

GOVERNOR'S IDEA LACKING IN MERT

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Even Prison Authorities Becoming
Disgusted With Plan of Leniency
to Prisoners and Guard System
May Be Again Reinstated.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—One of the clearest proofs of the lack of lasting merit in Governor West's loudly proclaimed policy of leniency to state convicts is the fact that seven of 14 escaped prisoners have skipped since September 15. These convicts, with the situation, which is growing worse, rather than better, by placing the state's criminal class on their "honor," declare that the executive prison policy is easily exploded, even during its experimental stage, by a simple comparison of results between this year and last.

Although this policy has been flaunted by the executive offices from the first as one of the surest and at the same time the most humane modes of keeping criminals at the penitentiary until their time is served, or until they are relieved by the authorities and allowed to leave, it is evident that Governor West has overstepped the mark and that his own pet convicts, whom he has allowed fullest leeway, have turned upon him and by their own acts have disproved his theories.

Eleven Flee in 1910.
As a simple matter of arithmetic, in 1910 11 convicts escaped. In 1911, with three months to go on, the very three months when prisoners are expected to take chances at a "getaway," 12 convicts have escaped and two others have violated their parole; this in face of the fact that the administration has stated that only a few have gone and that but three are still at large. As a matter of fact there are six convicts still at large outside of those who are in jail or in other penitentiaries for other offenses. One of Governor West's "honor men" in whom implicit confidence was placed in the Walla Walla Penitentiary. No one knows where the other six are. Here is the record in black and white:

C. E. Burnham, honor man, doing five years for larceny from a dwelling, escaped May 25; recaptured.

Leon White, honor man, doing five years from Multnomah County for forgery. Escaped June 12. Now in the Walla Walla Penitentiary doing from one to 15 years for a similar crime. Escaped from the tubercular sanatorium.

Jesse Hall, honor man, doing 20 years from Multnomah County for assault and robbery. Escaped June 16. Recaptured.

George Griffith, honor man, doing one and one-half years from Marion County for larceny from a dwelling. Escaped July 11 from the asylum farm. Still at large.

Few Are Recaptured.
Hert Low, paroled man, doing four years for assault with a dangerous weapon. Paroled July 25. Violated his parole and recaptured in Tacoma.

George Thompson, paroled man, doing one year from Wasco County for obtaining money under false pretenses. Paroled August 5. In jail in Marion County pending trial for a forgery charge.

Robert Owens, honor man, serving indeterminate sentence from Union County for larceny of stock. Recaptured.

M. Hacker, trusty, serving eight years from Union County for burglary, escaped September 15. Still at large.

George Davis, trusty, doing five years from Benton County for larceny from a building. Escaped September 17. Still at large.

William Jones, trusty, doing one year from Douglas County for larceny. Escaped September 20. Still at large.

Fred Foley, honor man, doing one year from Crook County for aiding prisoners to escape. Escaped September 22. Still at large.

Frank Walton, honor man, doing three years from Morrow County for larceny. Escaped September 22. Recaptured.

Harry Beard, trusty, serving indeterminate sentence from Lane County for larceny by receiving. Escaped September 20. Still at large.

Walter Wyllan, trusty, serving two and one-half years from Baker County for larceny of horses. Escaped September 20. Still at large.

It will be noticed that of the 14 listed above, six of those who escaped are honor men.

Bid to Public Seen.
Governor West has instituted, in his own shrewd political way, a new regime at the prison along with his new policy, which is intended to blindfold the public at large to just what is going on at the prison. For instance he has instituted five different classes of prisoners. These are honor men, trusties, paroled trusties, conditional pardon men and paroled men. Heretofore in giving out news of escapes the executive offices have stated that "two escaped," "one escaped" or "any convenient number," meaning any one of the five classes, and so couching the language as to indicate that the number meant the entire number of escapes from the prison.

This is well illustrated in the announcement that only three of the escaped men are still at large, meaning of course only three of a certain class when the inference is drawn that only three have so far made good in escaping from the prison this year.

As a matter of fact more men have escaped during nine months in 1911 than escaped in 12 months in 1910. At the same time Governor West openly announces that the guard system is a failure and that his plan will keep more convicts at the prison. The figures seem to belie this statement and as a general rule figures are to be reckoned with oftentimes.

Convicts Pick Hops.
Governor West has failed to please a large number of people in another move he made when he sent 60 convicts into the Joe Baumgartner hopyard to pick hops this year. Arrangements were made to have the entire crop picked by convicts. When the usual pickers arrived for jobs the hops were not there and the pickers were politely informed that convicts would do the entire work.

As a result one widow, with four children, who has been accustomed to earn enough money with her family to send her children to school, was bereft of work at the yard. Other cases of a similar nature might be cited.

SCENE WHERE RAILROAD IS BEING COMPLETED, AND SNAPSHOT OF ITS BUILDER.



OREGON TRUNK CREEK
AND TRACK-LAYING
MACHINE AT WORK
NEAR BEND

CLARK FAIR NIGH

Event to Be Held at Vancouver
October 4, 5, 6 and 7.

EXHIBITS ARE ALREADY IN

\$5000 in Prizes Is Offered for Best
Displays—Six Bands to Supply
Music Daily—Biggest
Crowd Yet Expected.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Buildings for the second annual show of the Clark County Fair Association are all but completed for the event, which will be held here October 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Fair Association is putting up substantial buildings and improvements to cost more than \$6000 for the first year. The first harvest show was given in the city last year, and the attendance was above 20,000. The County Commissioners have appropriated \$2000 for premiums, in addition to what has been given by the business men and individuals—\$5000 in all.

It is expected that not less than 50,000 people from Clark County, Cowitz, Skamania, Southwestern Washington, Portland and Oregon will visit the harvest show here this year.

Wednesday, the opening day, the fair will be visited by the Admen's Club, of Portland, who will take lunch on the grounds.

News Writers Have Day.
Thursday, the second day, is reserved as Newspapermen's day for newspapermen from Southwestern Washington and Oregon.

Friday will be the Rotary Club's day, of Portland, and also for the Sunday School convention of Clark County. All members of the public and Sunday School children of the county will be admitted free of charge Friday, when there will be children's games, pony races, merry-go-round and many other amusements.

The Iowa Club, composed of persons who have come from Iowa, will be organized in the pavilion Friday afternoon.

Saturday, Portland day and Portland Automobile Club day, will bring the largest attendance, no doubt.

The northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroads have given reduced fares on the main lines from Chehalis and Centralia on the north, and Clatsop, Lyle and Goldendale on the south, and all intermediate points. The fare will be one and one-third for the round trip.

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realization that the railroads had arrived came also the awakening that the country faced new problems and new responsibilities. Population must be brought in to settle the farms.

Livestock and farm products raised to bring wealth into the country; capital induced to develop water power, good roads built to bring products to the railroads, sawmills built to cut the timber, towns built, improved, and beautified. The song used to be "work, or the railroad is coming," and today the cry is "work, for the railroad has come."

Auto Parade Is Spectacle.
Visitors came pouring into Redmond in automobiles and vehicles early. The principal event of the morning was a decorated automobile and carriage parade, in which the Hill and Harriman officials rode and the Redmond band, boy scouts and boy riders and school children participated.

Prineville, Laidlaw, Bend, Hillman, Powell, Butte and the neighboring towns sent delegations to greet the railroad officials and join in the demonstration. The principal streets presented a gala appearance, an exhibit of grain, straws, and fruits raised on irrigated and dry-farming lands flanked both sides of Sixth street, over which an arch of welcome had been built and under which the parade passed.

After the parade, a programme of speeches followed, at which J. W. Brewer, of the Redmond Commercial Club, presided. After a selection by the band and invocation by G. A. M. Lilly, Mayor H. F. Jones delivered the address of welcome, calling attention to the growth of Redmond from a town of 175 a year ago to an incorporated city of 800 today, and also to the vast latent wealth of the surrounding country.

Gray Advises "Hard Work."
Carl B. Gray, president of the Oregon Trunk Railway, dwelt upon the hardships displayed by the pioneer settlers of the future, upon the great investment made by the two railroad systems to reach the interior country and upon the problems accompanying the advent of the railroads, the necessity of the interior communities to work hand in hand with the railroads in populating the country and providing the railroads with accurate information as to farming methods by means of experimental farms.

R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the O. W. R. & N., told of the latent resources of the inland Empire, dwelt



J. J. HILL

upon the wealth to be created from a proper development of the agricultural and livestock industries, and he urged a spirit of friendly co-operation between the people and the railroads in working out the problems of the future.

Lively Talks of Livestock.
D. O. Lively spoke upon the prosperity that would follow the raising of clover and alfalfa and the feeding of grain products to livestock.

Professor F. L. Kent spoke of the ideal conditions which exist in Central Oregon for success in dairying, and Marshall N. Dana, of the economy to the farmers of building good roads.

A quartet sang an original song, "Central Oregon Empire Greeting"; Miss Myrtle Butler gave a reading; Mrs. Bernice Halley-Forrest sang a solo, and the programme ended with the singing of "America" by the audience.

The afternoon was given up to a baseball game and broncho-busting.

Portland Party Reaches Redmond.
The second delegation of the Portland Commercial Club and railroad officials enroute to Burns to attend the Central Oregon Development League meeting arrived here tonight on a special at 9 o'clock. The party remained about an hour looking at the exhibit of agricultural products displayed here at the railroad day celebration, and then left by automobile for Prineville, where they will remain tonight.

The members of the party were: A. C. Callan, manager Pacific Hardware & Steel Company, chairman of the excursion; G. F. Johnson, Northwest manager of the Clay Company, chairman of the executive committee, Portland Commercial Club; C. C. Chapman, secretary Oregon Development League; H. W. Mitchell, of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company; L. Allen Lewis, Allen & Lewis; J. P. Rasmussen, Rasmussen & Company; F. H. Ransom, treasurer and manager Eastern & Western Lumber Company; C. J. McPherson, secretary and manager McPherson Company; F. A. Freeman, cashier Lumbermens National Bank; Wilford P. Jones, vice-president Merchants National Bank; S. C. Pier, sales manager Marshall, Wells Hardware Company; W. K. Newell, president Oregon State Horticultural Society; D. W. Ward, contractor; A. W. Graham, Western industrial agent Great Northern Railroad; J. B. Winstanley, F. T. Crowe & Company; L. F. Knowlton, T. A. Canadian Pacific; William Murray, G. P. A. O. W. R. & N.; Colonel A. H. Morse, T. F. A. O. W. R. & N.

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BEND, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Bend is making elaborate plans to welcome James J. Hill and the party of prominent Hill and Harriman railroad officials and Portland visitors who are coming here to celebrate Railroad days, October 5 and 6. The venerable "Empire Builder" will be the central figure of the celebration and Thursday he will drive the golden spike which marks the completion of the railroad to Bend, the terminus for the present of the Hill and Harriman systems in Central Oregon.

Bend people are expecting that many Portland citizens will come on the excursions that will be run from Portland direct to Bend, leaving Portland on the morning of Wednesday, October 4, so as to arrive in Bend the same night and be in time for the ceremonies and festivities on Thursday and Friday. Preparations are being made to accommodate a crowd of 5000 visitors, and every possible arrangement is being made for their comfort and entertainment.

The Portland business men's excursion will arrive in Bend Wednesday night from Burns, where they will attend the Central Oregon Development Convention. That evening a good roads meeting will be held at which Phil S. Bates, and others interested in good roads, will be the speakers.

Rival Railmen Join.
Thursday morning James J. Hill, Louis W. Hill and party, J. P. O'Brien, R. B. Miller and a party of Harriman officials will arrive in Bend and the celebration in Central Oregon and the opening of a vast empire will begin.

The morning will be devoted to a school children's drill and an agricultural and industrial parade, which will display in a striking way the many and varied resources of Central Oregon.

One section of the parade will be composed of agricultural products and it is estimated that there will be several hundred cars in line.

A symposium for the benefit of visiting farmers will also be held. D. O. Lively, of Portland, Professor F. L. Kent, of Oregon Agricultural College; C. C. Colt, of the Union Meat Company; William D. Daugherty, of the Union Stockyards, and President Dickey, of the Portland Cattle Loan Company, will be the speakers. A movement to encourage the farmers of Central Oregon to raise livestock will be initiated.

After luncheon James J. Hill will drive the golden spike and deliver an address which is expected to be memorable in dealing with the future railroad development of Oregon. J. P. O'Brien, vice-president, and J. B. Miller, traffic manager, of the O. W. R. & N., and Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, will give addresses, and Carl Gray, president of Bend's new stone depot. It is expected that there will be present at the ceremonies one of the most picturesque gatherings ever assembled in the West, many settlers driving hundreds of miles to be present.

Many Contests Arranged.
With the serious part of the ceremony over, the rest of the programme will be devoted to amusements and athletic sports. On Thursday night a boxing exhibition will be held in which Danny O'Brien and "Fighting" Bobby Evans, two expert lightweights, will be the principals.

Friday also will be a holiday and be given up to athletic sports, horse racing, log rolling contests, canoe races, baby show, foot races, dancing, band concerts, broncho busting and football, and the visitors will be given a chance to see genuine Wild West riding by cowboys of the interior country. For the benefit of prospective settlers an exhibit of products of Central Oregon will be on display on a principal street. All the towns of the interior are taking great interest in Bend's celebration and will send delegations to show their good will.

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