

WEST INFLEXIBLE; FOUR MUST HANG

Taylor's Sentence Commuted, but Plea for Women for Others Is Unavailing.

MINISTERS ARE CRITICISED

Governor Declares His Ambition Is to Abolish Capital Punishment. Believes Executions Will Aid in Accomplishment.

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not free moral agents, but that we are what society makes us and for that reason society should not condemn a man for committing a crime for which conditions are largely responsible. During the plea of Mr. Kalnsel Governor West asked this question: "Knowing as you do the stand that I have taken against capital punishment, would you advise me to do those things which, in my judgment, would bring about the most speedy abolition of capital punishment in this state?"

Governor Explains Object. There was some discussion of this question and the Governor commented: "I will take in this matter such action as, to my mind, will bring about the abolition of capital punishment most speedily."

Mrs. W. Nicholson, of Portland, made a plea from the standpoint of a woman who has made a long study of criminology and declared that the conditions, if they take place tomorrow, will breed further murders. "You have made a study of the criminal mind, and having made such a study perhaps you can tell me how the minister of the gospel can cry for the murder of God's own men on Friday and on the following Sunday, just before Christmas, preach the doctrine of Christ to his congregation?" demanded the Governor.

Governor Is Reprorached. Turning on the Governor, she declared: "I think if you were to be hanged in Oregon during your term in office, you will go down in history as a man without honor. 'I have taken the unpopular course in this matter,' replied the Governor. "There have been big achievements that I wished to accomplish during my administration. One has been to down organized vice, the other to abolish capital punishment. I have been accused of being an ingrate."

I have announced frequently that I will not be a candidate for re-election, for the reason that I cannot divorce the office from politics and be free to carry on these fights the way I wish to. My life has been threatened. Letters have been received by us threatening the life of our only child.

Determination Is Told. "I have gone through hell's fire to see capital punishment abolished and tomorrow, I am going to do what I believe is right, no matter if every man, woman and child in Oregon should be opposed. If those men do not go to the gallows tomorrow, capital punishment will not be abolished in Oregon during our lives."

At this final statement protests were heard from many parts of the room. Dr. Nina E. Wood, the last speaker, urged that the criminal and the degenerate be regenerated rather than executed.

Roberts Accepts Fate Calmly. That H. E. (Jack) Roberts, sentenced to Multnomah County to be executed tomorrow with three other condemned men, probably will go to the scaffold cool and with steady nerve to die game, is the belief of Portland Chaplain Bauer, who frequently sees the condemned men.

Today Roberts was calm and seems to take his impending fate placidly. It is probably the faulder and Morgan also will go to the gallows unmoved. Morgan probably will continue to assume the reticence which he has displayed throughout and it is probable if he will make a statement on the scaffold. Faulder seems to be prepared to die if it falls to his lot and tonight there seems to be not the slightest ray of hope for any of the four men.

Garrison Is Garulous. As to what Garrison will do on the scaffold there seems to be some doubt. He has been garulous in his conversation, untrusting in inditing letters, poetry and dissertations on numerous subjects. He still stultically maintains his innocence. He has expressed a desire that Governor West be present at the executions, but this is highly improbable.

Some who have seen and talked to Garrison express the belief that at the last moment he may break down and make a complete confession of the murder of Hoy Perkinin in Coos County. Some interest is expressed as to whether Morgan may desire to make a statement privately as to his past life, although probably he will not talk on the scaffold.

Morgan, who murdered John York near Grants Pass is reported to have killed his grandfather in Indiana and also is suspected of having murdered a man near Willow, Cal. He is reported to have boasted that the killing of York was not his first murder.

Governor Talks to Prisoners. The time of hanging Faulder was originally placed at 7 o'clock, but later was advanced to 11:30 o'clock so that the four men will be hanged between that time and 1 o'clock and there will be no executions in the morning. Originally it was planned for Taylor and Faulder to hang together, but with the commutation of Taylor's sentence the executions may be expedited by hanging the men in pairs.

Governor West tonight visited the State Penitentiary, where he addressed the convicts for the purpose of showing them that it is not the fault of Superintendent Lawson that these men must die tomorrow.

"It is difficult to attempt to reform prisoners and hang them at the same time," said the Governor in discussing the fate today. "I do not wish the men at the prison to get the impression that the new superintendent is any more responsible for the execution of these men and I wish to tell them that I was his desire the men should not hang."

TAYLOR ESCAPES GALLOWES

Governor Commutes Sentence of Condemned Man to Life Term.

SALZM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The expected happened today when Governor West commuted the sentence of John M. Taylor to life imprisonment. Taylor was sentenced in Harney County for killing A. H. Perry and was one of the five men who were to be hanged tomorrow.

In his proclamation of commutation

the Governor says it appears that the crime was not committed with deliberate and premeditated malice expressly provided by law as an element in the commission of murder in the first degree.

Taylor's attorneys have been expecting to get the case opened up in the Supreme Court. What further steps they will take is not known, although they declared that he should have been convicted of nothing worse than manslaughter.

The proclamation commuting the sentence of Taylor is as follows:

Whereas John M. Taylor was, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney, convicted of the crime of murder in the first degree; and judgment thereon he received the sentence of death, by the Judge of said court on the 11th day of April, 1912, and a warrant in execution thereof, made in the form and manner required by law, and signed by the Judge of said court and attested by the Clerk, with the seal of said court attached;

Whereas the said John M. Taylor, together with said warrant, was duly delivered to the superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary on the 12th day of April, 1912;

PORTLAND MAN CHOSEN TO HEAD NORTH PACIFIC UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.



W. P. Olds.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 12.—The North Pacific Unitarian Conference, at its annual meeting today, elected the following officers:

W. P. Olds, Portland, president; C. L. Hamilton, Salem, Or., first vice-president; Professor Edwin Start, University of Washington, second vice-president; Rev. W. A. Elliott, Jr., Portland, corresponding secretary; and Rev. S. A. MacDonald, Hood River, recording secretary.

P. M. Surrulior, of Lyndon, Wash., and Walter Matson, of Vancouver, Wash., were elected directors.

State Penitentiary on the 12th day of April, 1912; by virtue of the constitutional authority in me vested I, Oswald West, Governor of Oregon, did on the 12th day of May, 1912, give and grant unto him, the said John M. Taylor, a respite from the execution of said judgment by the superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary until Friday, the 18th day of December, 1912; and

Whereas the superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary is about to and will execute the judgment of the court in the manner prescribed and on the date provided by the respite before noted; and

Whereas, after a careful investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime charged, it appears that the act was not done with deliberate and premeditated malice expressly provided by law as a necessary element in the commission of murder in the first degree; that the past life and record of the said John M. Taylor point him out as a man who would not take human life unless driven by such mitigating circumstances as appear in this case; that with the statement of facts in this case shown, the weight of his character and justice would seem to justify a respite from the imposition of the penalty of death; now,

Therefore, in view of the foregoing premises, and by virtue of the authority in me vested I, Oswald West, Governor, believing that the interests of justice and the cause of humanity are best subserved by the commutation of the sentence of death, do hereby commute the sentence of the said John M. Taylor, from the judgment of death, to that of imprisonment in the Oregon State Penitentiary for the period of his natural life; and I hereby direct the superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary to give due notice hereof.

WHAT'LL WE GIVE FATHER?

See announcement page 18 this issue. "Let this be a year for sensible gift-giving. Toys and knickknacks won't do it."

POETRY IS INSPIRED BY IMPENDING EXECUTION

Frank Garrison, Due to Die on Gallows Today, Discloses Interesting Side of Nature to Game Warden Finley.

IN THE last hours of his life, Frank Garrison, condemned to die this morning at 11:30 on the gallows of the State Penitentiary, has been busy writing sketches touching his life and experiences as a woodsman and naturalist.

In an unusually long letter written to State Game Warden Finley concerning wild bird and animal life and published two days ago, Garrison sent another episode of his sketches in a letter late last night to Mr. Finley.

It seems Garrison has been a wanderer and much of a hermit, and the side of his nature touching on the life of the woodsman developed. Covering some of his experiences as a sheepherder in the rugged mountains of Eastern Oregon, Garrison writes in this last letter:

On the breaks rough and steep. One finds the shepherd with his sheep. On the slopes from top to bottom. The flock and shepherd wind their way.

Earlier Life Revealed. In contrast to this, Garrison gives touches of his earlier life, which was spent in the Willamette Valley.

Up to the old maple tree. In the gray squirrel romps in glee. And gathering honey in winter's food. In the hollow tree so rough and rude.

In contrast to the cramped quarters of the prison cell, Garrison evidently has memories of the outdoors. His last days is one entitled "Mount Hood," which begins:

Oh thou monarch of the mountains. With thy crown of snowy peaks. With thy misty crystal fountains. And thy air so pure and light.

About two months ago Mr. Finley received a letter from Garrison saying he was interested in game preservation and wanted to have a talk with him. Mr. Finley wrote Garrison that he would call and see him sometime while in Salem.

Nature Chat Interesting. "I knew nothing of this man Garrison until I got his long letter three days ago saying his days were numbered and reminding me of my promise," said Mr. Finley. "While in Salem Wednesday I called at the penitentiary and the warden in charge permitted Garrison to come out into the main hall. I sat on the bench with him for nearly an hour and we discussed the various ways and traits of birds and animals. Even though he was in the shadow of the gallows, his conversation was as free and easy as a man who sits and chats with me in the office. He looked me in the eye and argued and debated point after point with apparently increasing interest. In all that time there was not the least indication of the criminal."

"I am an observer of nature and nature's ways," said Garrison. "I have seen some birds and animals that were

READING REAL GUIDE

Dr. Chapman Advocates Books Which Attack Conditions.

FUTURE OUTLOOK IS URGED

Portland Man Delivers Earnest Address to Farmers-Week Attendees at Oregon Agricultural College.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. C. H. Chapman, of Portland, in the course of his lecture at the Oregon Agricultural College today urged the students and visiting farmers who are attending the special lectures and demonstrations of Farmers' week to continue their journey through this world as they are now traveling, making the work of every day a protest against conditions which are becoming so common as "passing fair." "There is no sin in the world," said Dr. Chapman, "as great as sleek satisfaction with things as they are."

"The careful reading and study of books which make bold attacks on so-called satisfactory conditions was advocated as a means of attacking the living men and women who are always striving toward the ideal which rises a little higher the nearer it is approached."

"You must go forward and keep striving to make things perfect," continued Dr. Chapman. "Read books which teach revolution and rebellion; read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States and like documents, which teach the great doctrine of rebellion against evil conditions."

"Read books to get great living ideals; books on eugenics. Read Norman Angel's 'Great Illusion,' Bernard Shaw's 'Man and Superman' and 'Mrs. Warren's Profession.'"

Forward Outlook Urged. "The most dangerous man or woman is the one who goes through the world with his eyes glued on the past, never seeing what is ahead. Read for the upward and forward outlook; cut loose from the dead past as far as possible. 'Read to make yourself discontented. Then there will be hope for you. As long as you are wholly satisfied with things as they are there is no hope for you.'

"This college is sending out missionaries of discontent every year to all the little villages, all the nooks and corners of the state, stuck down in the mud and these missionaries are filling the people whom they meet with a holy discontent with things as they are: the awful roads; the miserable schools; the phantasms of churches which have no real connection with either God or man; with the lack of proper social conditions. They go out to fill the minds of those they meet with the fire of progress, teaching that a holy righteousness begins with discontent with existing evil."

"Let me give you a motto from the Scandinavian sages: 'Do what you can as a son of Adam; go out and see; do not let your eyes be blinded. Look at the whole; look at every part, and then go back and look at the whole again.'"


Newspaper Reading Advised. "I have heard it said that we are not reading literature, but wasting time on newspapers and magazines. But if a man must choose it is much more of a waste of time to read literature like Homer, Virgil and Shakespeare than to keep in touch through the newspaper with the world in which we live today."

Tonight Dr. Chapman gave a second lecture for the college people, but this time his remarks were addressed particularly to the Farmers' week students. His subject was "Co-Operation as a Factor in Rural Development."

After giving briefly the history of the co-operative movement from its origin at Rochdale, England, down to the last year, when the co-operative stores of that small island did a \$3,000,000 business, the Portland man explained what is being done in his city

and vicinity and what will easily be accomplished when the American farmers forsake their "go-it-alone" policy and exert their characteristic energy to put forward the co-operative movement.

Enterprise Couple Wedded. ENTERPRISE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Fred J. Beaudoin and Miss Lella Fleener were married Tuesday afternoon, December 10, by Rev. W. P. Samms, at his home in Enterprise, Mr. Beaudoin is a son of Peter Beaudoin (or Baudon as the name often is spelled), who is the largest farm land owner in Willows County. He has 12,000 acres of farm and pasture land and he has many thousand sheep. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Fleener, a leading family of Joseph. After a trip to the West coast the couple will make their home at Joseph.



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