean, taking contract expires. For one thing, and and patient. He understands the unquality of everything is first class and a bath at least once a week. Hot and

They were living in squalor and idle- a door large enough to admit an averness, in a vast house of crime and age man. These unused cells, sugmisery. They had been allowed to loaf gestive of man's inhumanty to man en masse' in the dog-house, playing and the crueltes of other days, due to cards, fighting, drinking, committing ignorance, are viewed by visitors with

unnatural acts—a veritable hell-hole feelings of horror and expressions of of bestiality. All this was reformed amazement. Salvaging Olcott Stores promptly by Warden Smith and the prison, during the short time of his | In the halls of the basement the incumbency, has been transformed former administration stored vast into a great industrial home, or re- quantities of perishable vegetables, formatory, whose inmates are treated onlons, potatoes, etc., and of canned humanely and like men. Every man goods, now mostly spoiled. Numeris required to do useful work, to be ous employes were observed at the productive. Idleness Always Fatal.

task of salvaging great quantities of potatoes and onions, picking the good Warden Smith declares that a good from the bad. Get that word "em ployes," for Warden Smith insists man, if kept idle for a year under that it improves morale. The stigmatized word "CONVICT" has been will be worth much. His constructive barred as far as possible. The presaim now is to so develop the indusent usage is "employe," "inmate," or stantial profits for the State, which "prisoner," and the word "employe" tries of the institution as to earn subis used on all the signs and posters shall be divided fairly with the proerected in the prison's industrial departments.

Saving in Tailor Shop

saving to the State in the tailor shop alone (commissary department) in year, with far greater efficiency. The same average applies to the bakery. dollars and cents. Countless econe ample, the hundreds of cans and constores include the huge quantities of travagantly purchased by the previous adminstration. This stuff was found piled in heaps upon the dirty floor of the basement opposite the dungeons. Disgraceful and lawless booze it has been salvaged and put in or parties were held frequently in the der-an inheritance from the old re prison before Warden Smith came. gime that will last yet for years to Let ex-Warden Lewis, Upjohn, Put-come,

nam and the rest dare deny this charge | Employes are busy in the new and we will publish the names and clothing factory and tailor shop, details. It is not our purpose to in- where the men get their wardrobes jure anyone, but only to give the and necessaries. Each man is fitted people the essential facts, so that they properly. If the size is "eccentric," may back up Warden Smith and re-extremely large or small, the article buke the cowardly miscreants who are is made specially. Expert skill is trying to discredit him and defeat his evident in the making of the uniform suits and the prisoners all appear neat The Eugenics Board the other day and tidy. Allowance is made for the was interviewing a prisoner. On one shrinkage of woolen goods from was drunk inside the prison. Drunk value is thrown away.

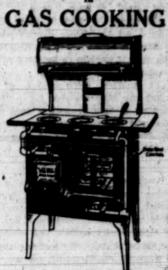
tainly. He added, however, that no liquor is obtainable under the Smith new laundry. Formerly it was "hayfort turned the trick. This was a little thing, maybe, to an outsider, but it meant a whole lot to a prisoner lately have been trying to supply mere loafing room for forty to fifty The old Olcott laundry used to be

> there to do the work. There is no haste, no waste, no driving.

Bread of the Best Kind The huge kitchen is as clean as soap and elbow grease can make it. conspirators had intended, thus start-Bread is produced in a large electric The employes there are likewise. bakery. Meats, vegetables, soups, etc. are cooked in large steam jacket ketveloped completely with a thick cak-How many free men, of the average ing of germ-laden grime, dripping for fuel. Warden Smith uses wood away in 1911 was brought back last kind, would have acted so nobly, so through holes into the food vats. This week. In 11 years, from 1911 to 1923 loyally? Governor Pierce and Warden outrage was remedied at once. Three the runaways numbered 253, or an Smith were gratified by this incident square meals are served daily. No average of 23 a year. In 1911 there and said it merited the highest praise. man goes hungry and everyone is well were 18 and in 1912 the number in. Many a prison jacket hides a hero's conditioned. The hospital has its own Anyone would smell graft or gross creased to 47. Conditions in 1912 heart, and this was one of the oft- kitchen and separate paraphernalia. The commissary, receiving and pared with scientific care. There are formerly referred to as junk and gar- two of whom ought to be pardoned as Gardner The quality of meat that has been de- always works well and gets the best fortunates arrive on an average of bles and pains of a poor, friendless

forunate men of every type under his the ex-prisoner looks like a gentle- cold water showers are provided. Just his own pork. The aim of the Warden cere friend, appealing to the highest The gloomy old dungeons, for years of the day, a number of employes is to produce everything possible for motives to which they will respond. out of use, have been fumigated and were observed having a great time cleaned and can be used for storing all by themselves, naked as when they things. The halls of this floor, when were born, swimming and diving in "high-graded" and run down. He is Prisoners aren't taken from the top Warden Smith came, as well as the the big flume which flows past the establishing high standards and effi- of society, but from the bottom and rooms as a rule, were inches thick in shops. They were as unrestrained ciency. The swine industry is going each man is different from every filth. It was a grimy, grewsome, and merry as boys. Without knowing to pay handsomely. He has about 300 other. Each must be restrained, re- loathesome place, and a source of they were observed, they cavorted and porkers and is weeding out the scrubs, formed, and by kindly treatment rein-danger to health and morale. By played like scals; slayers and burgchanging to thoroughbreds, having spired with the desire to live honestly herculean efforts the entire floor has lars, rapists and thieves of other days, bought some fine sows for this laud- and decently, to regain freedom and been cleansed, together with all the but all equal here. A guard requestable purpose. The Holstein herd of be useful to society. Warden Smith's rooms. An atmosphere of cleanliness ed that nothing be said of this privimilch cows number about 25. The high resolve is to send each man out pervades the gloomy place. The old lege which was accorded them. "Non- J. chicken industry is promising and this better in every way than when he ar-

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