

PRISON PHYSICIAN IS JUSTED BY WEST

Governor Discharges Dr. R. D. Byrd, as Last Man in Political Shake-up.

OTHERS DUE IN FEW DAYS

Superintendent Is Given Summary Dismissal When He Fails to Resign—Honor Convict May Do Bookkeeping for Institution.

SALEM, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Not only did Governor West definitely discharge Superintendent James today from the head of the State Penitentiary but he once more won the political ax by discharging Dr. R. D. Byrd as penitentiary physician, cutting off another \$100 a month expense at the institution.

The latest innovation is promised to be followed up by others which may be announced within the next few days. The Governor, in announcing today that he had given his final discharge to Superintendent James and revoked the leave of absence without pay until the first of the year, stated that the superintendent had placed a counter-proposition before him; that the superintendent would be willing to serve without pay until the first of the year if the other employees would do the same thing.

Discontentment Was Apparent. This counter proposition was not acceptable to the Governor, who stated that the majority of the employees are men with families and earned what money they received from the state. The Governor has been more or less dissatisfied with the superintendent for some time, and this is taken as a method of gracefully discharging him. When the leave of absence was given last week a discharge was expected in a short time if the superintendent did not resign. Warden Curtis has been given the title of assistant superintendent as well as of warden, and will serve for the warden's salary.

In discharging Byrd the Governor discharged another close personal and political friend. Dr. Byrd is from Salem, and a member of a prominent pioneer family. He has for years been a close personal friend of the Governor and his family.

Physician's Office Goes for Good. Under an arrangement made with the State Board of Health the physician will be used when needed at the prison, and in case of an extreme emergency Dr. Byrd will be called in and paid for the advice of his services. The office will be practically abolished and the salary cut off from the list.

With the discharge of the superintendent he will be requested to leave his home, which is the property of the state and is located opposite the Penitentiary. The house will be closed, the Governor states, until such time as it can be rented, and the rent from the house will revert to the state.

"This plan will be continued until the first of the year," stated the Governor. "Assistant Superintendent and Warden Curtis will remain in that dual capacity, and if at that time the plan is found to be successful, recommendation will be made to the Legislature that the office be abolished entirely."

Bookkeeper May Go. Just what may be the other changes planned is not known, but there is considerable talk that Tom Wilson, bookkeeper and son-in-law of Superintendent James, may be the next man on the list. It is probable, in that event, one of the convicts, possibly W. Cooper Morris, will be made in the place of Wilson as bookkeeper, without pay.

The list of discharges at the Penitentiary for the past week now includes Superintendent James, the physician Dr. Byrd, Parole Officer Bauer, the matron, Mrs. Curtis, the supervising engineer, the head farmer, as well as cutting off the pay of two chaplains.

MARSHFIELD STARTS PLANT

Record Contract Is Awarded for Electric Power Project.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—The contract let by the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Company for the new electric power plant here is the largest ever awarded in this part of the state. The cost of the plant will be more than \$100,000.

C. C. Moore & Company of San Francisco have the contract, and the machinery is to be furnished by the General Electric Company. The plant will be the Smith mill and will furnish power for logging, running machinery in the sawmill and the paper mill to be built to consume the waste. It will have 3500 horsepower and be fitted with engines arranged in two units so that when a breakdown occurs the power will not be cut off.

It is the intention of the Smith company to adopt the plan of logging by electricity, and while much of the work of handling lumber in the yards and loading vessels is now done by electricity, the same power will supply steam in many ways about the mill.

TWO FACE DEATH IN WATER

Klamath Falls Men Have Narrow Escape on Link River.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Dr. L. W. Chilton and Arthur Lyle, both prominent in Klamath Falls, narrowly escaped death in Link River when their boat was carried down a swift rapids. The boat was capsized and the men thrown into the swift part of the current. They are both strong swimmers and managed to save themselves, but their entire outfit and large string of fine trout were lost.

AMERICA TO COAL WORLD

Railroad Man Says Panama Canal Will Increase Traffic.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Coal mines in the United States will furnish fuel for practically the entire world's shipping when the Panama Canal is completed, according to Roy G. Thompson, of San Francisco, traveling passenger agent for the Pennsylvania lines. Mr. Thompson is here

in the interests of his company, and expects to return later in the season for a few weeks' fishing at Pelican Bay.

Discussing the attitude of the railroads towards the opening of the canal, Mr. Thompson said that some surprise had been expressed that his company had been strongly in favor of the project from its inception.

"Viewed selfishly, it will be the best thing that ever happened to the railroads," he said. "The reason is that the opening of the Canal will mean greatly increased freight traffic from the coal-mining regions, as well as result in bringing many more people into the country."

"When the canal is opened the mines in this country will furnish fuel for practically all the shipping in the world. That is because coal can be sold at Panama for nearly \$6 a ton less than it can be sold at Suez. It can be delivered on the Isthmus at from \$4.50

DEATH CLAIMS BERKLEY, OR. WOMAN AT 94 YEARS.

Mrs. Mary Jane Page Fowler, aged 94, died May 3 at the home of her son, George H. Fowler, at Berkeley, Or., after an illness of only four days.

Mrs. Fowler was born at Boston, Mass., September 11, 1818, the year of Queen Victoria's birth. In 1841 she was married to Henry Fowler, who died April 3, 1878. Three children were born to them—two sons and a daughter—one son died in infancy, and the daughter in early womanhood, leaving the son, with whom she made her home, the only surviving member of her immediate family. Other surviving relatives are a sister in Eugene and two brothers living in the East.

Her long life was characterized by a spirit of devotion to her home, church and friends. A little Sunday school was organized at Berkeley a few weeks ago, and on April 21 Mrs. Fowler made her way to this service, the last she was ever privileged to attend.

Among other things which Mr. U'Ren advocated today, was bringing pressure against corporations to force a payment of taxes under the gross earnings law of 1905, and the continuance of such payments.

E. S. Pillsbury, representing the Standard Oil Company, paid to the Attorney General today a check for over \$13,000 representing the gross earnings tax of the Standard Oil Company for 1905 and 1907, and interest thereon.

This is a payment in connection with judgment in the gross earnings tax case, which was decided under a stipulation that the case be closed in the case of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, which was decided by the United States Supreme Court.

The office of the Attorney General may take an appeal in the Wells-Fargo case to determine if the rulings of the lower court is correct. The court in this case held that the gross earnings tax of 1905 was repealed by the act of 1907. A point also involved is whether, if the law of 1905 was repealed by the law of 1907, it was repealed by the law of 1909 creating the State Tax Commission.

GOLD THIEF IS PAROLED

SEATTLE ASSAYER LEAVES M'NEIL'S ISLAND. Serves 7 of 10 Years for Substituting Sand for Miners' Dust, Stealing \$200,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 6.—George Edward Adams, who, while cashier of the Seattle assay office, substituted black sand for gold dust presented at the assay office by Alaska and Yukon miners, was paroled today, after serving seven years of a 10-year sentence in McNeil's Island Penitentiary. Of the \$200,000 abstracted by Adams, less than \$100,000 was claimed by the miners. Adams is reputed to be wealthy.

Adams devised the scheme of taking small quantities of gold dust from miners' shipments and making up the deficit in weight with sand. He practiced the deceit for several years and quietly invested the proceeds in real estate, a fine home and personal property.

He carefully marketed the gold at a San Francisco smelter and other remote places, under an alias. Finally, L. S. Kerfoot was sent from the local assay office and, with the aid of Government detectives, Adams was caught removing his small scales from the assay office. He finally confessed, and Adams had been sent to prison, his wife obtained a divorce and a change of name. She also obtained possession of the real estate as retained in his name.

President Taft granted the parole on the recommendation of United States Judge Cornelius H. Horowitz, who sent Adams, and many other influential citizens of Seattle. Adams had 15 months yet to serve.

COMPENSATION ACT HIT

Medical Society, at Tacoma, Protests First-Aid Clause Exclusion.

TACOMA, May 6.—Governor Hay, members of the State Industrial Commission and representatives of the State Medical Society met in Masonic Temple today to discuss the first-aid features of the workmen's compensation act, stricken out upon the passage of the bill.

Doctors and others criticize the present measure as deficient in not providing for first aid, and it is urged that Congress should be authorized to provide it. As it is now, the doctors have no assurance of being paid for their services.

Governor Hay spoke on the history of industrial insurance in the state. C. A. Pratt, John H. Wallace and Hamilton H. Gray, all members, took part in the discussion.

The board of trustees of the society will take up the subject at another meeting.

Rain Injures Prune Crop. EUGENE, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Continued showers of the past 10 days have done some damage to the prune crop in Lane County, according to the reports of fruit men, but the cherries have not suffered at all. Extent of the damage to the prune crop cannot be ascertained until after a few days of clear weather.

PELOPID PEDLING FARGE, SAYS U'REN

System Provides Temporary Jobs and Petty Graft, Is Declared.

PURPOSE OF LAW FAILS

Payment of Tax Under Gross Earnings Law of 1906 Also Urged by Oregon City Man—Standard Oil Settles Old Bill.

SALEM, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, who was here today, admitted that the system of "petition peddling" in connection with candidates who desire to see their names placed on the ballot at the primary election has proved a failure, that it has opened up an opportunity for petty graft on the part of "peddlers," and that he would advocate a move to abolish it.

"My idea, however, would be to allow the candidate to merely file his declaration of intention to become a candidate for office accompanied by a nominal fee, as has been suggested, and give him the alternative of circulating a petition, if he so desires, before the alternative should be given to him.

System Misses Intention. "The system of circulating petitions for candidates has developed into something altogether different than that for which it was intended," he continued. "The original plan in mind in circulating petitions was that those who desired to see a certain candidate placed on the ballot should sign his petition, but would sign none of the others representing candidates for the same office."

"As the system has developed it has proved to be extremely farcical. It has provided temporary jobs for many who have circulated petitions and has given them a pretty graft. It has simply degenerated into a system whereby a man buys his way to secure a place on the ballot. By eliminating the petitions, or giving the alternative to the candidate of placing his name on the ballot by petition if he desires, the candidate would reach the same end by filing his declaration accompanied by nominal fee."

Mr. U'Ren was largely instrumental in securing passage of the law which provided for the system of circulating petitions for candidates in the manner now in vogue.

Standard Pay Tax. Among other things which Mr. U'Ren advocated today, was bringing pressure against corporations to force a payment of taxes under the gross earnings law of 1905, and the continuance of such payments.

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DAVENPORT'S RISE TOLD

SISTER OF FAMOUS ARTIST GIVES SOME EARLY HISTORY. Father Financed Homer's Start and Came to Assistance When Cash Was Needed.

SILVERTON, Or., May 6.—(To the Editor.)—Because of the erroneous accounts published of the early life of my brother, the late Homer Calvin Davenport, and the expressions of regret from those conversant with the facts, I feel inclined to review that part of his life which seems the least understood.

Beginning with no particular date, but taking Homer as a lad, his love for game cocks, dogs and horses and the sports associated therewith, were the first influences that lured the boy from home, so father provided these things at a time when the lure of the outdoors was strongly abroad, and the 15-acre place in Silverton, which was our home, also was the home of dogs, game cocks, Chinese chickens, pheasants, plump Hutterling geese, a thoroughbred brood mare, Indian ponies, bull calves—in fact, everything Homer's fancy would dictate and father could buy.

During these years we owned a farm a mile below town and it was expected, as a matter of course, that Homer would help with the farm work. This was so out of harmony with his temperament that, as much as he loved his father, he could not stick to any part of it long enough to be of help. Consequently he was supported in apparent idleness at an age when other boys were of some importance in the family scheme of things or were earning something in a small way on the outside. This was not conducive to his self-respect and he ran away many times, determined to return no more until his pockets bulged with money.

But he always came back, as he loved to say, "With the bad butter and was Homer mustered sufficient courage to try the Oregonian for a position, and the stove story fits in here. He found, however, a little later on, a place on a small publication in Portland, where he was permitted to draw as his fancy dictated, doing his work direct on stage plates. He was working on this paper when he went to New Orleans to sketch the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight. He had a pass to and from, but his father otherwise financed the venture.

At this period a visitor arrived—a cousin of our father and the president of a railroad. He was to us a great personage, as indeed he is—C. W. Smith, of Pasadena, Cal. Homer's drawings were a revelation to him. He was impressed. Some drawings accompanied by a letter were sent to his brother, the late William Henry Smith, of New York, then president of the Associated Press, who in turn sent a

letter to W. R. Hearst, of San Francisco, recommending Homer for a position on the Examiner. In due time the journey was taken with the famous carpet bag and the extra money sewed up in his shirt, a precaution mother insisted upon.

After a few weeks of worry, drawing the things not in his line, he drew the race horse from memory, a picture much desired by the paper, and from that his rise was rapid. The Chronicle engaged him at a higher salary, where he stayed only a short time, returning to Hearst in San Francisco, remaining there until sent to New York about the year 1895.

The love that is patient, that can wait and wait and believe was the love that carried Homer, and during those years of trial the foundation was laid for that beautiful love and trust

SHERIDAN RETAINS POPULAR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Professor A. Dawkins, SHERIDAN, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Professor A. Dawkins, who has been made superintendent of the Sheridan public schools for the fifth time, is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, and holds a master of arts degree, besides having life memberships in Illinois, Nevada and Oregon. Before coming to Sheridan he was principal of schools at Cripple Creek, Colo., and professor of mathematics at the Ashland Normal.

The local High School has shown a marked growth since his coming here.

and respect which characterized their relations to the community.

ADDA DAVENPORT-MARTIN. CLAY BANK SLIDES; 2 DEAD. 800 Feet of Railroad at Renton, Wash., Also Covered.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 6.—Two men whose names are Boisseau and Berry were killed this afternoon under a mass of liquid clay, and 800 feet of the Columbia & Puget Sound Railway tracks at Renton, 12 miles southeast of here, were covered to a depth of several feet when an immense clay bank weakened by seepage from a leaking water main gave way.

Berry's body was uncovered this afternoon and 800 men are working to recover Boisseau.

Railroad traffic will be tied up until late tomorrow. Transcontinental trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway which use the Puget Sound line between Seattle and Maple Valley are running over the Northern Pacific tracks between Seattle and Eastern, 90 miles east of the blockage.

Boisseau and Berry both were said to be 70 years old and were employed by the town of Renton. They were prospecting for the water line which runs under the clay bank and a settling basin used at the brick plant of the Denny Renton Clay & Coal Company, to hold sludged clay. It is believed that the leakage from the water main covered this clay and the walls of the settling basin into liquid clay which suddenly gave way and rushed upon the men and the tracks below.

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H. M. Harps, assistant to Ralph Modjeski and other engineers made the initial trip aboard the barge Tomcat, commanded by Captain J. J. Winters. The launch Lafreda, owned by E. S. Bliesecker, is also being used in the work.

A fund of \$5000 has been raised by the residents of Vancouver and Portland to pay for the preliminary work, the report of which will be sent to Mr. Modjeski.

The borings will be done with casings, enclosed in pipes, lowered to the bottom of the river. The gravel, soil and other material can in this way be brought up and analyzed.

Wolgaet to Meet Cross. NEW YORK, May 6.—Ad Wolgaet, the champion lightweight, accepted today, by telegraph, an offer of a \$12,500 guarantee to meet Leach Cross in a ten-round bout at Madison-Square Garden on May 29, according to the promoters.

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these thirty feet of bowels suck this decaying waste and poisons into the blood. You will never get feeling right until this is corrected—but do it gently. Don't have a bowel washday; don't use a bowel irritant. For your sake, please use only gentle, effective Syrup of Figs. Then you are not drugging yourself, for Syrup of Figs is composed of only luscious figs, senna and aromatics which can not injure.

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