

PAROLE LAW

New Law in Washington is Liberal One.

KEEPS FEW MEN IN PEN

Every Prisoner but Murderers Entitled to Freedom on Promise of Good Behavior—Interpretation by Governor Mead.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—Every prisoner in the penitentiary is entitled to a parole, unless he is a murderer, in effect the interpretation Governor Mead placed upon the indeterminate sentence law passed by the last Legislature.

The Governor has also decided to establish a rule that a parolee shall not be granted a commutation of sentence for a pardon until the prisoner has been paroled.

This announcement has just been made by the Governor in a letter to the state prison board.

The announcement comes rather as a surprise, as there has been a general understanding that the new law would be no unusual increase in the number of paroles granted under the new law.

To carry out this policy will possibly mean the early granting of scores of paroles in many cases where heretofore no such liberty was permitted to the convict.

For instance, the state law provides that a parolee who is granted a term not exceeding five years.

No minimum is named, so it may be but one day, according to the interpretation of the new law.

Those who have been convicted of treason or murder, those who have served previous prison sentences, and those who have broken parole, escaped or who have violated the prison or parole rules.

The Governor in his letter to the board expresses his position in this matter as follows:

"A careful reading of the law prompts me to believe that in its application to the parolee, the penitentiary who are eligible for a parole should be paroled before they are released from that institution.

In other words, the parole board presented to the Executive for pardon or commutation where the applicant is eligible for parole.

If the parole board will not require any convict to remain in the penitentiary the maximum term prescribed by law, unless he was convicted of treason or murder, or had served a former term in prison, or has been disobedient to the rules of the penitentiary.

In all other cases, I presume a fair application of the indeterminate sentence law, as it appears in section 6, would warrant the board in recommending to the Governor the final release of the parolee.

For some weeks past the farmers around Summit have been having sheep and young stock killed by the cougar, and every effort was made to kill the cougar without success.

Early this morning the men found the cougar caught with its hind foot in one trap and the front in another.

The cougar made desperate attempts to break loose, roaring and jumping with terrific force.

It took three well-directed bullets crashing through the head of the animal to lay it low.

ARTMAN TALKS TO QUAKERS

Indiana Lecturer is Received With Appreciation at Newberg.

NEWBERG, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—At the morning session of the Oregon yearly meeting of Friends Church the decision was reached that in the future the church will elect one-third of the board of trustees of Friends church and the college corporation two-thirds.

The afternoon session was given over to the discussion of temperance work, and Miss Artman, of Indiana, spoke for two hours to an audience of a thousand people.

Much enthusiasm prevailed during the delivery of his address, and at the close the audience arose and gave a tribute of appreciation to the speaker by the waving of handkerchiefs.

Hon. W. Lair Hill, of Seattle, who was at one time editor of The Oregonian, and who was in town on business, sat on the platform.

At the morning service tomorrow Rev. I. P. Wooten will speak at the Friends Church, Professor Thomas Newlin, of North Carolina, at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. E. Pemberton, of Scott's Mills, at the Baptist Church, and

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NAST PAIR FOR CARS

If Not, Then a Shortage, Says President Hill.

RELIANT TO LUMBERMEN

Northern Pacific Can't Afford to Haul Empties From the East.

Slump in Market When Cars Are in Ample Supply.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—President Louis W. Hill, who arrived here today, declared the lumbermen business coast must choose between a continuation of the car shortage that has crippled the lumber industry during the past year, and the advance of 10 cents per 100 pounds on lumber and shingle shipments that will be applied October 1.

President Hill said his road had sent 4000 empty cars to the coast last lumber products this summer, hauling the empties from the Dakotas and Montana. At the existing rates on lumber and shingle shipments the empty-car haulage could not continue.

"The westbound traffic," he said, "will not supply cars enough for the lumber business. The coast cannot empty cars at a loss, and if we must supply enough cars for the lumber traffic we must be paid for it. I understand the lumbermen propose to fight against the increase in rates before the Interstate Commerce Commission. I do not believe they can win. I think the millmen are shortsighted. If they get cars they must expect to pay for them. We must either advance the lumber rates or allow the coast to continue."

"As a matter of fact, if we supplied all the cars the lumbermen say they want, the market would be depressed by the heavy shipments. Right now, when we have plenty of cars out here, the lumber market has slumped and many mills are closed."

AUTOS COMMON IN HOQUIAM

Owners of Machines Already Demanding Better Roadways.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—Automobiles on Gray's Harbor are getting to be quite a fad, and the two cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam sport some of the finest "devil wagons" in this part of the state. There are now 25 machines on the harbor, 25 being in Aberdeen and 10 in Hoquiam, and the owners of these "bubbles" are making a plea for better roads. The roadway between Aberdeen and Montesano has at last been opened to traffic, but it is in bad shape in several places.

A 20-foot plank roadway connects Hoquiam with Aberdeen, which makes good riding on the road from Olympia to Montesano is in excellent condition, the run being made from the capital city to the county seat in three hours, and in some instances in much less time.

The new bridge across the Humptulps River, the connecting link between Hoquiam and the ocean beach, will be completed the last week in July, and autos can then make the trip from Seattle and Tacoma right through, although the roadway will not be well packed until September.

This is a movement on foot to organize an automobile club in these cities, and a subscription has been started to put certain parts of the roads in condition for good running.

MILLS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE

If Advance in Rates Is Enforced Business Will Be Paralyzed.

TACOMA, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—Local lumbermen uphold V. H. Beckman, secretary of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, in his statement that thousands of men will be thrown out of work and mills closed down by the enforcement of the increased rates on lumber to be proposed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"The increase in the rates on shipments of lumber east will mean an increase in the freight charges on lumber from 20 to 25 per cent, and from 15 cents to 22 cents on shingles. The increase will have a far-reaching effect. It will reduce the production of lumber, making unprofitable and give conditions that existed nine years ago. It will set the entire Western lumbering country back at least eight years."

"The lumbermen's bureau has made investigations of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Santa Fe and Canadian Pacific and have found that 10 per cent of the gross earnings are clear profit."

WOMAN GIVES BACK THE RING

Valuable Jewel Alleged to Have Been Stolen at Social Function.

ASTORIA, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—George Ross and his wife Pearl Ross were arrested by Officer Twombly last night on an information sworn to by William Vincent and charging them with the robbery of a valuable diamond ring, valued at \$20, from Mrs. Anna Vincent. In the justice court this afternoon, the charge against George Ross was dismissed and on motion by Deputy District Attorney McCre, Mrs. Ross was permitted to plead guilty to simple larceny. She was fined \$5. The ring was supposed to have been stolen about two weeks ago during a party at the Vincent home and was found last evening in the rooms occupied by the defendants. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ross are said to be well known in Portland.

HARRIMAN'S BOAT PERHAPS

Mysterious Craft Causes Much Comment at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—A mysterious craft is moored at the wharf of the C. S. Burrone Mill Company on the South Side. She contains a tent on a scow, and it was noticed for the first time yesterday morning by the habits of the waterfront. Much speculation as to the identity of the tent and its occupants has been indulged in by those who have wonderingly gazed on it from across the water. It is rumored that the tent will provide accommodations for a party of engineers in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway.

New Gray's Harbor Steamer.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—One of the steamers on the ways at the Lindstrom yard and intended for Seattle, B. O. San Francisco, has been secured by local and coast capitalists and will be called the Gray's Harbor. She will be launched August 10.

New Hotel for Hoquiam.

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OREGON REALTY COMPANY

Idaho, but elsewhere no marked thermal changes have occurred. The indications are for unsettled weather in this district today. It will be cooler Sunday except near the coast.

Portland and vicinity probably showers cooler. Southwesterly winds. Western Oregon—Showers, cooler except near coast. Southwesterly winds. Western Washington—Showers. Southwesterly winds. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Showers and thunderstorm danger.

MEETING NOTICES

OREGON COMMANDERY NO. 1, K. T. A.—Special convocation will be held this (Sunday) afternoon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of late Sir Knight George T. Myers at the Scottish Rite Cathedral at 2 o'clock. All members are commended to attend.

W. S. MACFARLANE, Recorder.

PORTLAND LODGE NO. 55, A. F. AND A. M.—Special communication this (Monday) afternoon at 1 o'clock, at Masonic Temple, to attend the funeral of our late brother, George T. Myers. This lodge will take charge of the services at the crematorium. Full attendance is desired. By order of W. M. I. W. PRATT, Secretary.

A. A. S. RITE—Members are requested to attend the funeral services of their late brother, George T. Myers, at the cathedral this afternoon at 2 o'clock. By order, Presiding Officer.

MEMBERS OF THE EXEMPT FRIERS' ASSOCIATION are requested to meet at Scottish Rite Cathedral at 2 P. M. today (Sunday) to attend the funeral services of our late brother, George T. Myers. R. M. DONOVAN, Secretary.

MINERVA LODGE NO. 19, I. O. O. F.—Members are requested to meet this (Sunday) afternoon at 7 P. M. at the hall for funeral of our late brother, C. A. Wachter. Services 1:30, at Crematorium. B. KLOTZ, Sec.

BORN.

WHITNEY—To the wife of Harry Whitney, an employee of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Factory, at Forest Grove, July 20, a girl weighing 8 1/2 pounds, the parents of which are Mrs. Fred Whitney and Mrs. L. Large because it is a daughter. Dr. C. L. Large attending.

STARBUCK—To the wife of W. R. Starbuck, 177 East Seventeenth street, a daughter, Harry, aged six months 4 days.

HOWLETT—At University Park, July 20, J. N. Howlett, aged 58 years.

FLAHERTY—In this city, July 20, Adeline M. Flaherty, 25 years 6 months and 12 days. Notice of funeral hereafter.