

CONVICTS ON ROADS

Majority of Solons Are Said to Favor Proposed Bill.

HOW SCHEME WOULD WORK

Any Oregon County Willing to Stand the Expense Could Have Prison Labor for Its Highways.

A bill proposing that convicts be employed in the construction of public highways in this state has been prepared by the Good Roads Commission, and will be presented at the meeting of the state Legislature this month. The measure carries an appropriation of \$250,000. A majority of the members of the Legislature have been interviewed by the commission, and with the exception of a few, the state's lawmakers are said to favor some measure of the character proposed.

The bill proposes the appointment by the Governor of a Convict Labor Board, consisting of three members, two of whom shall be members of any one political party. The members of the board so created shall serve one for one year, another for two years and the third for three years, a new member of the board to be named each year and to serve for three years. The members of the board are to receive \$5 per diem and travel expenses, in addition to their necessary expenses.

It is provided that all convicts shall be liable to perform work on the public highways in accordance with the provisions of the bill, except such as are required to do the necessary work at the Penitentiary building. Each county in the state will be permitted to employ such a number of convicts for labor on its roads as in the judgment of the board it may be able to properly guard, care for and employ. These requests from counties for convicts must be presented to the Convict Labor Board, in writing, by the County Court of the county desiring the services of the convicts. The board will investigate the application and determine the number of men that it is practicable to let the county have, and having done so, shall give an order on the superintendent of the state penitentiary for the delivery of the number of men that is allotted, a record of the proceeding, together with the names of the men included in the requisition, being retained. The county procuring the labor shall bear all of the expenses from the time the men are taken from the penitentiary until they are discharged or are returned to that institution.

Stations in Three Sections.

If a sufficient number of convicts are available, the board is directed to establish three central stations for crushing rock for macadamized roads, one in Southern Oregon, one in the Willamette Valley and the third in Eastern Oregon. This crushing rock to be delivered to the various counties of the state on their application and, under the direction of an engineer appointed by the board, will be used in the construction of permanent macadamized public roads. If after the counties are supplied with convicts for road building and the three crushing stations are fully equipped with men, there shall be other unemployed convicts at the penitentiary, the bill provides that they shall be employed at road building under the direction of the board and wherever the board elects to employ them.

Powers of Convict Board.

The Board is given the exclusive control in employing the necessary help, such as guards, engineers, etc., and is authorized to fix their salaries and purchase all the necessary machinery and other equipment to carry out the provisions of the bill. The board is further authorized to take the exclusive possession and control of any public work in the state, modify, alter and change the course of the same and to condemn private property for its uses when necessary or convenient. To the Board is further delegated the right to prescribe rules and regulations for the treatment of convicts while they are employed under its direction. Convicts who are able to work and refuse to do so can be placed on a diet of bread and water. It is further directed that the board shall hold a meeting at least once each month. The appointment of a secretary is authorized of the Board and that officer shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Board, together with a list of the officers and employees, the salaries paid, machinery and equipment purchased, etc. These proceedings are to be considered a public record and will be open to the inspection of those desiring to review the work of the Board.

The Commission that drafted the bill consisted of W. K. Newell, of Washington County, president of the State Board of Horticulture and a member of the Good Roads Commission; Judge James H. Webster, of Multnomah County; C. H. Grant, of Portland, president of the State Federation of Labor; E. F. Cannon, secretary of the road committee of the Portland Auto Club; A. E. Cavender and R. A. Harris, of the Good Roads Commission.

JOINT INSTALLATION HELD

Summer Post and Women's Relief Corps Unite in Service.

Joint installation of the officers of Summer Post No. 12 and Summer Women's Relief Corps, No. 21, G. O. U. E., was held last night in the Oddfellows' hall on Grand avenue and East Oak streets. There was a large attendance of members, and many visiting comrades of other posts and corps were present. The retiring president, Mrs. Jennie C. Pritchard called the gathering to order, and Mrs. Ellen Packard, a National vice-president, then installed the following officers of the corps: President, Cassie Buchanan; senior vice, Kate Neale; junior vice, Alta Hohenshelt; treasurer, Cora McBride; secretary, Rose B. Jackson; chaplain, Anna Post; conductor, Lydia Wendlick; guard, Jacobina Gross. Reports showed nearly \$150 in the treasury. During the year the corps gave \$10 in relief work and turned over to the post \$25 for aid of comrades. There was ready gain in membership. Following the installation retiring President Mrs. Pritchard was presented by the Relief Corps with a beautiful silver platter engraved with her name and that of the relief corps.

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HIS ACTIVE LIFE IS ENDED

Johnston McGinness, Pioneer, Miner and Indian Fighter, Dead.

Johnston McGinness, pioneer, miner and an Indian fighter of the Pacific Coast when Portland was in its infancy, died Friday at his apartments in the building at 144 Grand avenue. He was born December 10, 1836, in Bart Township, Lancaster County, Pa. With his parents in 1843 he moved to Illinois, thence to Iowa and then on across the Missouri River. May 12, 1852, when a boy of 17 years of age, he caught the gold fever and crossed the plains to California where he mined in placer districts for two years. In 1854 Mr. McGinness joined a company of mountain rangers organized to fight Indians in Northern California and southern Oregon. The company spent nearly two years in the mountains, many times being surrounded by hostile Indians on all sides and expecting to escape with their lives.



Johnston McGinness, Pioneer Miner and Indian Fighter.

The company disbanded in 1858 and young McGinness returned to San Jose, Cal. From there he went to Utah, where he engaged in quartz mining for some time, when he went to Arizona, then back to Utah, following the life of miner and prospector. He was married in 1860 and his wife died in 1870. He began smelting ores in Utah, and afterwards returned to Iowa, the old home he left when a boy, where he married again.

Unable to resist the gold fever that became widely known as the "gold dry" washing machine. He again returned to Iowa, and came to Portland three months ago. His Western life covered nearly every state and territory west of the Missouri River, and was filled with stirring incidents. Mr. McGinness is survived by the following children: Mrs. Sadie E. Meacham, of East Portland; Mrs. Eliza Saltman, of Saultelle, Cal.; Mrs. Rose Keaster, of California; W. H. McGinness and James A. McGinness, of Council Bluffs, Ia. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Dunning's undertaking chapel, East Sixth and Alder streets.

Lecture at German Church.

Rev. John O'Neil will lecture at the First German Baptist Church, 367 Mill street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Free admittance. All welcome.

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A Booming Clearance Sale

Our Annual Clearing Out Sale has been a marvelous success from every point of view. We have offered grand values and the buying public have been quick to realize it. Some goods are marked down ONE HALF, others A THIRD, A FOURTH, A FIFTH and so on down the entire line. Don't ask us how we can do it, just come in and take 'em away on your own terms. We'll gladly credit you. It is enough to say here that circumstances force us into this sweeping undertaking—for we have great ideas—GREAT PLANS for the immediate FUTURE of this old Pioneer Store.

Mission Writing Table
This Writing Table is in the weathered oak finish in the old mission design. It has one long drawer and a paper rack in the back, well made and finished. Special price \$12.75

\$20.00 Cellarettes \$12.00
If the "man" hasn't one, he wants one, that's sure. They go with every well-appointed den. We have several styles that we are closing out now. The one shown in the picture is the ever popular weathered finish. Regular price is \$20. Special price \$12.00

\$30.00 Library Tables \$25.00
No. 226. Library Table, made of quarter-sawn golden oak or mahogany finish, highly polished. Corners and edge of top are nicely rounded by expert cabinet makers. Has heavy quarter band sawed legs with large feet and one drawer. Size of top, 42x18 inches. A high-grade table at a very low figure. Price.....\$25

Dressing Tables
These little Dressing Tables are made in golden oak, quarter-sawn and polished, and also in birdseye maple. They are almost indispensable in a lady's dressing room. Regular price \$15.00. Price only \$11.00

No. 138. This handsome mahogany Rocker looks like the above cut. It is thoroughly well made, easy rocker and sells regularly at \$7.00. Our sale price is only.....\$5.00

Dresser Bargain
No. 22. The striking feature about this superb Dresser is the French plate mirror. It also has 2x28 inch drawers that prove in every way satisfactory. This beautiful dresser is made of the finest selected birdseye maple. Dresser has three drawers, two having moulded fronts. Just like above picture. This beautiful dresser sells regularly at \$45. "Clearing Out" sale price is only.....\$36.00

\$25 Mission Morris Chair \$19
This is a very pleasing design in Morris chairs. Made of the best selected oak with weathered oak finish, cushions covered in best Chase leather imitation Spanish. Great comfort-getting for "the man" at our exceedingly low price. Regular price \$25. Special sale price only.....\$19.00

\$15 Mission Hall Clocks \$12
This Mission Hall Clock is in the weathered oak finish, has good movement and pretty toned going, striking the hour and half hour. Special price \$12.00

\$35 China Closet \$27
No. 236. A beautiful China Closet, in quarter-sawn golden oak, hand polished and perfectly finished in every detail. Just like cut. Three shelves, double thick bent glass ends; glass door with straight front, height 5 feet 8 inches, complete with a silver plate mirror. Price, \$1 down and \$1 a week.....\$27.00

\$35 Dressing Tables \$25
The beautiful design shown here we carry in golden oak, quarter-sawn and polished; also in birdseye maple of the finest selection. Regular price \$35. Special only.....\$25.00

\$75.00 Parlor Suit \$55.00
This is one of the many opportunities for dollar savings during this great Clearing Out Sale. No. 300 is a 3-piece suit, having handsome, well-built frames in genuine mahogany and upholstered in a high-grade emossed velour. Just like the picture. A very beautiful set at \$55.00

\$12 Mission Chairs \$9
No. 27. This handsome weathered oak Rocker, with genuine leather seat, usually sells for \$12. Our special price is \$9.00. A large number of other Mission Chairs to choose from—all reduced.

\$3.50 Pedestal \$1.90
These Pedestals are in quarter-sawn golden oak and mahogany finish. Regular price \$3.50. Special, all only \$1.90

Turkish Rockers
We have made sweeping cuts in prices among these high-grade pieces here in No. 587, which sells regularly for \$40, and there's \$50 value here in any man's money. But the order is "reduce prices," and we quote this blue roomer a special price for this great sale. Take it on easy payments at \$40.00

\$35.00 Mission Leather Couch \$26.00
This handsome Mission Couch has solid quarter-sawn oak frame, weathered oak finish, full set of hand-tied springs underneath the cushions, making it very soft and comfortable. Covering the best Chase leather imitation Spanish and is made to stand up. The pattern is of the very latest. We have sold these couches regularly for \$35. Clearing Out Sale price, with easy payments.....\$26.00

\$5.00 Stools \$3.50
These pretty little Indian stools are in birdseye maple and golden oak. They make very attractive window seats. Regular price is \$5. Gevurtz special \$3.50

Nubia Velvet Rugs \$1.10
You generally pay \$2.50 for these Oriental Rugs, size 27x34 inches. We have but a few dozen left, and shall close out the lot at only \$1.10

42-Piece Dinner Set \$3.50
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