

BRANSON'S PLEDGED TO FILIAL DEVOTION

Pardoned Convict Dedicates Life to His Parents.

\$200 IS SAVED IN PRISON

Salem Is Left to Go Back to Yamhill County—"I Am the Happiest Man in the World," He Says.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—"I am the happiest man in the world, and Governor Olcott may rest assured that the remainder of my life will be dedicated to making comfortable my aged father and mother who so loyally stood by me during my long years of incarceration in the state penitentiary."

This was the assertion of William Branson as he left a local hotel early today to join his parents who reside in Yamhill county. Branson last night received from Governor Olcott an unconditional pardon after partially serving a life term in prison for the murder of William Booth, a rancher who resided in the vicinity of Williamina.

Innocence Is Maintained. At the time of receiving his formal pardon, Branson made no extended statement, simply informing Governor Olcott and penitentiary officials that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted and had expected executive clemency.

In less than half an hour after receiving the document insuring his freedom Branson packed his personal effects at the penitentiary and taken quarters at a local hotel, where he remained until this morning. During his term in the prison Branson had saved more than \$200, a check for which was handed to him by Warden Combs just before he departed from the penitentiary.

Release Is Surprised.

John Arthur Pender, who also received a pardon last night after serving nearly nine years of a life term for the murder of Mrs. Daisy Wehmer and her little son, did not wait for a train to take him to Portland, but left Salem in an automobile an hour after his release. He had previously sent a telegram to his mother in Portland notifying her that he had been pardoned and was on his way to the metropolis.

Practically ever since Branson entered the penitentiary his parents had called at the governor's office once each month to urge his pardon. He often they were disappointed, and the release of their son last night came as a complete surprise.

PENDER HAS MANY CALERS

Spanish-American War Veteran to Welcome His Restoration.

Nearly a hundred friends, social workers and clubwomen called yesterday at the Portland home of John Arthur Pender, who was pardoned Saturday by Governor Olcott. The friends, many of whom are veterans of the Spanish-American war, congratulated him heartily to Mrs. S. C. Pender, 70-year-old mother, and to his wife, who for nine years have worked incessantly in behalf of the son and husband. Telegrams, flowers and special notes of greeting and congratulations poured in a steady stream at the little house at 651 Hoyt street.

Mrs. R. E. Bondurant and Mrs. G. J. Frankel, prominent clubwomen, who have done much to aid Pender, were among the first to call Sunday morning.

Representatives of Scout Young camp of the Spanish-American war veterans brought an invitation to Mr. Pender yesterday to attend their meetings and preparations are being made for a "jubilee" celebration in welcoming him in Portland.

"Those friends and social workers who have such untiring effort in my behalf feel that they would like to aid me financially, now that I am free," said Mr. Pender yesterday. "I feel with appreciation of the great help they have given, but, now that the result has been obtained, the opportunity comes for me to work and support my family. And that is just what I proposed to do from the very start."

No plans have been completed by the little family as yet. Whether Mr. Pender will remain or return to Columbia county is undecided, but he adds that, with his pardon restoring his full rights to citizenship in Oregon, he will take advantage of such situation. He will leave Tuesday for Salem, where he will finally extend his appreciation to Governor Olcott and those officials of the state who were instrumental in gaining his freedom.

Salem Paper Plant Starts.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The Oregon Pulp and Paper company, which recently completed its plant here, yesterday turned out its first product. A crowd of Salem residents was on hand to witness the machines perform, and the initial output of the plant was eagerly sought as souvenirs. The plant will be in full operation within the next two or three weeks, and will employ about 250 men.

Expert Demonstrates Culling.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—A. E. Anderson, poultry expert from the Washington State college, gave a demonstration in culling yesterday at the plant of the St. Helens incubator company on Fords prairie. Tomorrow Mr. Anderson will give similar demonstrations at Napavine and Vader.

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FIGHTING MOTHER AND PARDONED SON.



John Arthur Pender, pardoned from life term in the penitentiary, and his mother, Mrs. S. C. Pender, who fought nine years to gain his release.

SANITARIUM IS PLANNED

ADVENTISTS PROPOSE TO BUILD \$250,000 STRUCTURE.

Work of Demolishing Old Hospital at East Sixth Street to Start This Week.

A new Portland sanitarium, ultimately to cost more than \$250,000, will be built by a special board of regents of the Seventh Day Adventists on the site of the present hospital. The structure now occupying the grounds at East Sixth street and between Adams and Bond streets will be demolished and the new building erected in its place.

Work on demolishing the old structure will commence the latter part of this week, or the first of next. No patients have been accepted in the sanitarium since August 31.

R. W. Nelson, manager, declared yesterday that the board decided on the plan of the Battle Creek sanitarium and will not accept contagious cases. Medical, surgical and obstetrical cases will be admitted.

The new building will be capable of housing 75 patients at one time and will feature modern equipment in operating rooms, X-ray rooms and the like. It is not expected completion will be reached until next fall.

The architects will apply for a permit today to start demolishing the present building.

Graduating exercises for nurses of the sanitarium were held last Saturday night. Professor Rine of Walla Walla, delivered the address to the class, while Dr. W. E. Holman gave the class charge and conferred diplomas.

Construction of the building is under way student nurses will not lose time in their training, many of them having gone to local hospitals, while some will study in California hospitals. When the building is completed they will return.

HARDING'S ACTS PRAISED

SENATOR McNARY TELLS OF COURSE AT WASHINGTON.

Oregon Solon Paints Intimate Picture of Candidate and His Stands and Policies.

BY CHARLES L. McNARY, United States Senator From Oregon.

For more than three years I have known intimately Warren G. Harding, republican nominee for president, having served with him in the senate since the early part of June, 1917. During that period of American political life every angle of a legislator's mind was brought into the foreground and I am pleased to say that the senator's mind stood steady and his voice ever sounded the words of Americanism. When some would falter he beckoned to go ahead and never once was his intense patriotism questioned or his judgment discounted.

Throughout his career in the Ohio state legislature, and as a United States senator, his influence has ever been used in the service of the people. By temperament he is gracious, yet strong in his convictions, and he yields only when after careful thought he finds his course a mistaken one.

During my term in the senate, Mr. Harding voted for woman's suffrage and subsequently used his influence to secure its ratification in several states. He voted in favor of submitting the national prohibition amendment to the citizenry of the country. In fact, he voted for all legislation that had for its purpose the promotion of our war programme. After the conclusion of the war he voted for the treaty of peace and the covenant of a league of nations with such reservations as were thought by the majority of the senate to be essential to the welfare of our country.

As a member of the senate com-

merce committee, I had much to do with Mr. Harding and was in a position to observe his attitude on this large subject. What to do with our merchant marine which cost the government over \$2,000,000,000, was a question which taxed the best thought of America. The senate commerce committee had hearings on proposed legislation covering a period of several months.

During the hearings, Senator Harding showed a very clear conception of America's needs for a merchant marine adequate to care for her commerce. He was ever alert to use his influence against the interests that desired to procure the ships under favorable terms which would have worked a hardship on the taxpayers of the country. His mind was centered upon legislation that would assure the American people ample tonnage for their products and a policy that would develop new ports and harbors.

In many conversations with the senator, I found him greatly interested in the American problems and the development of our basic industry through reclamation and irrigation of our idle lands.

In my opinion, Senator Harding will make an ideal president and will bring to his assistance the best thought of America, and will give all vote for him with confidence that he will live up to the traditions of his party.

RUM DEATH QUIZ TONIGHT

CORONER TO SUBPENA OFFICERS WHO KILLED HEDDERLY.

Bullet That Proved Fatal Entered Forehead Behind Right Temple.

Investigation Shows.

An inquest into the death of Bert Hedderly, who was shot by federal and police officers in a liquor raid near Union avenue and East Oak streets Friday night, will be held tonight at the courthouse, according to Coroner Smith.

The jury is to be selected today and subpoenas issued for the officers who took part in the raid. An autopsy will be performed to determine the course of the bullet after it penetrated the skull. Investigation indicates the bullet which pierced Hedderly's arm, was fired from the rear, while the bullet which caused his death entered his forehead slightly above and to the rear of the right temple, said Coroner Smith.

Coroner Smith would not state whether he thought the officers who took part in the raid were within their rights in firing upon a man who had been called upon to halt, saying that was a point that would be decided by the coroner's jury tonight in fixing the responsibility for the courthouse shooting.

Officers implicated need not be introduced in the investigation, said Coroner Smith, as the men cannot be forced to testify against themselves.

NURSE PLANS CAMPAIGN

Miss Godsey Seeks to Improve Marion Health Conditions.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Lillian Godsey, Marion county health nurse, has opened offices in the courthouse and this week will enter upon an active campaign destined to improve the health conditions of this section of the state. Miss Godsey arrived here two weeks ago.

She said she had been received with enthusiasm at all towns visited in the county and that practically every physician in the county had volunteered to assist her in her work. Miss Godsey was accompanied on her recent trips by Miss Cecil L. Schreyer of Portland, associate state advisory nurse.

WILLAMETTE HOPES HIGH

Registration Records at University Expected to Be Shattered.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—All registration records in Willamette university will be shattered this year, according to members of the faculty. This prediction is based on inquiries received from different states, together with the present bona fide enrollments. The university opens September 15.

According to President Doney, more than 100 women already have applications for accommodations in Lassens hall, which is now nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy later in the month.

MAINE MAY POSITION EYES OF NATION FOCUSED NOW ON PINE TREE STATE.

SUFFRAGE VOTE WATCHED

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It is supposed to indicate the way in which the political winds are going to blow in November. For this reason a very close study at close range of what has been going on here in a political way and the influences at work since the primaries were held in June is important if people are to profit by a knowledge of what the result in these endeavors and influences are likely to be and what results are most likely to follow them.

Gubernatorial Contest Keen.

Of first importance in Maine on Monday elects a governor. The term is two years. The voters will have an opportunity to elect either Colonel Frederic H. Parkhurst, republican, or Bertrand G. McIntire, democrat. Both men are widely known in the state, and both are of strong party men and of about the same age. Both have been successful in business and both are descended from old Maine families. Either, it seems generally admitted, would make a representative governor. There is no reason for supposing, however, that McIntire can be elected. On the other hand, if a fairly representative number of voters go to the polls, as very likely will receive a majority of about 26,000. Without the support of his majority would, it seems, likely be not far from 12,000 or 14,000 less.

Local Issues Maining.

Two years ago when Governor Carl E. Milliken carried the state over to the republican party, a lot of local issues were brought up for consideration. The result of 1918 when Governor McKnight was elected, cost the governor not less than 5000 votes. The result of 1916 when Governor McKnight was elected, cost the governor not less than 13,850 votes. Governor Curtis had elected in 1914 by reason of the progressive fight in the state, but had defeated Governor William T. Haines by 2783 votes despite the fact that Haines was a republican, progressive, for health care, and progressive.

Republican Representatives Race.

Also on next Monday Maine voters will elect four representatives. The nominees by party and district are as follows: Republican—J. Carroll L. Beady; 2, Wallace H. White Jr.; Democrat—1, Frank H. Haskell; 2, Wallace N. Price; 3, Archie C. Towle; 4, Leon G. C. Brown.

Mr. Peters has already served four terms. Messrs. White and Hasey each two terms. Messrs. Price and Towle are newcomers. All of the democratic nominees have been making active canvases and speaking many a man.

There is a strong feeling in the democratic party that the republican party must be possessed of very unusual vote-getting qualities to win his district. Republican leaders say that when the machinery is working properly and with no leaks such as Bull Mooseism to tempt voters away from the party ticket, no democrat has half a chance to get elected. And this year the republican machinery is functioning in the usual shape with no cross currents to raise doubts as to the plans of those who want four republicans from Maine in congress.

Party Sweep Predicted.

Independent, unbiased observation covering a period of a month or more right up among the voters and party tilters leads to the belief that the republican party will sweep the state.

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favoring the league of nations just as advocated by President Wilson and that the idea of the league takes a stronger hold and has a deeper appeal, as some clairvoyant women's minds than upon men's minds. State republican leaders hold no such view and declare that in no state has the politics been changed by women's votes—at least that argue as one may, no actual swinging from one party to another by reason of woman suffrage can be proved as the single cause when applied to any body politics here as elsewhere. Doubtless the real point of the matter is that organization counts, or at least has in the past counted, for as much more in Maine as elsewhere. A should count for more than suffrage in this state this year. And the democrats say they have no organization and that it is now too late to form one.

This is not the situation in the republican camp. Harding and Coolidge are springing up in every town and village and leaders are everywhere busy advocating making the next administration a Washington republican. It is certain, too, that in Maine the league, as proposed with a League amendment, would have found much general favor with the voters—that with article X in the Wilson form would have been sufficient to cause the United States to stay out in the minds not only of most republicans but large numbers of independent as well. And in Maine today as in all our states save in the solid south, there are enough voters who regard political ties so lightly as to make it possible with these voters vigorously back of a cause, to overthrow a political party.

In the matter of public meetings both parties in Maine have in the last two elections and again this year conducted them as if afraid the enemy would steal their thunder. No meetings were held outside of the big republican "set-back" meetings in the park, near Augusta, until ten days ago. During that period the speech-making has been fast and furious. Both Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice-presidential candidate, and Governor Coolidge have spoken in Maine at more than a dozen meetings and a dozen representatives from other states. It is needless to add that all state candidates have attended many meetings and have presented their views from platforms from Kittery to Eastport.

REPUBLICANS SURE OF MAINE

Democrats Admit They Have Little Chance at Polls Today.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The necessity of satisfying the public interest in the campaign fund investigation here in Chicago has prevented your correspondent from doing what would have been more interesting and also more important. In the absence of opportunity to make a personal survey of Maine in anticipation of the election there tomorrow, all that can be given is a summary of judgments expressed by local leaders of both parties in various districts of the state. The net of these judgments is decidedly favorable to the republicans.

The democrats admit they have but scanty organization and have not done much work. Almost the only democratic effort has been the presence in the state of national spellbinders from outside. The republicans on the other hand are enthusiastic about their organization and have been busy and effective in every county and town of the state. The republicans were careful to put up four strong candidates for congress, while the democratic candidates are admitted to be on the whole, weaker. When the suffrage amendment was adopted recently, the republican organization was already mobilized to get their women registered, the democrats were not.

There is, as an observer in Hancock county expresses it, "an intense feeling of republicanism in the democratic party." Leaders on both sides mention the league of nations. Some democratic leaders say that a few members of their party, who believe strongly in the league, will vote for the democrats tomorrow. These republicans, they say, will return to the republican fold at the presidential election. On the other hand, the democrats will express their hostility by voting the republican ticket tomorrow.

While it is true that this state has given its electoral vote to a republican democrat since 1876, and this to President Wilson in 1912, when the Roosevelt-Taft split took place, the state's natural returns when compared with the electoral, throw some interesting pictures on the state with upward and as before noted, Governor Milliken won in 1915 by 13,850 votes. When the votes for electors were counted the same year the state was shown to have been carried for Charles E. Hughes but by only 5338 votes.

Those who pretend to know the reason for this situation declare that Maine never warmed up to Justice Hughes; that this form of a republican reason why he came so very near to defeat right upon the heels of a satisfactory republican victory in the September or state election. That was one of the closest shaves that the Pine Tree state has ever had, for a majority of but that size with upward of 123,000 votes cast was indeed an escape by only a hair's breadth. Maine republicans say nothing like this is going to take place this year; that with Governor Calvin Coolidge, a good New Englander, holding second place on the ticket, the vote will show as large or larger republican majority in November as at the state election held within the next few days. Still this is but a boast.

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Attacks which have been made during the last week of the campaign against the republican candidate for governor, may or may not be a result which would otherwise have been received as a test of the feeling throughout the country this year.

In the lack of this episode, the republicans counted on and some democrats more or less admitted, a probable republican majority of from 12,000 to 3000, without the women's vote, and of possibly 10,000 more with the women's vote. These figures are large relative to the results of other recent elections. In 1918 the republican candidate for governor won by 6580, but in 1916, at the presidential election, the republican majority was but 5400. Such a result as is predicted this year would be justly received by politicians everywhere as indicating a marked republican trend throughout the country.

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