

MORRIS' FRIENDS ASK FULL PARDON

Parole Board Makes Request for Freedom for Portland Banker.

AID TO STATE IS CAUSE

Testimony Given in Wilde Trial Argued as Reason for Complete Immunity by John F. Logan.

SALEM, Or., May 17.—(Special)—

Not only will Governor West be convinced by a request from the State Parole Board for the parole of W. Cooper Morris, former banker of Portland, but he will also receive a strong and urgent appeal from John F. Logan, member of the board, for a full and unconditional pardon for Morris.

Attorney Logan left for Southern Oregon today, but it was learned that he intends to make a written appeal for the banker's pardon.

Friends Promise Bond.

The conditions of the parole for Morris, as recommended, are attached to the requirement that his friends produce a \$250 bond for the parole of W. Cooper Morris, former banker of Portland, but he will also receive a strong and urgent appeal from John F. Logan, member of the board, for a full and unconditional pardon for Morris.

The sole reason for this bond is to indemnify the state against any possible violation of the conditions of the parole. The board believes that the \$250 would be sufficient to pay the expenses of returning him to the prison in case he proved recalcitrant to his parole.

It was also learned that Morris was called before the board to make some explanation as to the reason why he testified at the trial of Louis J. Wilde. When the board met at its last session and decided to postpone the matter for six months, or well along toward a year, the members were not fully cognizant of the conditions surrounding Morris, so it is stated by one on the inside of the Parole Board's movements, but when members became fully cognizant of Morris had been promised clemency by both District Attorney Cameron and Special Prosecutor Clark, they decided that an investigation should be warranted much earlier than at the completion of the contemplated six months' period.

Consequently Morris was called before the board and he declared to the members that both Cameron and Clark gave him a definite promise of making every effort to secure leniency for him, providing he gave testimony desired in the Wilde trial.

In the light of this John F. Logan will appeal for a full pardon. He will call attention to the fact that the United States Supreme Court in which court held that when an important witness in an important case turns state's evidence, that entitles him to a complete pardon or immunity.

It was only after refusing to discuss the question of immunity that he had been recommended to the Governor for a parole, members of the parole board finally reluctantly admitted that a parole has been recommended for him and that the recommendation will be forwarded to the Governor probably tomorrow.

It had been decided by the board to keep the recommendation quiet until after the board had acted upon the Governor West, today, when told of the action of the board, stated that he has had no notice of the issuance of the recommendation and that he will make no statement until "the proper time comes."

Judge Alex Sweek, of Portland, has been here recently and made the statement a few days ago that he had great hopes for the board offering leniency to Morris.

In recent Morris is paroled by the Governor he will probably go to Washington, where his wife and two small children are living. At least he stated as much before the last session of the board and the likelihood of his never intended to enter the banking business again. He stated he would probably join with his father-in-law in working in a real estate branch and remain there until his parole had expired.

MORRIS' LAWYER EXPECTANT

Alex Sweek Still in Dark, However, on Parole Board's Action.

"I have not been informed what action the parole board took in the case of Mr. Morris," said Alex Sweek, attorney for the ex-bank cashier, on his return last night from a business trip to Seattle. He stated that he had the intention of the members of the board at their meeting Thursday to recommend to Governor West that Morris be paroled at the expiration of his minimum sentence, May 25.

John F. Logan, the only member of the parole board residing in Portland, and District Attorney Cameron went out of the city yesterday. Mr. Cameron and A. E. Clark, who prosecuted Louis J. Wilde on an indictment alleging embezzlement of funds belonging to the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, recently recommended to Governor West that Morris be pardoned.

In the trial of Wilde, who was indicted jointly with Morris on the embezzlement charge, Morris entered a plea of guilty and became a witness for the state against the San Diego promoter. Notwithstanding the testimony of Morris, however, Judge Kavanaugh, before whom Wilde was being tried, at the conclusion of the state's case and following argument of a motion by the defense, instructed the jury to return a verdict of acquittal in favor of Wilde.

It was alleged at the time that in consideration for his confession of guilt and the testimony he offered against Wilde, Morris was assured that he would not receive further punishment, other pending indictments against him would be dismissed and his original prison term would be reduced materially. This was denied by District Attorney Cameron and his associates representing the prosecution of Wilde.

Following the disposition of the case, at a meeting several weeks ago, likewise refused to make any recommendations for the exercise of executive clemency.

Men Meet After 30 Years.

For the first time since the day of their graduation as members of the

same class, exactly 30 years ago, A. E. Parkinson, superintendent of agents for the Scientific American, and A. E. Parkinson, ex-Governor of Washington, met on the street Thursday. The meeting was purely accidental.

Singularly coincident with the meeting is that only a few hours before Mr. Parkinson had received an invitation to address the class from which they had graduated on the occasion of their 30th reunion in a few weeks, and that Mr. Mead had the previous day received an invitation to attend the same reunion.

The school from which Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Mead had graduated, the Illinois State Normal School, located at Carbondale, Ill. D. B. Parkinson, brother of A. E. Parkinson, has been president of the institution for 12 years past.

The meeting occurred at the entrance to the Lammont Bank, and the conversation was instantaneous. "Hello, Parkinson!" fairly shouted Mead, when the familiar face confronted him.

"Why, hello, you Mead!" exclaimed Parkinson, with triple emphasis. In a moment two strong hands had clasped and the two were discussing themselves, recounting schoolboy experiences and to trying to cram his own breath an account of their activities since their graduation. They have

WOODMEN OF EUGENE (CELEBRATE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION.

The railroad men making up one of the parties visiting here have left the city. F. C. Hitchcock, general manager of the McArthur Perks Company, and C. C. Tinkler, superintendent for the same firm, together with Thomas Dixon, another contractor, have gone to San Francisco. R. E. Porter, "Twirly Bros" there left for Portland, Engineer Weir, of the Southern Pacific, remained here today to be with another party composed of H. P. Hozy, assistant engineer, W. H. Fontaine, resident engineer of the Southern Pacific, and James Twoby, of the contracting firm of Twoby Bros. The latter party probably will leave tomorrow morning.

Contractors Meet Soon. Mr. Hitchcock, within a few days will meet at San Francisco the contractors who are to bid on the work. McArthur Perks Company will do some of the work themselves, and the rest will be let out to the contractor.

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RAILROAD JUSTICE STRS. MARSHFIELD

Contractors and Engineers Line Up Work for Immediate Activity on Ground.

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Representative of Southern Pacific Negotiates Necessary Franchises.

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FUGITIVE OUTLAW SEEN

MAN SUSPECTED OF MURDERS SIGHTED IN MASON COUNTY.

Poses Again in Pursuit—Loggers Say Recluse Was Carrying Rifle When He Fled to Woods.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 17.—(Special)—John Tornow, hermit of a woods suspected of murdering his twin nephews, John and Will Bauer, nearly a year ago, and Deputy Sheriff Colin McKenzie and A. V. Elmer, this Spring, has been driven from his haunts on the Upper Yonchoe River and is now believed to be in Western Mason County. He was seen Wednesday afternoon by loggers just west of the Mason County line.

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The camp where Tornow was seen was abandoned last Sunday and yesterday several men from another camp went back on an errand. As they entered the clearing they saw a man they recognized as Tornow leave the camp house and make his way up a hill into the timber. He was carrying his rifle.

For several weeks a posse of seven men with a number of dogs has been hunting Tornow, who is believed to be in the vicinity of his camps, which had been abandoned only a short time before and at one of them his fire was still burning. He has been unable to get much of his clothing, which will be of little use to him in the pursuit and Sheriff Payette believes he has found the Wynoochee district too hot for him. The chase will be easier in the district where Tornow was last reported.

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CHAUTAUQUA PLANS OUT

Southern Oregon Assembly Programme Promises Great Event.

ASHLAND, May 17.—(Special)—The 1912 schedule is out for the 26th annual session of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly, which will continue for 11 days, beginning with July 2. The programme will embrace musical attractions, lectures, readings and sermons, some of the foremost talent coming from beyond the Atlantic.

In making up the curriculum the management has afforded wider entertainment, bearing in mind the adage that the boy or girl of today is the man or woman of tomorrow.

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GRAY FUNCTION DRAWS

Applications for Places at Banquet Come From Over State.

Applications from railroad and business men from many parts of the state outside of Portland for reservations to the banquet to be given at the Commercial Club Monday night in honor of Carl R. Gray, newly appointed president of the Great Northern Railway, and E. H. Young, his successor in Oregon, in-

dicates that the banquet is to be one of the most representative of the railroad and business interests of the state generally of any like affair attempted in years.

The Commercial Club arrangement committee was notified yesterday that applications for reservations are coming in in large numbers from Corvallis, Albany, Salem and from towns all along the lines of the Hill railroads of the state and from stations along the lines of the Southern Pacific, the O.-W. R. & N. Co. and the electric lines. Every railroad in the state will be represented.

The committee on speakers completed its work yesterday, naming the following list of speakers: Governor West, C. H. Carey, representing the North Bank Railway and the Hill Lines in Oregon; F. C. Knapp, president of the Chamber of Commerce; A. C. Spencer, representing the Harriman Lines; Dan Kellaher, representing the Hill Side Business Men's Club; W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, and the two guests of honor, Mr. Gray and Mr. Young. Each of the speakers, excepting the guests of honor will be limited to ten minutes for their addresses.

The committee on decorations met yesterday finishing arrangements for an elaborate display of flowers and a number of unique and interesting

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WHARF ROAD IS IMPROVED.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 17.—(Special)—The city now is engaged in improving the wharf road leading to the White Salmon Ferry landing. The White Salmon-Hood River Ferry Company has donated money toward this work and with that funds appropriated by the city the road is being greatly improved. The road has been a running at Spokane for about two years, failed. The Carnegie Trust Company, of New York, in which he was a director, failed later. O'Neil's

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A Federal grand jury probed the banker's affairs. O'Neil had gone to Vancouver and engaged in the real estate business. The grand jury indicted him on the charge of falsifying reports to the examiner and embezzlement to lose his house and contents by fire late yesterday afternoon, members of the family barely escaping with their lives. The family was downstairs and when the fire was discovered the whole upstairs and roof was ablaze. In attempting to fight the fire a gust of wind brought the fire into the downstairs rooms, compelling the occupants to flee, saving nothing but what they had on. Mr. Powell is a native of this vicinity and a pioneer homesteader. The loss is about