

JAILS DESCRIBED AS CITY SLUMS

Penal Conditions in Portland Only Breed Vice, Declares Dr. Barrows.

PROBATION PLAN FAVORED

Speaker at Conference of Charities and Corrections Also Urges Necessity of More Speedy Trials in Oregon.

"I came from the crowded tenement districts of New York City to the Pacific Coast not expecting to find what I have found in this beautiful city of yours—two slums, established, countenanced and cultured by law. One of them is the County Jail, the other is the City Jail. It is scarcely necessary to add that the community should be rid of these deplorable institutions as speedily as possible."

Dr. Samuel J. Barrows in his address on "Prisons and Reformatories," delivered before the fourth Oregon state conference of Charities and Corrections, took occasion last night to revile the unwholesome penal conditions that characterize Portland and Multnomah County. It is such conditions as these, jails and prisons without sufficient air and lacking sunlight, which lay the foundation for criminality among men who are unfortunate to be incarcerated in them, even though they are persons possessed of better instincts, he declared.

Should Be State Problem.

"We cannot hope to reform our vicious classes, nor can we expect our prisons and jails to produce a deterrent effect on the commission of crime until we look at the matter of crimes, prisons and reformation as a state problem, not a local one, so that opportunity be given to apply uniform laws. In this way there will be no conflict between county and city and no adverse conditions such as are found in penal houses that take from men their God-given rights of air and sunshine."

The burden of Dr. Barrows' remarks was directed towards the extension of the probation system, which, he said, was in keeping with the laws of the first Master to forgive, then offer the chance to begin over again with a clean page. That the probation system of reform is working inestimable good in the East is proved by showing that in Massachusetts alone more than 8000 are now on the probation list, the majority of whom are keeping their records clean. In New York City the experiment has been tried for a number of years with the result that more than 90 per cent of those out on probation develop into reputable and honest citizens.

Prisoners Suffer by Delay.

Dr. Barrows said he found the problems of prisons and prison reform much the same here as in the East. One of the most serious, he declared, was the long wait enforced upon prisoners before they could secure a hearing before the court. "Why, one of your county officials the other day took me through the jail here and pointed to an occupant of a cell whom he said would have to wait three months or longer before he could get his case in court."

Such a condition isn't right, he added. He said the man who is kept in jail against the law which forced him into the place. "It is the right of every defendant to have a speedy trial, especially when petty crimes have been committed because the certainty of these being punished by men and boys within whom reformation could work out its purpose. If we are to improve conditions, we must get rid of later parties after Chicago which with its recently established Municipal Court, wherein sit 28 judges, are kept the calendar clean. Judges are not permitted to give immediate hearings, and first offenders, whose first lesson often is a lasting one, are not subjected to the contaminating influence of a filthy prison and its hardened inmates."

Probation System Is Best.

Referring again to the probation system and urging its general adoption, Dr. Barrows said, "The man who is kept in jail while in the majority of instances reformed him, it did not, as did a penal sentence, punish the felon. Many by reason of their support and earnings. He cited an instance in New York City, where if the crime committed had been expiated under the code of this city, would have received a sentence of 15 years. But the Commission recommended probation with the result that the defendant did make good, saved himself and family and has lived for years past an exemplary life."

Would Keep Out Politics.

Politics and political preference as handicaps to the ends of justice in dealing with wayward children were severely criticized by nearly all of the speakers during the afternoon session. Judge Gantenbein touched upon the untoward influence which politics plays in defeating beneficial and speedy work among minors and adults in numerous instances to show how the work of the local court was handicapped. Chief Probation Officer Teuscher was more open in his denunciation of methods pursued by court officials in other counties where the judges, he declared, were forced to play into the hands of political influence. "The Juvenile Court of this city is constantly placed in touch with the sly actions of outside courts," he declared. "Multnomah County is being made the dumping ground of other counties and other states because their judges, fearing to make political enemies or dubious regarding their re-election, are refusing to do their duty. In consequence we are forced to deal with, care for and reform the children of the families which they wilfully neglect."

Courts Must Be Fearless.

Superintendent Gardner of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society spoke in the same vein. "The state is in crying need," he said, "of firm, fearless juvenile courts which will do their duty towards families who in reality are subscribing to the delinquency of their own children. In some counties in the state where I have been summoned by District Attorneys and other officials to take charge of children and even whole families, it is next to impossible to get justice, and it is equally as difficult even to get this character of cases before the courts. Politics is the bugbear. Fear of losing a vote impedes genuine humanitarian work."

Report of Judge Gantenbein.

Numerous instances were cited in Yamhill, Linn and Eastern Oregon counties where delinquent children or children under the baneful influence of depraved parents, all of whom should have been taken in charge by their home authorities, were forced upon the local officers because judges or other officials neglected their duty, fearing political oblivion.

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Record Clear for 52 Years.

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At the Close of the Civil War there was a debt of more than \$2,000,000,000, and in 1892 it had paid all this great debt but \$350,000. During the short time the Democratic party was in power the debt was increased to \$343,343. Here is the parallel record of the two parties when it was known that William McKinley and defeated Bryan in 1892, confidence was almost immediately restored throughout the country, the arteries of trade and commerce throbbled with renewed life, and the country entered once more upon a season of great prosperity. Do not let the Democratic party fool you again in face of a record as long as that of the return of prosperity unparalleled in the history of the country.

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[Telegram Coast Special.] ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 12.—Apples bringing \$200 an acre is the new record for the state of Oregon and probably for the world that is being established by James B. Smith, an orchardist of Winston, six miles south of this city. From a quarter of an acre of trees Mr. Smith picked 200 boxes of apples, which he readily sold at \$12 per box. From the remainder of an acre he will gather over 900 boxes of the fruit, and will receive the same price paid for the others. The apples are of the Spitzenberg variety and of superior quality.

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to consist of a threat to dynamite the Army building last night, should the founder of the Independence party undertake to read any further letters reflecting on the methods of the Standard Oil Company. Inasmuch as Mr. Hearst did not accompany the party to the city and none of the objectionable letters were read, the alleged dynamite was not called on to use any explosives.

Sugar Company Insolvent.
TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 12.—Alleging

speechmaking was interspersed with National airs by a band.

HIGSEN GREETED ON ARRIVAL
Declares Hearst Still Has Many Standard Oil Letters.

Thomas L. Higen, Independence party nominee for President and the only man who has successfully defied the Standard Oil Company in commercial competition, with his party reached Portland over the Southern Pacific from San Francisco at 7:15 o'clock yesterday morning. They were received at the Union depot by a committee consisting of prominent members of the party in this city and escorted to the Perkins Hotel, where an informal reception was held until the hour of last night's meeting at the Armory.

Disappointment was printed on the countenances of the local party workers because of the fact that William Randolph Hearst, founder of the party and chairman of its National committee, did not accompany the party as advertised. It was explained that Mr. Hearst was prevented from making a tour of the Pacific Northwest because of urgent business at New York where he was called last Saturday night. In addition to Mr. Higen, the party consisted of his brother, George C. Higen, of Massachusetts; Clement L. Pollock, prominent Independence party worker and orator, also of Massachusetts; H. W. Knickerbocker, of Rawhide, Nev. and Z. W. Craig, of San Pedro, Cal. The two latter gentlemen are prominently connected with the labor organizations of their respective states.

Mr. Higen, the nominee, is extremely affable and a pleasant gentleman to meet. He is short, heavy-set and pleasant featured with a wealth of blonde hair. Willingly he consented to pose for a photograph, locally remarked, "This may not be your next President, but we will take a chance anyway."

"I will venture to predict," said the Independence party nominee, "that the people of the country will be surprised at the large number of votes our ticket will poll in the November election. Great interest is being manifested in the new party throughout the country. This is particularly true among the young men who evidence a desire to become identified with our party which promises definite and decided results for the people."

"You see the Republicans are in a position and can do something for the people, but will not while the Democrats would if they could. Therefore it is to the Independence party the people must look and depend. The attendance at our meetings everywhere has been enormous and so far as converting the voters I am satisfied we have accomplished good results."

"No, I shall not read any Standard Oil letters. That correspondence is in the possession of Mr. Hearst and he has a lot of letters he has not read yet. It is altogether probable that these will be reserved and submitted to the voters later in the campaign. I am satisfied it is the intention of Mr. Hearst to read further communications at meetings to be held in the large Eastern states before the campaign closes."

Mr. Higen and party will leave Portland today for Seattle where their next meeting will be held. From the Sound they go to Spokane and thence to Butte, concluding their itinerary through the Middle Western States and terminating at the city of Chicago, where they will be getting on the campaign in New York City on the night of October 31.

Hearst Threatened in Letter.

An anonymous letter, addressed to William Randolph Hearst, was received at the Independence party headquarters in the Bredren building yesterday. In the absence of Mr. Hearst, the mischievous was opened when it was found

that the Mexican National Sugar Refining Company is insolvent, the West-rick Engineering Company, of Louisiana has made application in the Court of Chancery for the appointment of a receiver for the concern. In the application it is set forth that the assets and liabilities of the firm are "indefinite."

According to the story told by New York retail tobacco dealers, there are 5000 more cigars being smoked daily in the metropolis than there were six months ago. They say that this is one of the signs of prosperity's return.

S.S.S. CURES ECZEMA, ACNE, TETTER, ETC.

The skin is an index to the quality of the blood. Eczema, Acne, Tetter, pimples, rashes, eruptions, etc., show that some unhealthy humor or acid impurity is discharging and corrupting the circulation, so that instead of supplying nourishment and strength to the fine, delicate tissues of the skin, it is continually pouring out its acid and unhealthy accumulations. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., may relieve some of the itching and other discomfort caused by skin troubles, and for this reason should be used, but such treatment cannot reach the humor-laden blood, and therefore cannot cure. A thorough cleansing of the blood is the only cure for skin diseases. S. S. S., a purely vegetable preparation, is the best and quickest remedy. It goes down into the circulation and neutralizes and removes the acids, impurities and humors, thoroughly purifies the circulation and permanently cures skin diseases of every kind. When S. S. S. has driven the humors and impurities from the blood, and cooled and cleansed the acid-heated circulation, every symptom passes away, and the skin is again nourished with rich, healthful blood and the trouble cured, as the cause has been removed. Book on skin diseases and any medical advice free to all who write. **THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

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