

Tracey Not a wonder.

"No, I do not regard Tracey as such an extremely desperate man or more murderous than other men—as some do; he has only done that which many other desperados of his class inside of the Penitentiary would do to win liberty, if a chance should offer."

J. E. Catron, warden of the State Penitentiary of Washington, at Walla Walla, made the remark at the Portland Hotel last evening, says the Evening Telegram. Speaking in general of the Tracey episode, Mr. Catron said that the recent break was an occurrence that was bound to happen when chance offered.

"Do you think the officers of Washington will get him?"

"Oh, yes; eventually Tracey will be captured. Of that there can be little question. It is a stern chase, but as the man is almost worn out and probably has a few buckshot in his hide, he will be caught napping some of these days. To catch him alive will be only the merest accident in my opinion. That may happen. The Oregon's desperado's talents, if turned to good account, would make a man of note out of him. All the crooks in the land, naturally, now glorify Tracey as the worst of them all.

"What has been the effect of the news upon the men in your institution?"

"Very bad. By noon of the day that Tracey had broken out of the Oregon Penitentiary nearly every prisoner knew it. The news seemed to filter through the air, and it is impossible to say just how it was transmitted. The main events of the chase have been followed by prisoners with absorbing interest, despite the most careful watching. They look upon Tracey as the ideal desperado and they of course glory at his success so far as it has gone. While a small per cent—a very small per cent—of men in a prison have some proper conception of fidelity and honest feelings about their duty, at the same time the great majority are as one man against constituted authority wherever it is found. Ever man working in the jute mill in the prison knew of the break for liberty that these men made, and how they managed after that. I do not allow local papers in the prison, and those from outside points, when they are taken in, are stripped of any sensational matter before being given to the men to read.

"I can't say I have taken extra precautions to guard against an outbreak myself since this break at the Oregon Penitentiary. I look upon these things as likely to happen any moment around a prison, and consequently I never allow relaxation of any caution that would tend to preserve discipline. The moral effect of the tragic outbreak in the Oregon prison will be felt over the whole country. Wherever there is a tendency to laxity in prison discipline the effect will be to correct it and awaken prison managers, especially in the great west, to the fact that they are dealing constantly with a lot of desperate men who in an emergency put as little value upon human life as they do upon their own lives.

"There is one thing certain. No man on earth should be placed in the position of a prison guard unless he is fitted by nature for it and has a natural conception of that class of work. A guard should be a guard all the time—not a part of the time. A man who is in such a position must realize what peril his life is in at all times. Take a man who is not shrewd of observation and has no natural qualifications for such a position, and you may improve him, but you cannot make him what he ought to be. It is

difficult to get men of the proper conception of the work. They are worth more money than got, for it is a study of human nature they are required to engage in.

"There has never been a break at the Walla Walla Penitentiary in my time. I have been there six years. In that time I have studied every means to promote discipline and prevent the sacrifice of human life. I have never left anything undone that would promote the efficiency of the prison arrangements. Some time ago I found a cache of a heavy Colt's revolver and 20 rounds of ammunition under a molding box in the brick yard. The revolver had lain there from spring to fall and possibly would have figured in a bloody affray some day had not vigilant eyes detected it.

"We have 604 men in the Walla Walla Penitentiary at the present time. Eighty are employed in the brick yard. We turn out 26,000 brick per day. Two hundred and fifty-five men employed in the jute mill. We are turning out 1,400,000 jute bags for the grain season in our country. The bags are sold only to growers and shippers who are residents of the state of Washington. We sell the bags for \$63.50 per 1000. In addition to making jute bags, we manufacture burlap, wool bags, floor matting and hop cloth. There are 195 acres in the prison farm reserve where we raise vegetables, grain and cereals enough for our own use. The farm is worked by prison labor

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Grand Lodge Officers Elected.
At the A. O. U. W. and D. of H. grand lodge meetings in Portland, the following officers were elected.

Grand master workman, William Smith, of Baker City; Grand foreman, G. H. Durham, of Portland; Grand overseer—Virgil E. Walters of Corvallis; Grand recorder, Newton Clark, of Hood River; Grand receiver, R. L. Durham, of Portland; Grand guide, W. J. Clarke, of Gervais; Grand inside watchman, Philip Gevurtz, of Portland; Grand outside watchman, J. Warner, of Albany; Grand trustee, J. P. Dodge, of Ashland.

Supreme representatives—C. C. Hogue, of Albany; D. C. Herrin, of Ashland; Ralph Feeney, of Portland.

Grand chief of honor, Laura Smith, of Baker City; Grand lady of honor, Addie B. Colvig, of Jacksonville; Grand chief of ceremonies, Sarah Eastaband, of Astoria; Grand recorder, Ollie F. Stephens, of The Dalles; Grand receiver, Mary Randall, of Portland; Grand usher, Hattie E. McCormack, of Marshfield; Grand inner watch, Harriet C. Looney, of Jefferson; Grand outer watch, Harriet E. Davis, of Tillamook.

Representatives—Wilda Belknap, Ollie F. Stephens and Maggie A. Barker. Alternates—Mamie W. Briggs, Kate J. Misner and Maggie Houston.

The supreme lodge, A. O. U. W. and the superior lodge, Degree of Honor, were so highly pleased with the hospitality extended by their brothers and sisters of Oregon that they presented official badges of solid gold to the officers of both grand lodges now in session. Framed letters of testimonial were also sent to each grand lodge.

Lamonta Lines.

Uncle Jimmie Eagon is suffering from a severe cold.

Some of the farmers have made excellent progress in their work of cutting hay.

Mrs. M. E. Rush has been confined to her home the past few days, the victim of a severe cold.

Wednesday of last week, J. C. Rush, placed an elegant Organ in his home, which is a nice piece of furniture.

The school board of this dist. are taking steps toward building a large school house this summer. This has been long needed.

J. R. Bennett has had his residences painted, which gives the building quite an imposing appearance. Rush and Charley Bennett done the work.

A party consisting of, Mrs. James Robinson, of Ashwood and three sons, Mrs. Jennie Bennett and two sons, Mrs. M. E. Rush and son J. C. Bush, went on an outing Sunday week ago, which was enjoyed hugely by all of the party.

Walter Helfrich has about one third of his cut; Grant Hendrix and J. R. Bennett finished cutting last week; J. H. Grant and J. C. Rush are cutting with binders, while active preparations for haying are being made by many of the farmers.

The rains of the past week were most welcome, and wheat farmers are jubilant over crop prospects. The ground had become rather dry and dusty, and vegetation was beginning to suffer through want of moisture. These rains mean many dollars to the farmers of Crook county.

Considerable damage has been done by the late frosts. Gardens and other vegetation suffered badly, but the opinion of many is, that the late fruit suffered no material damage. The cold wave at this season of the year is almost unprecedented. Beans, tomatoes and other tender vegetable are killed in the localities where the frost was heaviest.

The advent of an electric railway and a railroad into this country would mean a new era of development and prosperity, and we believe as soon as the promoters of the electric railway, from The Dalles to Prineville, capitalize and complete much of the preparatory work, and announcement is made to that effect, they will find but little trouble in securing right of way in this country. There will remain only a few leads to be transferred and they will be able to set a time for beginning work on the projected road. A member of our family will see a number of the settlers in this section and report to the JOURNAL.

Master Oril Moore is authority for the information that recently an up-to-date dentist was in this section, looking for a permanent location, and after inspecting land on Willow creek, made this place his final choice. He has made homestead entry on land near Lamonta. We hope he is skilled in progressive dentistry, and all of the latest and most scientific methods known to the profession, and that he will make a speciality of porcelain work, a new method to produce bridge work without the use of gold, which has always been objectionable to the most refined and cultured, on account of the glare of the yellow metal. It is difficult to detect porcelain filling, or inlays from the natural tooth structure.

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Lamonta, Oregon, July 21, 1902.

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