

INCREASE OF CONVICTS

PENITENTIARY SUPERINTENDENT MAKES BILANAL REPORT.

Number Grows From 278 to 300—J. D. Lee Recommends Starting Prison Farm and Other Reforms.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The bi-annual report of Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the Oregon Penitentiary, shows that during the last two years the number of convicts in the penitentiary has increased from 278 to 300. The earnings of the institution have amounted to \$23,379.92 for the 24 months ending September 30, 1902, and at the same rate the total will be over \$25,000 for two years, as compared with \$22,700 for the preceding term. The report gives a full account of the management of the institution and of its needs. The only intimation that any friction has existed between the superintendent and any of his subordinates is contained in the closing paragraph, which says, among other things: "I wish also to thank all officers and employees who have been in harmony with my policies and who have earnestly endeavored to carry them forward to a successful completion." The language shows that there have been some whose efforts were so out of harmony with the superintendent that he did not feel like thanking them.

The report recommends that more land be bought for agricultural and fuel-cutting purposes, that arrangements be made for establishing a hospital at the prison to furnish light for other institutions, that the convicts be employed on the public roads where practicable, that salaries be raised to correspond with the increase in bloodbunds be procured, and that the law be amended so as to make the superintendent and not the warden responsible for the maintenance of prisoners.

Progress in All Departments. Permit me to say, first, that all our departments have been characterized by a steady and marked improvement. Unusual outlays have been required, and the earnings have increased, and new improvements have been made, of all which I will speak more fully under appropriate headings.

Necessity for More Land. My mature judgment is that the state should not delay the purchase of both clear and wooded lands. The limited amount of land now owned (about 120 acres) prevents the inauguration of a thorough system of rotation of crops so essential to good farming. In fact, we need all the acreage we can get. If we include potato and corn crops under that heading, we have been continually hampered on account of lack of land. We can have a full farming outfit, and have had to work at a disadvantage in every direction. I have rented agricultural lands which, to some extent, improved the conditions. The purchase of an adequate tract of land, not too distant from the penitentiary, is a matter of great importance. It will, at least, serve three good purposes: First, it would contribute very largely toward the self-maintenance of the institution. Second, it would furnish employment to a large number of men in agricultural pursuits and in providing products for the institution, thereby relieving the state of the burden of supporting a large number of men in agricultural pursuits and in providing products for the institution, thereby relieving the state of the burden of supporting a large number of men in agricultural pursuits and in providing products for the institution.

Model Farm. With such a body of land the most progressive and successful methods of agriculture and stock raising could be employed in all its diversified branches. The proceeds therefrom in the way of grain, fruits, meats, fish, etc., in case of the needs of the institution could be distributed to some other, if so desired. It may be well for the state to keep in view the final location of the main penitentiary. The present one is not suitable for keeping a large number of men. Gradually, and without much outlay at any one time, modern buildings could be erected, and the present location in the present location to remain a central power and pumping station and industrial department. It is advancing in price, and will, no doubt, continue to do so. At the last session of the Legislature I urged the ways and means committee to make a complete appropriation for the purchase of land, final action thereon to be at the discretion of the state board. The advance in the price of land makes it imperative that we should make the purchase of land at the present price. The price of land is now at a low stage, and yet the state will be without land. Most of the land has been paid for, and work in clearing land. In that way we secured the use of the land and had the wood for fuel. At present prices the land would cost \$100,000 per acre. In ten years that would amount to \$200,000. Wooded lands can be bought very reasonably. Less than half the amount would be required to purchase the wood supply for that period. The remainder would probably pay the transportation, if the far to move the wood. The method of grubbing. This we do by pulling them out with horses, using poles and tackle. The land thus cleared is easily made ready for the plow, and its value is increased. The method in land and utilization of convict labor would meet the wood bill and place the state in possession of a more valuable piece of land than the original purchase, or, put it this way: buy timber land instead of wood, using only a portion of the money. The method, therefore, take the needed fuel therefrom, grubbing at the same time, and have the land left as clear grain.

Convict Labor on Roads. From various sources of inquiries relative to the value of convict labor in constructing public highways. Under certain conditions it can be used to advantage. Most of the roads in the Willamette valley are easily and quickly graded with machinery, when they are well packed by heavy roller of travel; the method is to get gravel or broken stone upon them. For gravel, a road is required. Picked tractors, under a competent roadmaster, can carry forward all phases of our road operations. This method does away with the expense of guards and insures most effective service. When the work is done from the inside of the road, it is maintained. After the roads are completed a little work in keeping the drainage perfect, promptly filling all depressions, and occasionally regrading the roadbed to relieve the old one and suffice to keep the roads in good order. My last report gave a tabular minute account of our road operations, a summary which will be found in the report.

Needed Improvements. On April 24, 1903, will expire the contract for the electrical lighting of the state institutions. We have space for a plant in the pumping station, and the power is being installed and operating on the state would save \$8000 per annum. Besides, live wires contiguous to the walls are used to transmit the possibilities of escape. Power could be transmitted to other institutions for operating light machinery. A transformer has already been purchased to relieve the old one and we are preparing to extend the system to the new farm.

At the time of the Tracy and Merrill outbreak every man on the roster was well equipped in his line. The army was much better equipped than in the general impression. The fact is, the same thing could have happened at any time since the establishment of the

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MEETING NOTICES. Joint installation of officers of Elison Encampment No. 28, I. O. G. F., this (Tuesday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the Patriarchal branch of the order and families only invited to attend.

DIED. BROWN—in this city, Jan. 12, 1903, at the family residence, 354 Harrison st., Edward Brown, aged 55 years, 15 days. Funeral notice hereafter. San Jose, Cal., and Albany, Or., papers please copy.

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