NEW PENITENTIARY IS HELD IMPERATIVE

Sanitary, Moral and Administrative Reasons Offered · to Voters.

BUILDING 45 YEARS OLD

Ex-Warden and ex-Inmate Join in Campaign to Interest People of Oregon in Plan to Erect New Prison Buildings.

Those who have had personal connection with the state prison either as inmates or officials, are ardent supporters of the measure to be voted on at the city and state election June 4. providing a means of improving the in-

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The public generally, say these officials, does not know the conditions. Otherwise, they say, there would be no trouble whatever in getting overwhelming approval of the measure at the election, for the institution is in bad condition, not alone from a sanitary standpoint, but also from the standpoint of caring for prisoners in such a way as to redeem those not hardened in crime beyond redemption.

The officials say the public has had the view in the past that "anything is good enough for the pen." But reform moves, especially along the line of improving the lot of the prisoner so as to encourage rather than discourage reformation, have had their effect and these officials believe the old spirit has been replaced with a new spirit in the interest of humanity and society which will result in the pending bill being passed. Plan Proposed Before,

"Yes," says J. D. Lee, a former su-perintendent of the Penitentiary, "I realize most keenly the importance of a new Penitentiary and any well direct-ed and practical movement should re-

ceive hearty support.

"In my second biennial report I urged such action very strongly. My proposal was that the Legislature make an al was that the Legislature make an appropriation equal to our fuel bill for 10 years, which would amount to about \$40,000, and with it buy a wooded tract of say 1000 acres which could then have put the surplus men to work clearing, making cord wood and preparing the site for a progressive, up-to-date institution. During this development the fuel would be provided and on completion the state would have a fine tract of land without cost practically, and the outlay for buildings would have been at a minimum. But in those times it was believed that anything was good enough for the pen, as

One of the strongest campaigners in behalf of the bill is L. G. McDonald, who was released from the prison in March, at the end of a four-year term. He came from the prison a reformed man, with a determination to devote his whole energy to a fight in the interest of the men still serving.

Mr. McDonald has been traveling about the state lecturing and showing pictures at theaters and campaigning in behalf of the bill.

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In behalf of the bill.

'I spent four years in the prison."
said Mr. McDonald recently, "and I know the conditions. The people of this state do not or they would not tol-rate them. Imagine 425 prisoners cooped up in a dingy building erected in 1871 and not materially altered since then.

Not All Immates Bad Men.

"While I was serving my time—a fact of which I do not boast at all—I resolved that when I got out I would devote my life to a fight for changes. I visited Governor Withycombe and other officials and outlined my course, which they approved.

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"I had pictures taken of scenes in the institution and they tell the story very clearly. So bad are the sanitary archaps, have forged a check or committed the story of the sanitary archaps, have forged a check or committed the sanitary archaps. clearly. So had are the sanitary ar-rangements and conditions as shown in the pictures that I cannot talk of them oriminals in the sense that their crime the pictures that I cannot talk of them in public. 'Rotten' is the only word that expresses the real conditions. No wonder the men in the prison revoit. They do not expect a comfortable hotel, but they do expect a place where they can live out their sentences under the sense that their crime was premeditated. 'Under the present conditions in the sense that their crime was premeditated. 'Under the present conditions in the was premeditated.' 'Under the present conditions in the was bearable conditions. Old Bilibid pris-on of the dark Philippine days had nothing on the Oregon Penitentiary as it stands today.

Sanitary Conditions Bad.

"I find that generally people do not take any great interest in the Penitentiary until they get in. Then they wonder how the people of a state like Oregon tolerate such conditions. I have worked in the old laundry building, which was burned in 1912, and still stands practically as it was when the fire was extinguished. In addition to the terrible sanitary conditions which cannot be remedied without money, the buildings are veritable fire traps. If a serious fire should break out all the fire departments in the state could not fire departments in the state could recede it and 425 men would be trapp check it and 425 men would be trapped and burned to death with no chance to

"I hope that on June 4 the voters of the state will see their duty and realize that the men in the prison are human beings and are entitled to being treated as such. They cannot be with the building condition there now."

Ex-Warden Urges New Bullding. John Minto, ex-warden of the penitentiary, is one of the ardent nents of the measure. He says the present building is absolutely obsolete and is a serious detriment to the proper care of prisoners, physically and mor-

There is absolutely no question about the need of new buildings," says Mr. Minto. "The present penitentiary building is 45 years old and is without modern conveniences. The most serious proposition is that segregation of prisoners is impossible. out the need of new buildings." prisoners is impossible.

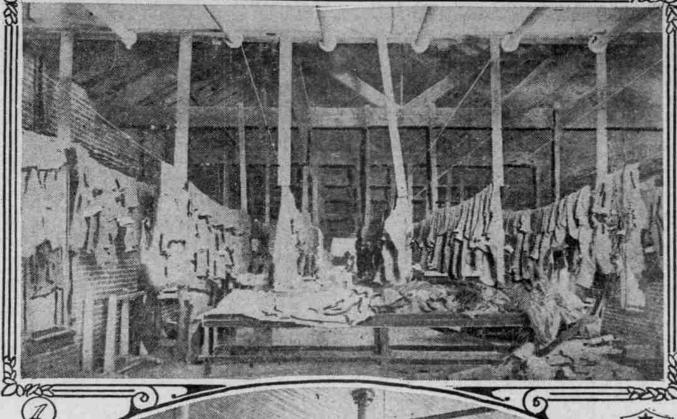
resentatives, has had charge of the books at the Oregon State Penitentiary since March 1, 1915, and has had wide

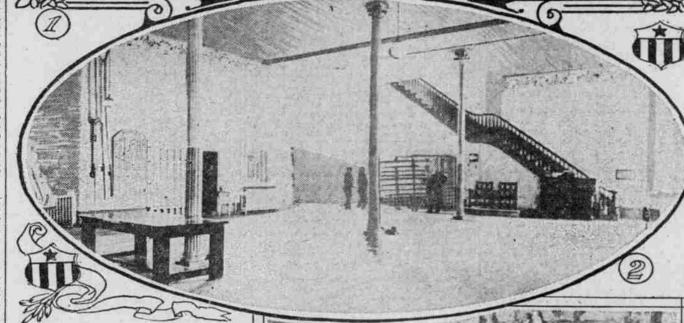
ize how hard it is to do anything for first offenders when they are mixed in with hardened criminals—men who have been in several penitentiaries and are beyond redemption. There are very many young men who get into the institution who could be saved if only t.e facilities were there to give them a schooling or for teaching them a trade so they could make a living. But it cannot be done in the Oregon prison now because there is no wave? now because there is no way of segre-

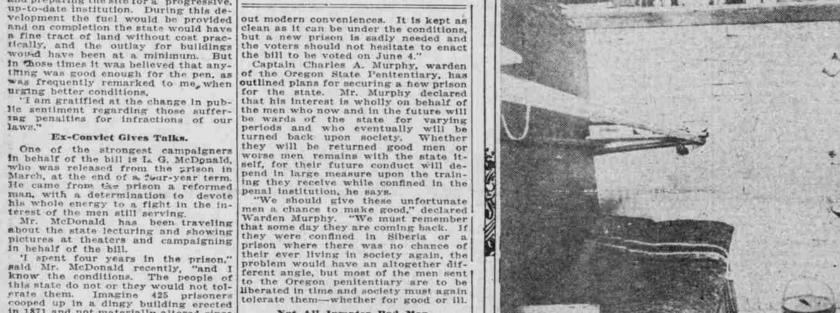
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SCENES AT OREGON STATE PENITENTIARY, WHICH ARE BEING USED IN CAMPAIGN TO SHOW NEEDS The hall was brightened with flags and banners, gracefully draped upon the walls, and along the front of the gal-







"The state can do an immense amount

after the outlaws of the common wealth. another burden to its task of looking

younger men will be separated. This

Inmates to Erect Buildings.

"The new penitentiary would be built by the men themselves and the building

operations would extend over a period of four years or more. The cost for materials would be \$400,000 at the rate

of \$100,000 a year. Such a plan will appeal to most citizens, I am sure, and the money would be secured without any added burden to the taxpayer.

"If I could take every taxpayer in the state through the penitentiary and

point out the handicap under which the

present system is now being conducted, I am confident there would be no one who would be opposed to bettering the conditions of the men confined there."

Frank Davey, formerly a well-known newspaper man of Eastern Oregon, and one-time Speaker of the House of Rep-

Old Building Dilapidated. "Among these I can enumerate: Ma-

Laundry Drying-Room, Which Is Insanitary and Anything But a Drying-Room. 2-View of the Chapel, Which Is Said to Be a Veritable Fire Trap. 3-One of the Cells.

This one reason alone calls for the proposed reconstruction.

"In the plans afoot for a new peni-tentiary, due attention has been paid to arranging details so that older and Cells Unsanitary at Night. "Human fairness to prisoners-Beause men are sentenced to confinement plan not only will save the younger men from ways of crime but also from ways of vice, the latter always a dif-ficult problem in dealing with men who are confined in a prison. Our attention on account of law violation is no reason that they should be surrounded by conditions and influences destructive of their physical health and consequently of their moral and mental friendly relations. They don't think evening concluded with an informal

segregation and the results from two and mental. It does not seem fair to men in a narrow cell are always dangerous to morals and frequently the most abhorrent practices are common.

other obstruction to escape and has la-bored faithfully for the state.
"Modern students of penology have come to believe, and I think with jushas been paid also to safeguarding the prisoners in case of fire. Under the present system, if a serious fire should start in the penitentiary when the men are in their cells, there is absolutely no way of saving them alive.

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Rolling Back the Year J-In Portland 25 Years

"Among these I can enumerate: Material safety—The walls are old, the brick and mortar deteriorated, as well as the iron work, all forming little resistance and furnishing constant temptation to escape. The woodwork is honeycombed with dry rot and decay, breeding places for vermin and insects, and furnishing a constant menace from fire, to which all the valuable records of the institution are exposed.

"Health protection—Unsanitary conditions of the dining-room in the dining-room in the dining-room in the charge. George Otten had charge of the dining-room in the charge. George Otten had charge of the Armory decorations and John Everest furnished the music.

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Academy Reception.

NE of the most brilliant parties of the season was given by the cadets of Bishop Scott Academy to their friends on Friday night. The Armory was decked in holiday attire

Eyelet, Mary King, Laura King, Elsie ductor of the Vancouver, Wash, Music Club chorus gluring the past season, the secretary of the club has sent this frances. Catlin, Mellie Strowbridge, Lucy Smith, Florence Cross, Alice Anthropy was decked in holiday attire.

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"I believe that very few people realize how hard it is to do anything for minated in a polka. Nearly 400 people were served with refreshments. Much credit was due to the cadets who had the decorations of the dining-room in Minnie Methini, Josie Reed, Mabel Will-

walls, and along the front of the gallery. The west door was covered with deep blue flags, and stretching in front was a network of lovely roses and garlands of smilax. The patronesses for the occasion were Mrs. C. H. Handsbury and Mrs. W. W. Rhoades. The programmes were especially pretty and called forth many compliments. On the front page was a tiny American flag wrought in colors and a small anchor with the date, while on the reverse side were these words: "To the Officers of the U. S. Warships Baltimore and Charleston." The programmes consisted of 14 regular dances, two supper dances, closing with a cotillion. The ed of 14 regular dances, two supper dances, closing with a cotillion. The german, which was a special feature of the evening's entertainment, was arranged for the occasion by Lieutenant Henry McCrea. There were five figures, "milltary," "anchor," "star," "flag" and "good-night," and they were all new and exceedingly pretty.

The effect was enhanced by a calcium light, red, white and blue shades predominating. The cotillion was led by Fred M, Gilmore and Miss Florence Glisan, assisted by Dr. A. M. Dupuy Mc.

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Garden Party.

Mrs. Mark L. Cohen entertained a few friends last Thursday night in a novel and delightful manner, her beautiful lawn, representing a Japanese garden, being brilliantly illuminated.

Placed about the lawn were huge Japanese umbrellas, from which hung many lanterns, while rows of lanterns were strung from tree to tree.

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The guests listened to music rendered by the Lorellie Mandolin Ciub, consisting of Mrs. Max Loewenson, Mrs. Mark ing of Mrs. Max Loewenson, Mrs. Mark
L. Cohen, Miss Edith Rosenblatt, Miss
Ray Harris, Miss Flora Bauer, Mr. Levinger and Miss Carrie S. Rosenblatt as
vocalist. Among the others who contributed to the music of the evening
were Mrs. Mark Levy, Miss Emilie
Rauer, Mrs. Max Loewenson, Mrs. W. H.
Boyer and Ed Rothschild, Light refreshments were served during the
evening, vening.

evening,
Those present were: Mr. and Mrs.
Mark Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Max Loewenson, Mrs. L. Rau. Mr. and Mrs. Sig Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boyer, Miss May Slessinger of San Francisco, Miss Ada Rau, Miss Belie Marks, Miss Ray Harris, Miss Rosie S. Rosenblatt, Miss Edith Rosenblatt, Miss Emilie Bauer, Miss Flora Bauer, Miss Lille Goodman, Mrs. L. Levinger, Ed Rothschild Harry, Mrs. L. Levinger, Ed Rothschild Harry Mrs. L. Levinger, Ed Rothschild, Harry Apples, Leon Rosenblatt, Cecil Bauer, G. Loewenson, J. Goodman, of Gervals, Or.: Lou Rosenblatt, Ben Wormser, Al Cohen, M. Reinstein, A. Cohen and D.



pleasant success. Miss Ludlam, a pretty girl, possesses marked elocutionary and dramatic talent, speaks her words well, dramatic talent, speaks ner words well, and lives again, in visualization, the characters she so skillfully presents to her audience. Mrs. Bruce Donald Stewart sang two solos and her beautiful voice was much liked. Her accompanist

was Mrs. Roy L. Brookings.

Madame Hesse-Spratte, an opera
singer recently located in Seattle, has
arrived in Los Angeles, Cal., to make her future home there.

Fritz De Bruin, dramatic baritone made a fine impression at the First Christian Church last Sunday, at the special mothers' day exercises. His rendition of "Mother o' Mine" (Fours). vas one of compelling power and vocal

Another student of Harold Hurlbut, Another student of Harold Hurlbut, who recently has been appointed soloist in a Portland church choir, is F. A. Gaddis, tenor. Mr. Gaddis, who possesses a voice of excellent quality, is singing at the First Methodist Church, South. He is a member of the Orpheus Club male chorus.

The reception to the new members of the Music Students' Club Thursday was an enjoyable affair. Miss Evelyn Hardenghaus played two plane num-bers that were well received. Miss Hardenghaus is a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music and is a fine ac companist as well as pianist. Tw dramatic numbers were given by Mrs. Casler DeWitt Joslyn, and by request she sang and played some of her own ausical compositions.

Many compliments were received by Mrs. Minnie T. Carty for the fine sing-ing of the Glee Club of the Christian Brothers Business College in their con-tribution to the evening of music, pre-sented in St. Agatha's Hall, Miller avenue and East Fifteenth street, last Tuesday night. These young men pre-sent a fine appearance. Louis Harder, whose singing was the "hit" of the recent patriotic concert, sang with spirit "My Big Little Soldier Boy" (Church), and responded to a rousing encore.

The Portland Opera Association held its annual business meeting and elec-tion of officers Tuesday night at the Hotel Portland, when the entire list of officers and directors were re-elected as follows: President, Jacob Kanzler; vice tice, that the genuine reform of offenders can be more nearly accomplished by intelligent, humane treatment and by giving them some friendly confidence than by any system of severe punishment, abuse and denial of
friendly relations. They don't think

Warren E. Thomas;
treasurer, J. Ross Fargo; secretary,
Karl Hebring; directors, Ivan Humason, Mrs. Preston Carter Smith, Mrs.
Lulu Dahl Miller, J. C. Montieth, George
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friendly relations. They don't think programme and a dance.

A sacred concert will be given by the choir at St. Francis Catholic Church tonight at 7:30 o'clock, under the direc-tion of J. Tauscher. Stearns' "Vespers" will be rendered by the choir members, as follows: Misses Martha McNames, Katherine C. Dunbar, Nettie Habekost, Katherine C. Dunbar, Nettie Habekost, Mary Corcoran, Cecelia Fennell, Edna Hebert, Estelle Marias, Beatrice Hebert, Marie Hannigan Azelia Swintz, Perrine Marias, Mrs. J. C. Bollore, Mrs. Arthur L. Sauvain, J. C. Sauvain, J. C. Balloy, M. J. Deragisch, Forrest Sauvain, Ed-ward Van Hoomissen, S. Deslefanis, J. M. Harris, Charles Hoomisen and Arthur L. Sauvain. Arthur L. Sauvain.

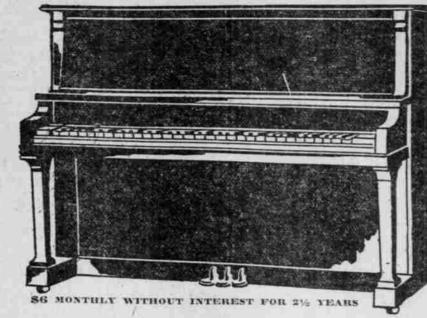
In appreciation of his work as conteffery, work under your direction next year tosalie possible. Through me the club desires to express its satisfaction with and appreciation of your work with us during the past year. H. Alena Wolf, Secre-tary." 5 1 1

Harold Hurlbut's book on singing and voice production continues to win commendation from famous singers and musical publications. Musical Amer-ica, New York, says in part: "Mr. Hurl-Among other invited guests and old ica, New York, says in part: Air, Hurpupils were a party of young women but treats his subject finely. We aptrom St. Helen's Hall, with Miss Will-lamson and Miss Danielson and the following gentlemen:

Pielding Kelly. Oregon City: Cook voice should never be forced either in practice or before the public.' Every singer should follow his rules for learn-ing a song, and we beseech vocalists to heed his closing words." The Etude, of Philadelphia, says: "This is a practical book by a well-schooled singer. The chapter on the 'Open Throat' is of especial value."

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Seventeenth and Ankeny streets, when heard to advantage a fine musical programme was presented. Special piano solos were rendered by Miss Louise Wadsworth and Burke and Miss V. Alfred Manning. Misses Ruth Carty played in fine style. and P. Baker were heard in vocal solos and Arthur Albertini and Ruth Carty in a vocal duet. Thelma Wadsworth and Master Albert Price were a happy surprise in their dancing. Twelve singers from the Junior Glee Club of the Christian Brothers Business College assisted in patriotic songs. Thirty-five persons were present.

An admired programme was given under the auspices of the second di-vision women's auxiliary at Piedmont Presbyterian Church, the soloists be ing: Miss Frances Clapp, planist; Mrs. Leah Slusser Hathaway, soprano; Warren A. Erwin, tenor; Miss Dorothy Cook, violinist; Warren G. Hathaway, accompanist. The programme "Sonata in D Minor" (Beethoven), Miss Clapp; in D Minor" (Beethoven), Miss Clapp;
"The Winds Are Calling" (Landon Ronald), "Youth Has a Happy Tread" (Lohr), Mr. Erwin; "A May Morning" (Denza), "A Cradle Song" (MacFadyen), Mrs. Hathaway; a group of "Li" Feller Songs"; "Such a Li" Feller Wid His Mammy's Eyes" (Sheridan Gorden), Mr. Erwin; "Etude in E" (Chonin), "Ballade in G Minor" (Chopin), Mr. Clapp; "Melisande, in the Wood" (Goetz), "In the Deeps o' the Dalsies" (Hawley), Mrs. Hathaway; "Little (Hawley), Mrs. Hathaway; "Little Mother o' Mine" (Browning), "Break o' Day" (Sanderson), Mr. Erwin; "Pa-(Schumann), Miss Clapp; "In (Schumann), trio, "Happy pillons" (Schumann), Miss Clapp, May Time" (Speaks), trio, "Happ Days Gone By" (Strelezski), Mi Hathaway, Miss Crook, Miss Clapp.

A large audience tiked and applauded the excellent music programme of the MacDowell Club, heard last Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Multnomah auditorium. Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, contralto soloist in the choir of the might be sent and kept away from the main prison, which would be devoted every night, to the great dets and teachers of the institution, the full purpose cannot be accomplished by segregation at night and not in the dayine. It must be a complete segregation. The building is obsolete and with
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he soprano sololsts to sing at the music dedication of the Portland Public Auditorium, July 5, 6 and 7. Louis Graveure, the famous Belgian baritone, of international excellence, who is now recognized as the greatest oratorio baritone in America, will be the baritone sololst at this Portland music featival. Miss Mary Jordan, noted New York concert artiste, will be the contralto.

ful. hard working student, to reach the highest music ideals. Her voice is of correct tonal placement. Her diction and phrasing are careful and superb. She sang six songs from compositions by Liza Lehmann, Rogers, Lieurance and Burleigh. Charles MacNelli, tenor sololst in the quartet of the First Methodist Church, sang in fine taste "Ah, Moon of My Delight" fine taste "Ah, Moon of My Delight" Another one of those enjoyable musical evenings, such as Mrs. M. T. Carty
knows how to give, was held recently
ity, which is well schooled. Misses
at the home of the above hostess, East
Leis Slater and Edith Woodcock were Seventeenth and Ankeny streets, when heard to advantage in a suite for two pianos, by Arensky. The two acc panists were Mrs. Thomas Car. Burke and Miss Vivian Pallett, Vivian Pallett, who

> William Robinson Boone, organist of the First Church of Christ Scientists, this city, appeared recently in a suc cessful pipe organ recital in Everett, Wash., and an Everett correspondent

wash, and an Everett correspondent writes as follows:

"Probably the most thoroughly enjoyed pipe organ recital yet given at the First Baptist Church was rendered by William R. Boone, of Portland, supplemented by Dai Steele Ross, mezzo-contraite, in vocal selections. An audience of about 700 heard the programme, which was given for the benefit of the Red Cross. The programme played by the Portland orgramme played by the Portland or-ganist brought to his hearers a larger understanding of the possibilities of the instrument than ever before, through the selection of numbers of largest range and variety. Mr. Boone, although comparatively a young man, is considered one of the most finished masters of the manuals on the Pacific Coast, and last night he played splendid spirit, in magnificent technic, bringing from the pipes the most del-icate tonal shadings by the expert use of swell and pedals. His employment of the Deagan chimes connected with the instrument was particularly effective. Mrs. Ross sang in fine taste.

One Sunday morning a woman's watch was found in a fashionable church after the service. After giving out the usual notices in the evening the clergyman duly announced the fact and said that if the owner applied to him after the service the watch would

be restored.

"Now," he concluded, "we will sing hymn 556, 'Lord, Thy Church Her Watch Is Keeping."—Musical Amer-

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