

PRISON PLAN SCORED

"Wrong and Pernicious" Verdict of Board of Control.

BIENNIAL REPORT IS MADE

Association With Hardened Criminals Inside Walls Instead of Segregation Breeds Recklessness and Crime, Say Investigators.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—That the system used at the State Penitentiary in throwing offenders of a widely differing type into prison together in "wrong in practice" is the assertion made by the State Board of Control in its biennial report just issued.

"The State Penitentiary is in a class by itself," states the report, in discussing the various institutions. "At present it is required to care for offenders of widely different types. The young man who has committed a crime in the heat of passion, or is the victim of the subtle powers of an associate, is confined with hardened criminals within the same walls."

"All the members of the Board realize that the young results cannot be obtained by following methods now necessary in the present quarters."

Superintendent Hale's suggestion along this line also are agreed to by the Board of Control. In another section of its report, the Board states: "It certainly is true that much good would be gained by using the state plant (referring to the Training School) for a reformatory for the older boys and providing a home on the cottage plan for the younger boys. There would be a two-fold advantage in such an arrangement. First, more of the younger boys could be rescued and developed into useful and productive citizens of the state, and, secondly, many of the younger men who are now sent to the penitentiary could be housed in the reformatory and kept from the contamination that is liable to come from associating with hardened criminals."

"It is the verdict of many men who once were incarcerated in a penitentiary that their imprisonment did them no good because of the stern methods necessary where the first offenders and the old-time criminals are cared for in the same treatment. It is suggested that three institutions instead of two is at least feasible, and securing very satisfactory results in the state, especially in Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa. It would seem desirable at this time to give full consideration to the suggestion of segregation."

FLAX ACTION OPPOSED

EUGENE CHAMBER AGAINST MOVE TO ATTRACT FACTORY NOW.

Portland Advised That Production of Greater Quantity and Higher Grade Is of More Importance.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Eugene Chamber of Commerce in a letter today expressed to the Portland Chamber of Commerce opposition to the plan to send a representative of the Oregon flax interests East at this time to investigate linen factory prospects.

RECRUITING MAN TO GO Naval Office at Medford Is to Be Closed Soon.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—After a recruiting campaign for the United States Navy in the valley for several months Chief Quartermaster J. E. Norstrom, in charge of the Medford office, announced last night that the office would be closed. He had been called to Portland, where the recruiting was on such a large scale as to call for additional help.

Medford to Have Tree.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Medford's second annual municipal Christmas celebration will be held in the Public Library park Saturday night. The women of the Greater Medford Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Jap Andrews, sold tags for the benefit of the Christmas tree Tuesday Wednesday, several hundred dollars being raised. In addition to the presentation of gifts to the needy children of the city there will be music and folk dances by school children.

The Ben Selling Store News

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—a Merchandise order in any amount.

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—a pair of Auto Gloves at \$4 or \$5.

—a pair of wool-lined Auto Gauntlets at \$5 or \$7.

—a new Muffler at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50.

—a pair of Silk Hose at 50c or \$1.

—a Silk Shirt at \$5 or \$6.

—a suit of Silk Pajamas at \$7.50.

—an Umbrella at \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$3.50, \$5 or \$6.

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Oliver Lundgren, 22, Victim of Canoe Accident.

CHUM FLOATS TO SAFETY

Proposed Holiday Trip Has Tragic Ending at Very Outset—Dead Youth Was Corvallis Resident—Body Is Sought.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Oliver Lundgren, 22, of this city, was drowned in Mary's River this morning, when a canoe, in which he and Troy Bogard, of Woodburn, were paddling, upset in a whirlpool only a few yards from where the boat was put into the water.

Fall From Railroad Span Kills. NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—While returning from this city to Coos, a Southern Pacific work station at the north end of the Coos Bay railroad bridge, Ed Walters, who was with two companions, fell from the high structure and was drowned before help could reach him. The accident occurred after dark and the body went down in 35 feet of water. The body was not recovered.

NOTES HINT DESERTION

CORONER THINKS J. V. STRACK WAS CANADIAN SOLDIER.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Rambling notes left by Joseph V. Strack, who was found dead in his cabin near the Sandy bridge last Monday with a bullet hole through his heart, indicate that he deserted the army, probably the Canadian army, probably the Canadian army, probably the Canadian army.

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word that they suspected murder, with robbery as a motive. The authorities returned, convinced that Strack killed himself, although they will continue the investigation. Burt Moore, Estacada, Hurt in Crash ESTACADA, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)

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