

SEVERALS CONDITIONS FACED AT PRISON

Convicts Ask for "Humane" Superintendent, Not Ex-Sheriff or Policeman.

POISON PLOT IS FOUND

Factions Exist Among Inmates, Armed Guards Doubled—Governor Says Visits Are Dangerous and Men on Verge of Riot.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Convicts at Oregon penitentiary in a formal petition to the State Board of Control tonight, pleaded for the appointment of a prison superintendent and one who would not be a Sheriff or police officer.

Among the names now being considered for the place are Charles Burns, ex-Chief of Police of Oregon City; Samuel Frasier, of Portland, formerly Assistant Superintendent of the House of Correction at Peoria, Ill.; C. T. Webb, Chief Parole Officer for the Washington State Reformatory at Monroe, Wash.; E. W. Reynolds, ex-Secretary to the Warden at the California State Prison at San Quentin; George H. Huriburt, Deputy Sheriff of Multnomah County; Nathan Bird, of Portland; J. J. McCormick, of Eugene; Thomas Word, ex-Sheriff of Multnomah County, and William Each, Sheriff of Marion County.

That whoever is appointed superintendent of the penitentiary will face a difficult task in governing the convicts was the president of the House of Correction today. The prisoners are divided into two factions, the smaller number asserting that conditions are fair, and the majority complaining bitterly of their treatment at the hands of Mr. Minto and Warden Sherwood.

A committee of the prisoners which accompanied their petition to the Board alleged that the former superintendent was a tyrant, and the majority complaining bitterly of their treatment at the hands of Mr. Minto and Warden Sherwood.

The men who signed the petition disclaim any intention of causing trouble to the prison management, placing the blame upon a few unruly prisoners. The prison monthly magazine, "Lead a Hand," it is declared, failed to represent the attitude of the men toward the government of the prison, and the editor, Harry Lovell, is accused of "playing to the front gate." His removal is demanded.

Armed Guards Doubled. The spirit of insubordination to prison authority is said to have increased since the resignation of Mr. Minto, and today the armed guards in the great steel building at the prison were doubled to prevent any break which might be attempted. For the last few nights the prisoners have an uproar for hours at a time, because of the vocal demonstrations of the convicts.

That Acting Superintendent Sherwood will not be retained by the new superintendent seems apparent, in view of the intense feeling toward him by the prisoners. The Board said that he be dismissed. So great is the hatred of the men against the present prison management that members of the Board said the officers did not dare to mingle with the men for fear of being attacked.

"Every time I enter the prison to talk with the convicts," said Governor Withcombe, "I know it is dangerous. The men are in such a temper that it would require but little to precipitate a riot."

Grievances Are Heard. Secretary of State Olcott and Treasurer Kay yesterday interviewed 500 of the prisoners in the prison auditorium. At this meeting the men presented their grievances, demanding Mr. Sherwood's removal.

They were assured that this would be left to the discretion of the new superintendent when he had been named. A committee composed of Editor Lovell, of "Lead a Hand," and two other prisoners, was reconstituted by the majority of convicts, who declared they were not chosen by them. Officials of the prison were forced to keep the two factions apart today to prevent a general clash.

It developed today that an elaborate plot to poison all the guards on the night shift so that a wholesale break might be made was frustrated a few days ago only through the confession of a prisoner. In some manner a quantity of "rough on rats" was smuggled into the prison, and one of the cooks is said to have placed the poison in the lunches prepared for the guards on the night shift. When the plan had been told the food was examined and found to be poisoned. The responsibility was not fixed.

Whitman Co-Eds Pick Societies. WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla.

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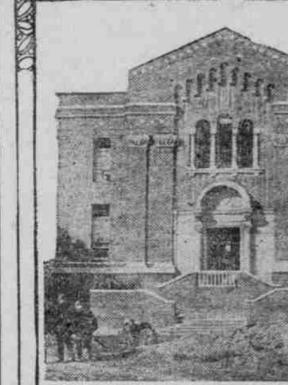
Wash., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The new girls at Whitman this week expressed their preference among the literary societies by handing in their applications to the dean of women. The Libethreans led with 20 applications. At Whitman's women's societies, they got new members each year by holding an open meeting in each society, after which the prospective members are allowed to choose the one preferred. More than half of the new women expressed no preference.

Man, Democrat 100 Years, Changes Politics.

Nathaniel Burson, Residing Near Brownsville, More Active Than His 80-Year-Old Son.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—"I've been a Democrat 100 years, but I think I'll change my politics." This remark was made half in jest but not on the spot question. For the speaker actually has lived 100 years. He was Nathaniel Burson, who resides 3 1/2 miles north of Brownsville. He was 100 years old June 15 last. Mr. Burson addressed this remark to D. F. Newland, his neighbor who volunteered to take the centennial to the polls in his buggy election day.

NEW BUILDING AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON IS OCCUPIED.



EDUCATIONAL BUILDING RECENTLY COMPLETED.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The University now has one more building in service on the campus. The school of education has its classrooms in the new building, along with offices for the professors.

Some interesting work is being planned for students in this work, especially that which is connected with the physical training of the students. Each student will undergo a thorough examination by the university physical trainers and special work will be prescribed according to the defects of the child.

The law school will occupy a portion of the second and third floors, as well as the entire first floor. As soon as possible a moot court will be organized and all the other necessary equipment will be put in place.

merely lived on the Mexican border, and it was the Mexican policy of the Administration which had caused his decision. "I'll bet you a cigar on the election," the aged man said to Mr. Burson. Mr. Burson is in fair health. He walks about a good deal. With a reading and news magazine, and a current topics. He can discuss affairs as readily and intelligently as a middle-aged man. He has collected recently the news about the "Deutschland," the German merchant submarine.

He is just twice as old as the son with whom he now lives. He was married young and has one son, residing in Arkansas, who is 80 years of age. Three years ago he made a trip to visit relatives in the East and Middle West and called on this son. They started to take a ride together and the older man had to help his son in the buggy, the "boy" being more feeble than his father.

Two years ago Mr. Burson was attacked with pneumonia. He was so ill that he feared that he would not live to reach the century mark. Two physicians of Brownsville attended him and administered medicine. They left orders with some neighbors who sat up with him to take good care of him and advise him not to let him take any more liquor since he was over 70.

Mr. Burson chews tobacco. He formerly used tobacco a great deal, but quit using it for a while when he was 55. He began again, however, though in a moderate way. He has a pipe and liquor some also up until he was about 45 years of age, but has not used it at all for many years. He has a hearty opposition to the use of liquor in any form.

In his later years Mr. Burson has been a member of the American Legion, one little poem just before he reached the age of 100. It was entitled "The Man From Norway" and was a tribute to a neighbor.

INDIES SALE OPPOSED

EX-GOVERNOR IS HEARD BY DANISH COMMITTEE.

Present Bad Conditions Declared Due Mainly to Labor Question and Policy Toward Negroes.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The former Governor-General of the Danish West Indies, Helweg Larsen, was examined today by a Parliamentary committee and opposed the sale of the islands. The present bad conditions, according to the retiring Governor, are mainly due to the labor question, and the policy of the Danes in treating the negroes in the same way as white people.

If the islands are sold to the United States, they would have the American tariff, according to the ex-Governor, and that would virtually kill the trade of the free port of St. Thomas. He divided the retention of Danish sovereignty on the ground that the islands are very important for Danish commerce and shipping.

Chaplain Einar Olsen, of St. Croix, speaking before the committee, maintained that the negroes would be much happier under American rule. He described the intellectual advance of the American negroes as important and thought those of the Danish West Indies would share the same conditions under American administration.

William Hoylands, of North Versailles, Pa., aged 106, is an expert rifle shot.

MURDER STORY TOLD

Mrs. John Allen Says Husband Shot in Self-Defense.

VICTIM ARMED, SHE AVERS

Woman Admits Leaving Spouse for Lewis Butts—Reconciliation Effected—Intruder Menaces Couple With Gun.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Lewis Butts was killed by her husband in self-defense was the testimony given today by Mrs. John Allen in defense of her husband who is on trial charged with murder of Butts. She told how Butts temporarily alienated her affections from her husband and this led to the shooting August 18. She said that her husband secured work in Malheur County early this year and she was forced to stay with her little daughter on the homestead near Hereford. Mrs. Allen told of

assembled at Castle Rock last night to the number of 300 to help the Castle Rock Democrats celebrate the election of Wilson and La Follette. A large number of Kelso Democrats attended. Following a big banquet in Brewer's building short addresses were made by prominent citizens of the county. Governor Lister had planned to attend, but was detained at Centralia by the Good Roads Association convention.

JACKSON LEVY IS 16 MILLS

County Budget Calls for Raising of \$424,000.

ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The Jackson County budget for 1917 contemplates raising \$424,000 for general purposes.

The levy has been fixed at 16 mills, apportioned as follows: General road fund, 2 1/2 mills; high school and library, 2 1/2 mills; Pacific Highway interest, 1 1/2 mills; county school, 2 1/2 mills; state tax, 100,000; redemption of outstanding warrants against general county fund \$46,638.

Balances in the various funds amount to \$13,300. The county levies in 165 districts of the county vary from five-tenths of a mill to 10 mills, that of the Ashland district being nine mills. The County Court will meet November 7, affording an opportunity for discussion of the estimates.

O. A. C. IN APPLE SHOW

Two Exhibits Will Be Entered at Spokane Affair.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The department of horticulture of the Oregon Agricultural College will make two exhibits at the ninth annual Apple Show to be held in Spokane, Wash., from November 20 to 25. One will be a large floor map showing the character and amount of the production of the United States and the other will be a display of varieties of apples raised for the different seasons of the year.

Professor C. I. Lewis, head of the department, will be one of the judges at the show and J. R. Masters, an assistant, will also represent the college.

Professor Lewis, Mr. Magnus and Mr. Firestone left for Spokane tonight.

JUDGE KING AT HERMISTON

Reclamation Service Counsel Delivers Address on District Plan.

HERMISTON, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.) Judge Will R. King, chief counsel of the United States Reclamation Service, passed Thursday in Hermiston on official business, and while here delivered an address on the irrigation district plan and its advantages to the settlers in relation to the rural credit law.

Judge King also described how the reclamation projects in the West were now succeeding and claimed that Oregon could secure greater benefits from the reclamation fund if greater activities were shown. Judge King was accompanied by Edward S. Taylor, of Portland, district counsel for Oregon, and A. S. Pollock, of New Mexico, counsel for that state.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE WON

Pastors Win Handball Games and Losers Must Hear Sermons.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Two Aberdeen young men are going to church tomorrow to pay off bets. One made a wager with Rev. T. H. Simpson, Presbyterian pastor, and the other with Rev. M. E. Hill, Methodist pastor, with the same result, and both losers must attend church tomorrow morning.

The bets were made on the outcome of handball games. S. Jacobson, shoe merchant, and A. Euse, a carpenter, were the winners. John Dyer, a teacher, who, by the way, are said to be sharks on the handball court, think they have hit upon a new method of working up a church attendance.

GAS LAMP THREATENS LIFE

Galena Man Set on Fire by Explosion and Town Endangered.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—James Benson, of Galena, was set on fire by fire starting with the explosion of a gasoline lamp. Mr. Benson was sitting near the lamp when the lamp exploded and the gasoline so scoured his hair and clothing that it caught fire. Running to the hydrant, he extinguished the flames before he was dangerously burned. The room was filled with flames almost at once so that it was impossible to extinguish the fire. Everything in the house was destroyed.

The town was menaced with destruction, but citizens fought down the blaze.

WILSON CANNOT VISIT NOW

President Says He Hopes Some Time to See Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—President Wilson telegraphed to Crothers, editor and publisher of the Francisco Bulletin, today that pressure of public duties would not permit a visit to the Pacific Coast at this time, although he "hoped for such a release as will enable me to give myself the pleasure of a visit to the coast."

Mr. Crothers had invited the President on the face of California's Wilson vote.

Whitman Debaters Chosen.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The tryouts for the members of the Whitman College team to debate the University of Washington at the University of Washington, today that pressure of public duties would not permit a visit to the Pacific Coast at this time, although he "hoped for such a release as will enable me to give myself the pleasure of a visit to the coast."

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WAR ROMANCE OUT

Nurse Joins Mate at Medford After Wedding in England.

LOVE FOUND IN HOSPITAL

John Dyer, of Canadian Cavalry, Recovering From Wounds Sustained in Europe and Which Led to Winning of Bride.

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The European war was brought close to home here when, after a 7000-mile trip from the war hospital at Southampton, England, Mrs. John Dyer arrived to join her husband, who for three weeks has been recuperating from the effects of wounds received in the trenches in Flanders, at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. O. Osborne.

The happy reunion was the first public announcement that a veteran of the Flanders campaign was living in Medford, and involved in that reunion is an interesting romance of the conflict which is shattering the soul of Europe.

Man Made Prisoner. Mr. Dyer enlisted in the Fifth West-ern Canadian Cavalry in August, 1915, and, after training in England, was sent to the front-line trenches the following February. For more than a year he was in active service, and at the five days' battle before Ypres in April, 1915, was severely wounded just as he was about to leave the trench in a counter attack. An arm and leg shattered, he was helpless in the trench for nine hours, during which time the Germans captured the trench and took him prisoner. The British guns, however, soon drove the Germans out in such a hurry that no prisoners could be taken, and Dyer was soon transported to a field hospital, where his wounds were dressed.

He was sent back to London, but on the way was overcome and so was sent to the emergency hospital at Southampton. Here he was attended by a Red Cross nurse, Miss Edith Skinner, with whom a close friendship sprang up which deepened into love, and the two were married at the hospital as soon as the patient was on the road to recovery.

Discharge Is Obtained. After examination Mr. Dyer received honorable discharge and left at once for Medford.

The reunion was a happy one, Mrs. Dyer being overjoyed at the rapid recovery of her husband, who now appears to be in the best of health, although his wounded leg still gives some annoyance.

According to Mr. Dyer there will be no dead-end in the present war, but England will fight on until decisive victory is assured.

Mr. Dyer's experiences would fill several books, and he is busy recounting his adventures to friends of the family. During one German attack he had a 15-minute duel with a German in one end of a trench, which finally ended when he drove his bayonet through the breast of his adversary. A battle in the modern war he describes as a combination between a thunder storm, hail storm and hurricane. The noise is deafening, the air full of flying lead and shells, and the striking thing to

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