

RUPERT, IN PRISON, DESCRIBES ESCAPE

Fugitive Returned From California Expresses Regret.

LETTER CAUSED CAPTURE

Prisoner Says Mistakes Seen and That Hereafter He Is Going to Follow Straight Path.

SALEM, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—Love for his wife and 7-year-old son prompted Clyde J. ("Red") Rupert, who escaped from the state lime plant at Gold Hill on March 15 while serving a term in the state penitentiary for the embezzlement of approximately \$13,500 worth of Liberty bonds from the Northwestern National bank of Portland, to write the letter which fell into the hands of the federal officers at Imperial Beach, Cal., and resulted in his arrest a few days later at Brawley.

Prisoner Regrets Step. "I am glad to get back," said Rupert as his eyes filled with tears. "I never felt free after leaving the lime plant, and it was a great relief when an officer laid his hand on my shoulder at Brawley and said I was back for a crime committed in Oregon. I have learned my lesson, and from now I'm going straight."

On escaping from the state lime plant about 6 o'clock on the evening of March 16, I ran all the way to Medford, where I hid in a barn. I went out to a rancher who was about to leave for Gazelle, California, with a trainload of livestock. Upon arriving at Gazelle the following morning I purchased a ticket to Woodland, near Sacramento, and arrived there late that evening.

Picked Up Released. "I was afraid to pass through the station and took a course through the outskirts of the city. As I was nearing the business district I was picked up by an officer who told me to accompany him to jail. I protested, and informed the policeman that I had money and desired to get a room. I made my bluff good and finally he allowed me to go.

"I got up early the following morning, walked some distance from the city, where I boarded another train and made my way to Los Angeles and then to Lipton, in the Imperial Park district. I arrived at Lipton on Thursday following my escape, and the next morning accepted a job with the Stewart Citrus company. While there I also worked for the Okay Lumber Exchange.

Lately Writes Letter. "On May 21 I went to Brawley, where I obtained work with the American Fruit company. After remaining there a few days I became homesick for my wife and little son and wrote the former a letter telling her that I was in Brawley and intended to visit her. I had hardly mailed the missive when I realized that I had made a mistake, and probably would be picked up by the officers.

"A federal officer who had been assigned to effect my capture apparently had reason to believe that I would visit Imperial Beach, for he rented a house next to the one occupied by my wife. In some way he came into possession of the letter, which he turned over to Mr. Ringer. A day or two later I was standing on the streets of Brawley when Ringer me and said: 'Hello, Red.'

In order to shield my identity, I replied: 'I have red hair and its natural for people to call me Red, even though they have never seen me before.'

Old Days Recalled. "Ringer was persistent, however, and recalled the days when we attended baseball games together in Portland. I still insisted that it was a case of mistaken identity, but my efforts were futile. He informed an officer and I was locked in a cell. "During that night a Mexican, incarcerated in the cell next to the one in which I was housed, attempted to escape by making a small hole in the door. Of course I was blamed for the incident, and it was useless for me to make a denial. The next morning federal officers came to the jail and after giving me the once over, I was removed to San Diego. There I remained until Special Agent Esch arrived, when we started on our return to Oregon.

Had the federal officers used me square, it is not likely that I would have attempted to escape.

Federal Are Blamed. "When I was arrested in Portland for the theft of the Liberty bonds, and before I was committed to the state penitentiary, the federal officers signed an agreement whereby they were to recommend my parole after I had served eight months. This agreement, however, was conditional that I should be a model prisoner.

"When the time arrived for them to make good they presented me with a counter-proposal whereby I was to have my wife sign a statement to the effect that I was insane. It was also incumbent upon me to get an affidavit from a physician supporting the statement of my wife. This I refused to do, and as a result I am in prison confined with the remainder of my state sentence and a term in the federal penitentiary. Assistant United States District Attorney Hankins of Portland, the official who signed the agreement that I should be paroled after serving eight months of my term. It is pretty hard for a fellow to go straight when the officials of his own government have broken faith.

Return to Wife Hope. "But, nevertheless, I am glad to get back and I intend to serve the remainder of my sentence and then return to California, where I will join my wife and child.

"That will be the happiest day of my life. Mrs. Rupert knew nothing of my Portland crime, and, regardless of the publicity given me as a result of my arrest, she has remained firm in the belief that I will make proper amends and return to her as soon as I have finished my sentence. Just before returning north I visited my wife and little boy. They were both glad to see me and our parting was the most pathetic incident in my whole life.

Rupert denied emphatically that he was aided in making his escape by an unidentified man in an automobile. He also declared the story that he had retraced his steps and returned to Oregon was false.

After a talk with Warden Steiner, in which he promised to go straight, Rupert was assigned to a cell, and tomorrow will be placed at work with the flax crew.

CAMP CRUELTY ALLEGED (Continued From First Page) more, who served with Pans hospital is, testified. The officer did by roll-

ing the man in the mud," Mendelburg added.

"Did you get that officer's name?" asked Representative Flood, Democrat, Virginia.

"I'm too sorry I did not take his name," answered Mendelburg.

When telling of poor food, Mendelburg said that "if you asked for an extra piece of bread you were flat on your back." Meals, others said, consisted of a stew made from canned beef, one slice of bread and a cup of coffee. Sometimes only the stew was served, witnesses said.

Beating by Officer Asserted. Charles Goldberg, New York City, a corporal in company M, 28th Infantry, said while at the "brig" he was knocked down by an officer and one of his teeth knocked out when he refused to surrender his money belt.

"Once when I was scrubbing a floor a sergeant swung a club at my head every five seconds," testified Goldberg.

Paul Boggs, Baldwin, N. Y., 21st field signal battalion, said men at the farm were often so hungry that they were "glad to eat dirty potato peelings." He said he dipped a tin cup in a swill barrel so as to get some grease that he could eat with a relish.

"Instead of giving a command, it was generally given with a club," asserted Boggs, who said he saw at least 50 men beaten.

Medical Inspection Criticized. Alvin Bates, Brooklyn, who was with the headquarters troops, second army, said whenever there was a formation a man was beaten up every five minutes at the prison farm. He and Boggs said that a Pole, serving in the American army, was brutally beaten and soon afterward the prisoner cut his throat with a razor.

"Medical inspection was a farce," said Bates referring to the farm. "You went in one door and were kicked out another."

George L. Pallito, Newark, N. J., private in company M, 112th infantry, told of many cruelties in the prisons in France and admitted that he was absent without leave, for which he was sentenced.

ROAD BOOSTERS HOPEFUL OREGON EXPECTED TO SHARE IN FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS. Delegation Reports Strong Pressure on Congress to Grant Funds for Work.

Confident that if any road appropriation bill is going to stand a chance in congress Oregon won't lose out, the three men composing the Roosevelt highway delegation returned last night from Washington, D. C., where they had a hearing with the congressional committee on roads.

The delegation consisted of Messrs. W. J. Kerr, regent; H. Von der Helten, regent; G. M. Cornwall, regent; Walter M. Pierce, regent; Jefferson Myers Woodworth, a druggist of Albany, two chauffeurs and The Oregonian boy. But the most important members of the party were the five married ladies, as follows: Mesdames Weatherford, Cornwall, Pierce, Myers and Woodworth.

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This great work is about four-fifths done, so far as the grading is concerned, between John Day and Prairie City. How much is done below John Day I do not know, but I do know it is going to be a road for the state to be proud of. It seems too bad that a short detour could not be made so that it might pass through Canyon City, but no doubt a spur will be built to fill the two-mile gap.

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EXTENSION STATIONS VISITED BY REGENTS

Officers of Oregon Agricultural College on Tour.

ROADS FOUND EXCELLENT

President Kerr and Party Well Received on Journey to Central Part of State.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. BEND, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—The party headed by President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, consisting of five of the regents and others, arrived here this evening from Burns, which they left this morning in three machines. Being unable to get messages dispatched from Canyon City Sunday night, or Burns last night, it is best to take up the threads of the trip from the time the last dispatch was filed, which was Saturday night last from Union.

We left Union about 7 o'clock that night and had a fine ride through the cool of the evening to Baker. On our arrival there about 10 o'clock we were surprised to be met by Regent Cornwall and Mrs. Cornwall. The latter had suffered so from the dust storm the day previous that we had left her in Pendleton, but she soon rallied and was able to resume the journey.

Party Numbers 15. All were up early enough to get started by 8 o'clock for Canyon City. By that time our party was all together and the personnel was the same as it is now and as it is hoped will be for the balance of the trip. The names of the party are: W. J. Kerr, president of the board of regents; J. R. Weatherford, regent; H. Von der Helten, regent; G. M. Cornwall, regent; Walter M. Pierce, regent; Jefferson Myers Woodworth, a druggist of Albany, two chauffeurs and The Oregonian boy. But the most important members of the party were the five married ladies, as follows: Mesdames Weatherford, Cornwall, Pierce, Myers and Woodworth.

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WOMEN IN BUSINESS. Woman's power in America is well illustrated by the thousands of women who entered almost every line of business to replace men who were drafted during the war. Health proved their strongest asset. Many women, however, developed weak, nervous conditions and could not stand the strain of a business life. Such women should remember there is one tried and true remedy in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for forty-five years has been restoring health and strength to the women of America.

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rigibles and the center of a series of Pacific flights, according to information reaching here from unofficial naval circles. It is known that at least one dirigible hangar will be erected at Pearl Harbor with the probability the others will follow in the near future. One and perhaps more of the big lighter-than-air craft will be kept at Pearl Harbor, according to reports from Washington, D. C. These local naval developments are to take place as a part of the preparations for a trans-pacific flight by dirigibles, which the navy is planning for early next year.

HIGHWAY BONDS ARE SOLD

Henry Teal of Portland Purchases Entire \$800,000 Issue.

SALEM, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—The state board of regents today disposed of \$800,000 worth of highway bonds authorized under the Bean-Barrett act for federal aid projects. The bonds were purchased by Henry Teal of Portland and brought \$762,320 and accrued interest. Six bids, representing 18 houses, were opened by the board, the difference between the lowest and highest amounting to \$3.20 per \$1000.

LAWMAKER PLEADS GUILTY But Attorney-General Will Not Punish Representative.

SALEM, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—After accepting a plea of guilty from Representative A. A. Smith, of Baker, who, in a letter to the attorney-general, admits that he introduced in the last legislature a bill which he now believes unconstitutional, Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle, in a humorous missive to the lawmaker, acknowledged confession of the alleged misguided legislation and advises Mr. Smith that since he has pleaded guilty to committing the act, or at least to being the prime conspirator, he should pay the penalty by instituting proper proceedings for reparation of the damage, or changing the metaphor, by applying the appropriate remedy for the affliction resulting from swallowing half-baked legislation.

The bill introduced by Mr. Smith was passed with the idea of furnishing another check by which to catch cattle thieves. It provides that before hides can be transported within or without the state an application must be made to the county stock inspector for permission.

Mr. Smith now believes the law is unconstitutional for two reasons—first, that it makes the stock inspector a judicial officer in violation of the constitution, and that it enables the taking of property without due process of law.



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