

ENDING THE GEORGIA CONVICT SCANDAL

(From Literary Digest.)
 If the newspapers of Georgia are to be taken as a gage, that State has definitely made up its mind to do away with its convict-lease system. A legislative committee has been appointed to make a careful and exhaustive investigation, and, if half of the horrors uncovered by their probing prove real, the State press seem convinced that Georgia will have abolished the lease system before the close of the present session of the legislature.
 Convicts have been hired or leased to contractors in Georgia for almost half a century, the State thus treating its prisoners as an asset for producing revenue. It has long been alleged by the Georgia press that the convicts have been treated in an inhuman manner, and that the leasing of prisoners has instigated a system of bribery which has slowly worked its way into the offices of many State officials. The revelations which have been brought out by the searching investigations are nothing short of unspeakable," says the Atlanta Journal. "Indisputable facts sufficient have been brought to light to make any man who loves the State hang his head in shame and sorrow at the pity of it," indignantly asserts the Atlanta Georgian; and, likewise, the Atlanta Constitution brands the "atrocious conditions" as "nothing short of barbaric brutality."
 The Atlanta Journal, in commenting further upon the attitude of Georgia and the problems which must be met in the tremendous loss of revenue, which the abolition of the system will mean to the State Treasury, says:
 "The people of Georgia are impatient of delay in the extinction of the infamous convict-lease system. It is with difficulty that they restrain their impatience even to the extent of permitting further contracts to be made from year to year during the three years which the system will be allowed to continue under the Holder bill. "Practical men realize that the expenses of the State Government must be kept, that provision must be made for the support of the convicts when the lease system is abolished, and, in short, that an institution which is the outgrowth of more than forty years can not be extirpated in a day.
 "Governor Hoke Smith expresses the opinion, however, that the school fund will not suffer even if the convict system is abolished at once. It is pointed out that there is more money to the credit of that fund than there has ever been before. If this should prove to be true, then nothing would stand in the way of the immediate suppression of the system, as soon as existing leases expire on April 1 of next year, if indeed the flagrant violation of the rules of the commission has not already worked a forfeiture which would automatically terminate the leases, and at the same time bring twenty-five per cent of the security bonds into the State Treasury.
 "It is safe to assume that if the people of Atlanta . . . express the sentiments which we feel sure are in their minds and hearts as a result of these disclosures, the legislature will be spurred to the necessity of finding the money with which to meet the expenses of the State and thereby permitting the absolute and immediate overthrow of a system which has brought shame and reproach upon the great State of Georgia.
 "Indignation meetings are being held all over Georgia. . . . The exposures which have followed fast upon one another during the past few days have stirred our people to the highest pitch and they are anxious or an opportunity to place themselves on record.
 "Let every citizen . . . start a wave of enthusiastic protest which will make any further trifling with the question absolutely impossible. Every humane and Christian sentiment demands it, and the way seems clear to exterminate the lease now and forever."
 The attitude of the outside press on the Georgia system has been one of universal condemnation. "Slavery in its worst aspect was never as cruel," says the Philadelphia Press, and the Des Moines Register and Leader believes that "Nero, in his palmy days, was not guilty of more hideous atrocities than those which have been committed in Georgia," justifying its statement thus: "One man was lashed by a whipping boss until he fell to the ground, where he was left to die from his injuries; and he was eaten by dogs. A boy of 16 years was beaten to death

JAPS BUY LAND AT THE DALLES

Eight Pay \$65,000 For 1,000 Acres Near The Dalles.
 THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 11.—The Columbia Land & Produce Company has purchased 1000 acres of land eight miles west of the city from W. H. Wilson and Davis Bros., of this city, the consideration being \$65,000. The Columbia Land & Produce Company is composed of eight Japanese, who have secured large tracts of land in various parts of the Northwest for the purpose of carrying on truck gardening, fruit-growing and stockraising.

BULL GOES BOY.

Ashland Lad Impaled On Beast's Horns.
 ASHLAND, Ore., Sept. 11.—Clarence Corthell, aged 8 years, was attacked by an angry bull at the Corthell farm home, just south of Ashland, Tuesday evening at milking time, and impaled upon the horns of the infuriated beast, which penetrated the abdomen of the little fellow and inflicted injuries which are serious, if not fatal. He was brought to the hospital at Ashland for treatment.

MANY ARE INJURED.

Twenty-Six Hurt In Collision In Brooklyn.
 (By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—George Koelner, a motorman, and about twenty-five passengers were more or less injured in a rear-end collision between two elevated trains in Brooklyn yesterday.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Waldo L. Waley and Hugh C. Brown, both of Coos county, Oregon, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and that the business conducted by said partnership under the firm name and style of Coos Bay Bedding and Upholstering Company, will hereafter be carried on by said Hugh C. Brown, and that all bills, notes and accounts due said partnership are payable to said Hugh C. Brown, who is personally liable for and will pay all outstanding bills against said partnership.
 Dated at Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon, this 25th day of July, 1908.
 WALDO L. WALEY,
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NOTED GRAIN MAN DEAD.

Chas. McDonald, Jr., Succumbs In Baltimore.
 (By Associated Press.)
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