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BEHIND PRISON BARS

The Trip to the Penitentiary Made Without Incident—Prison Notes.

Sheriff Elkins and party returned Saturday evening from Salem, where they delivered Crook county's bunch of criminals. The trip was made without incident or mishap of any kind. Some attention was attracted to the prisoners by reason of the handcuffs and hobbles which they were obliged to wear, but otherwise they suffered no inconvenience. A stop was made at The Dalles, Sunday, for dinner. The streets were crowded with people and it was not long before the crowd became so dense that it was with difficulty that the prisoners were placed in the city jail. At the city bastille the sheriff and party were informed that Prosecuting Attorney Menefee was awaiting them at the Hotel Albert where an elegant spread was served.

In passing through the streets of The Dalles some old friends of Jerry Cramer passed the word along that he was the murderer and many were the execrations that were heaped upon his head. When he was seen with his feet under the banquetting board a little later the crowd realized that they had been given the wrong tip.

The prisoners were placed behind the bars at Salem Sunday night about 12 o'clock. They were stripped and searched and put in the receiving cells. Next forenoon after being photographed their hair was clipped and they were put in prison clothes. Hogg and Adams will be put to work in the foundry and Dell will be given some light work around the penitentiary during his confinement.

Shepherd will have things all his own way until November 30th. He is kept in close confinement but is allowed about everything he wants in the way of creature comforts. He is not even numbered among the convicts. He is considered a dead one. A death watch has been set and if nothing intervenes to prevent will be hanged November 30.

Every courtesy was shown Sheriff Elkins and party by Warden Curtis and Deputy Warden J. S. Smith. All parts of the prison were visited—the foundry, machine shop, printing office, bakery, kitchen, etc., where some 357 convicts are kept busy 10 hours a day. At noon and night at the tap of a bell the prisoners form into companies and are marched to their cells where they are counted before they are allowed to eat their meals. If all are accounted for the prison bell is struck once which notifies the guards that all are present. If one is missing all are kept locked up until the truant is found. After leaving their cells each convict folds his arms and keeps them folded until he reaches his place at the table where he eats his meal. It was the privilege of the Crook county delegation to occupy a platform in the dining room reserved for prison officials. Three hundred and twenty prisoners filed past to take their seats at the dinner table. They were a hard looking lot. Some wore stripes and others had on the famous "Oregon boot."

The stripes are put on for punishment for some minor infraction of the prison rules while the 16-pound iron boots must be worn for more serious offences. It is rare, say the prison officers, that they have to resort to any other mode of punishment. Just as soon as prisoners understand that they must not break the rules and if they do they must suffer for it they give very little trouble so far as discipline is concerned. The regulation prison uniform which has recently been adopted is made of dark gray material and is in high favor with the men who have to wear it. So well do convicts like it that even a threat to put on the stripes will bring the offender to see the error of his ways.

While in point of population, Oregon stands well down toward the foot of the states of the Union, in Prison Reform it is near the head. Since the establishment of the prison there has been a total of something over 5300 prisoners received, and today the number in confinement is 357, or but a little more than one-half of one per cent of the population of the state.

After the preliminaries of a prisoner's reception have been disposed of, he is given a friendly talk by the Deputy Warden and a copy of the rules governing the prison. He is closely questioned as to his usual occupation and mode of living, from which an estimate is formed of his capacity, and so far as is practicable, he is given an occupation similar to the one he is accustomed to. The discipline is uniform and unvarying, and a man's career depends entirely upon his own efforts and good sense. If he is industrious and his conduct exemplary, he will be the recipient of all the privileges allowable. On the other hand, should he attempt to shirk his duties, and show a disposition to assist in the prison management, he is apt to encounter a rocky road.

For the prisoners' amusement and mental improvement, there is a library of some 800 volumes, besides magazines and periodicals. Divine services are held in the Chapel every Sunday morning, under the direction of the Chaplain. The prisoners have an excellent brass band of 22 pieces, which gives frequent concerts, and an orchestra, which plays in the Chapel on three evenings during the week.

Upon his release, the discharged prisoner is invited to call upon the local representative of the Prisoners' Aid Society, and is made to feel that there is still some one left on earth who believes in him and is interested in his welfare. After a careful discussion of the situation, if it is deemed advisable for him to go to friends in some distant part of the country, transportation is provided and he is given a hearty Godspeed on his journey. If it is thought best for him to remain in the state, employment is found and every opportunity afforded him to begin life anew.

The prison is under the direct control of the Governor, who pays frequent visits to the institution, and possesses the pardoning power. The Superintendent is appointed by the Governor, who, in turn, appoints the Warden, Deputy Warden and all subordinate officials. The roster of prison officials embraces the Superintendent, Warden, Deputy Warden, Matron, Clerk, Chaplain, Physician, Chapel Guard, Druggist, Turnkey, Commissary, Engineer, two Night Chapel Guards, four Shop Guards, eleven Wall Guards, a Farmer and an Overseer.

From the penitentiary the sheriff and party went to the Oregon Insane Asylum which is about a quarter of a mile distant. Here, under the guidance of one of the head officials, Mr. Goodin, the buildings and grounds were inspected. Everything is kept as neat as a new pin. There are over 1400 patients to look after and the task can better be imagined than described. "Excuse me," says Perry Long, as he made a break to get out of the building. "I've seen enough of this. For God's sake let's go home." It was in one of the violent wards and Perry was made to understand that he must not excite the patients for they might play horse with him, so he trailed in the rear of the party from one ward to another. The unfortunates of our state are well cared for and their surroundings could not be improved. The building that was damaged by fire has been restored and yet the accommodations of the asylum are taxed to the utmost to take care of the insane of the state.

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CROOK CO. STOCKMEN

Met in Prineville Saturday and Discuss Matters Pertaining to their Interest.

Crook county stockmen, who will graze their stock in the western division of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve next year, met at the court house Saturday, and besides discussing various phases of the stock and grazing situation, took action toward furthering their interests along these lines. It was also the annual meeting and election of the association.

Grazing allotments in the western division will be made by the forestry officials at Canyon City on November 15, notice of which has already been forwarded to different stockmen throughout the county by forest supervisor A. S. Ireland, and an effort will be made by the Crook county stockmen to have these allotments so made that there will be no friction and no conflict between different owners. In other words, it is the intention of the local association to have the horses, cattle and sheep all restricted to separate and individual districts so that there will be no crossing of sheep into the cattle territory, or vice versa, or any other conflict of interests which will engender friction of any kind during the grazing season.

Two meetings were held Saturday by the Cattlemen's association. At the afternoon session aside from the routine business and general discussion, a committee consisting of Jacob Johnson, C. M. Lister and G. W. Noble was appointed to draft resolutions asking for an extension of the western side of the Blue Mountain reserve. A second committee consisting of A. A. McCord, C. M. Lister, J. W. Stanton, J. H. Gray, G. W. Noble and D. Lowrey was appointed to ascertain what range was wanted in the different districts. The report from this committee was read, amended and then adopted, and the action of the former committee was approved.

Much interest is being shown among the stockmen relative to the coming meeting of the stock interests which is to be held at Canyon City on the 15th of this month. Notices of this meeting have been pretty generally scattered throughout the county and contain many points which will receive considerable attention and discussion at the coming session to be held in Grant county. Among these are the following, attention to which has been called by Forest Supervisor A. S. Ireland:

"Certain driveways will be established upon which stock must be kept while crossing the reserve. "Owing to the crowded condition of the range a reduction will be made in the number of sheep allowed to graze in the reserve during the season of 1907, viz:

"All permits for less than 1000 grown sheep will be allowed to increase 20 per cent.

"All permits for 1000 to 1200 will be allowed to increase to 1200.

"All permits for 1200 to 2000 to be reduced 15 per cent provided that none are reduced below 1200.

"All permits from 2000 to 4000 to be reduced 20 per cent provided none go below 2000.

"All permits for 4000 to 10,000 grown sheep to be reduced 25 per cent as provided above.

"All permits for over 10,000 to be reduced 30 per cent."

The meeting at Canyon City will be attended by the following delegates from this county who were appointed by the stockmen's association last Saturday: C. M. Lister, W. C. Congleton, W. J. Johnson, G. W. Noble, J. H. Gray, J. W. Stanton and A. J. Noble.

At the close of the business session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. T. Slayton, president; Geo. Milligan, vice-president; B. F. Johnson, secretary. The treasurer, A. L. Wigle and the executive board hold over for another year.

H. M. S. Pinafore.

The Ladies' Annex to the P. A. A. C., held their meeting at the rooms on Tuesday afternoon when it was decided to forge right ahead with the building of a permanent stage, and they expect to have it completed in about two weeks.

The original nautical comic opera entitled "H. M. S. Pinafore, or The Lass That Loved a Sailor," will be presented at the Club hall on the nights of November 30 and December 1st. The proceeds to assist in paying the indebtedness on the high school piano and the new stage.

The cast will be as follows, and the chorus consisting of 30 voices will be announced in our next issue: Admiral Sir Joseph Porter, C. C. O'Neil (Capt. Corcoran), Rev. W. P. Jinnett (Ralph Rackett), Durcan Macleod (Dick Deadeye), Joe Smelzer (Boatswain), Randolph Ketchum (Boatswain's Mate), Oliver Adams (Josephine), Mrs. A. C. Strange (Little Batterscup), Mrs. J. H. Rosenberg (Hebe), Miss Cole Smith (And a host of Sailors, Cousins and Aunts).

Stockmen Will Use Brand Book.

One of the most important steps taken by the Crook County Cattlemen's association, which was in session at the court house last Saturday, was the adoption of a brand book, which will be a prominent feature from now on with the owners of stock throughout the county.

Notification will be sent to all owners of stock residing in the county to forward to the secretary of the association all brands and other marks showing ownership and owned by the stockmen. These brand marks will be recorded in a book kept by the secretary for that purpose and will serve nicely as a directory to restore strayed stock which has been picked up on the range. The owner's brand marks together with his name and residence will be given in full so that an instant's perusal of the book's pages will identify clearly all stock owned in the county. In this way ownership can be established, without danger of error, in a few seconds' time.

Indian Bound Over.

James Palmer, a Wamspring Indian, was arrested at the Agency last Monday on a charge of breaking into and entering the dormitory of the Indian school at that place, with a felonious intent, and was brought before United States Commissioner Rea for a preliminary hearing says the Madras Pioneer. The Indian waived examination, and was turned over to Deputy U. S. Marshal Busbee, to be taken to Portland where he will be given a trial in the federal court.

Palmer confesses to having broken into the dormitory where there are forty or fifty Indian girls, a number of times. He made his entrance through a small window, which appeared too small to admit the body of even a small boy but which the Indian managed to squeeze through. There was no way of opening this window, which only had one glass in it, and so Palmer cut the putty away with his knife and then removed the glass. In order to reach the window he had to climb a tall, slim post, and the Indian policeman who watched for him and finally caught him, says that he climbed it with as much agility as a cat. Palmer will undoubtedly plead guilty at his trial in the federal court, and will be sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

Superintendent Covey, of the Wamspring Reservation, pushed the prosecution of Palmer in order to make an example of him at the reservation. When it was discovered that Palmer was entering the dormitory at night, Mr. Covey set a watch for him, and succeeded in catching him as he was entering the building. A complaint was sworn to, and the Indian is now in the hands of the federal authorities.

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