

# 1219 CONVICTS GO FREE IN FIVE YEARS

## State Penitentiary and County Prison Gates Open 1165 Times During West Rule.

### THEFT COMMONEST CRIME

During 1915 Governor Withycombe extended clemency to 174 and restored citizenship to 25 in proof of good conduct.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—The State of Oregon during the five years ending with 1915 has sent 1219 men to the penitentiary to pay the penalty for crimes ranging from murder in the first degree to simple larceny, and in the same period 1165 pardons, conditional pardons and paroles have been issued to these men. In addition to the long list of prisoners freed from Oregon's state prisons, in the last five years 129 paroles granted in the county jails have been conditionally pardoned.

The four years prior to 1915, when Governor West wielded the pen of executive clemency with liberal hand, the records show that 1165 pardons, conditional pardons and paroles were granted to inmates of the penitentiary and county jails. Last year Governor Withycombe exercised clemency to 174 men, and 25 of the 129 paroles conditionally pardoned from the county jails in the last five years, Mr. West was responsible for 11 and Governor Withycombe for 163. Mr. West issued two full pardons to men confined in county jails during his administration.

**Theft Commonest Offense.**  
To the student of criminology the greater of the Oregon penitentiary discharges the conviction of persons accused to the temptation to steal than to any other kind of crime as evidenced by the records. Of 1219 men that 1298 paroles and paroles from the penitentiary during the last five years, about 12 per cent of the convicts were imprisoned for obtaining money by false pretenses; 19 per cent for burglary, while those sent up for burglary and robbery numbered approximately 15 per cent.

During the year there were 156 pardons and paroles granted, of which Governor Withycombe allowed 35 last year. Three of the 35 granted by the present executive were paroles from the penitentiary direct, while the remainder were restorations of citizenship to convicts who had been previously released and worked further clemency by their good conduct. In a majority of instances, pardons and restorations to citizenship were granted to men after they had been paroled from the penitentiary and given evidence of their intention to conform to the laws of society.

**567 Paroled in Five Years.**  
Conditional pardons from the penitentiary in five years numbered 302. Governor Withycombe granted 53 of this number last year.

The records show that 347 men were paroled from the penitentiary in the last five years, the present executive having paroled 191. Besides the regular paroles which ex-Governor West allowed, that official granted what are called "gruity" paroles, to the number of 194. These men were released under the so-called honor system.

Approximately 55, or slightly more than one-third of the convicts released from the penitentiary in the last five years were committed there originally from Multnomah County, while other counties of the state seem to have contributed evenly in ratio to their population.

**EVIDENCE NOT SUFFICIENT**  
Two Arrested With Demijohn Say It Is Bottle of Wet Whisky.

When Walter F. Geron, special agent of the District Attorney's office, and Police Lieutenant Harms, who were on the trail of a suspected bootlegger, saw Juan Intesta proceeding thitherly down a hallway, carrying a five-gallon demijohn, which was emitting a strong whisky odor, they asked for no more evidence, but grabbed him.

There was but a trace of whisky in the bottom of the jug, and, in fact, in which there was also but a trace, was found in a room occupied by a dozen Mexicans, and Intesta and Diego Barera, proprietors of the rooming-house, were taken to the headquarters of the District Attorney for investigation.

Both maintained the demijohn had been left from wet times and was being carried across the hall to be filled with water. Both were released.

**SMELTER TO BE ENLARGED**  
Another Addition to Tacoma Plant Will Cost \$250,000.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—Bringing the total of additions to the last few months to the plant of the Tacoma Smelting Company, a Guggenheim concern, to a cost of about \$2,250,000, an announcement was made tonight by E. F. Bickelmeier, superintendent, in announcing Eastern advice that a new rooming to cost \$250,000 had been authorized, with a capacity of 2000 tons monthly.

An additional refinery costing about \$200,000, with a capacity of about 3000 tons monthly, is now nearing completion, and this one, with the new rooming authorized and one of 2500 tons capacity in operation for some years, will give the plant the largest refining capacity in the West.

**"KILLER" WOULD BE "COP"**  
Portland Slayer of Six Apples for Job on Penitention Force.

PRINCETON, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—Between 30 and 40 applications have been received by Mayor Best and Police Chief Gardner for a position as city policeman. Some of the offers come from Portland and Spokane.

One of the applicants from Portland, who says he is an ex-penitentiary guard, evidently believes Penitention to be a lawless town for he asserts he has shot down six men and is a fearless man such as he understands is wanted in Penitention.

**COMPENSATION FUND GAINS**  
More Than \$900,000 Paid by State Workmen and Employers.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special).—Since November 8, 1914, when the workmen's compensation law became

operative, employers, workmen and the State of Oregon have contributed \$911,877.69 for the work of the Industrial Accident Compensation Commission, according to information contained in the Commission's financial statement for the period ending December 31, 1915. Of the total amount contributed, workmen gave \$473,938.77; workmen gave \$112,996.22, and the state \$324,942.70.

In the slightly more than two years' time disbursements of the Commission have amounted to \$719,951.18, leaving a balance of \$190,926.51. The disbursements are segregated as follows: Balance in reserve to guarantee pension, \$272,937.49; time-loss payments, \$312,111.78; first aid, \$112,989.19; pensions paid, \$17,742.51; administrative expenses, \$55,241.23.

During the operation of the law 719 accidents have been reported to the Commission, of which 521 were fatal. The Commission has effected final settlements in 4487 cases; 332 cases were suspended because no claim for compensation was filed.

**ATLANTA IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF O.-W. R. A. N. EMPLOYERS' CLUB.**  
At the recent election of officers for the ensuing year, Charles E. Cochran became president of the O.-W. R. A. N. Employers' Club, succeeding H. M. Watkins, whose term of office has expired.

Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, George F. Koch, E. E. Westover, C. W. Miller and W. M. Albert; secretary, S. H. Rich; treasurer, F. T. Gregory. Mr. Cochran is one of the attorneys for the company. He took office immediately following his election. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Watkins for his successful conduct of the club's affairs during the year just closed.

Remission was made: 1543 cases received first aid payments; 278 cases are in process of adjustment; 214 cases were referred for cases; 144 are now receiving monthly payments on account of disabilities; 43 fatal cases received pension awards; 17 fatal cases are now in process of readjustment; 23 fatal cases were suspended, and 11 fatal cases referred.

**TEACHERS' LAW CITED**  
SPECIFIED EDUCATIONAL COURSE TO BE REQUIRED HEREAFTER.

State Superintendent Notifies Districts to Demand Fulfillment and Avoid Complications.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—After June, 1915, no certificate to teach in the high schools of Oregon will be granted to graduates of standard colleges or universities unless the applicants have completed 15 semester hours in education, J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced today.

The new ruling regarding qualifications of high school teachers will be sent out to all school officials of the state at once by Superintendent Churchill, in order that school boards employing instructors from other states may first make sure that the applicants are graduates of standard colleges or universities and have completed the required 15 semester hours.

The action of the department of education was taken upon the request of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, Reed College, Albany College, McMinnville College, Willamette University and Pacific University.

The standard university or college and have completed 15 semester hours in education. When this law became effective in June, 1915, but few universities or colleges were prepared to give the required work, and applicants were permitted by the state department of education to take the work by private study and correspondence courses and to take an examination in the proper subjects.

**WOMAN IS CITY ATTORNEY**  
Prineville Passes Ordinance Prohibiting Sale of Near-Beer.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—The new municipal administration went into office Tuesday night. D. F. Stewart was chosen Mayor by a unanimous vote, and the following were chosen Councilmen: John H. Shipley, Carey W. Foster and N. G. Wallace. At the first meeting of the Council a conference was held over the selection of a City Marshal and City Attorney. Statira Biggs was re-elected City Attorney over Lake M. Betchel, and J. H. Gray was elected City Marshal over the old Marshal, William Peltard.

Prineville has the distinction of having the only woman City Attorney in the State of Oregon.

The Council took a determined stand for economy and for a strict enforcement of the prohibition law, and an ordinance was passed prohibiting the sale of near-beer.

**Lewis Workers Are Active.**  
ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special).—A small delegation from the Aberdeen Young Men's Republican Club will spend January 13 in Raymond and South Bend working for the candidacy of John G. Lewis for the Republican nomination for Governor.

This is the first move in a plan to perfect a Lewis organization throughout the Southwest.

**Gresham Club to Meet.**  
GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—At the opening of their meeting on Tuesday evening, January 11, the Tuesday Study Club will be led in a short parliamentary drill by Mrs. J. N. Chanahan. The following papers will be read: "Public Institutions of Oregon," Mrs. Pearl Dore; "How Do the Laws of Our State Protect the Women?" Mrs. Elmer F. Goodwin; "How Are Our Taxes Collected and Paid Out?" Mrs. Ray Kern; "The Oregon System," Mrs. E. M. McCowan.

# GRANGE AND UNION FORM FEDERATION

## Plans Outlined so Organizations Will Not Conflict With Each Other.

### MARKETING SCHEME DUE

General Machinery for Governing Farmers' League Involves Holding of Annual Congress—Oregon Buttermakers Convene.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 8.—(Special).—As a result of daily conferences participated in by committees of the Grange and Farmers' Union, in attendance at the Farmers' week exercises at the O. A. C., and an all-day conference on Friday of the officers, the executive committee and members of the two great farmers' organizations of the state, a federated body to be known as the Oregon Farmers' League has been organized.

The Grange and the union agree to federate on the following definite points: To establish a scientific system of marketing; to support and work for a system of rural credits; to seek the amendment of land registration act so as to make it effective, and to adopt and put into effect any programs which offers to be for the general agricultural welfare of Oregon.

Neither of the federating organizations is to be interfered with in its particular field.

**Marketing Programme Fixed.**  
In carrying out the first object of the Farmers' League a marketing programme will be attempted through a system of rural credits, exchanges. The plan involves the purchase or construction of farmers' elevators where the business is such as to justify the outlay. Local farmers' unions or granges must unite to support the local exchange in order to secure its establishment.

**Cheesemakers in Session.**  
The Oregon Butter and Cheesemakers' Association held their last session, C. W. Sly, of Albany, was elected president; L. S. Lench, of Junction City, was elected vice-president, and Professor O. G. Simpson, of the Oregon Agricultural College, secretary.

Committees were appointed to urge legislative action toward the passage of a uniform package law to effect dairy products.

**PILGRIMS IN HOLLAND**  
FORD PEACE DELEGATES CROSS GERMANY AFTER DARK.

THE HAGUE, via London, Jan. 8.—Five weeks after its departure from New York, the Ford peace expedition reached The Hague today. The entire trip across the German territory was made after dark.

**WARM WINDS KILL SNOW**  
Weather Prediction for Portland Today Is Rain.

A rising thermometer and south winds that carried a suspicious amount of warmth melted the snow on Portland streets yesterday, and in the downtown section of the city pedestrian travel was impeded at almost every corner by the accumulation of slush.

**12 SOCIALISTS REGISTERED**  
Republicans Now Number 1451 and Democrats 308.

Of the 1533 registrations in Multnomah County since the opening of the books last Monday, 1451 are Republicans and 308 Democrats. The smallest registration is Socialist, which numbers 12, and a close second for cellular honors are the Progressives, which number 11. The next smallest are the Independents and the Democrats, 10 each. The Progressives, 8; Socialists, 4.

**2 MEN HOLD UP DRUG STORE**  
Robber With Pistol So Nervous Victim Fears for His Life.

Two masked and armed, but decidedly nervous young highwaymen held up Nord R. Munger's drug store, at 332 North Seventeenth street, and robbed him of \$4.11 at 9:40 o'clock last night.

**WOMAN IS GRANGE MASTER**  
Rockwood Organization Is Planning Leap-Year Ball.

**JEWISH LODGES INSTALL**  
Musical Programme Will Feature B'nai B'rith Affairs.

A musical programme of more than ordinary excellence will be given Tuesday night in connection with the installation of the newly elected officers of the local B'nai B'rith lodges at the B'nai B'rith building.

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## Combining State Boards to Reduce Expenses Revived as Election Approaches.

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The bills were hatched out in the Senate and brought over to the House in the closing hours of the session. House members under the plea that they did not have time to consider them, refused to pass any with the exception of this one measure.

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