

MANY PARDONS FOR PRISONERS

Governor Geer's Report Explains Reasons.

List of Prisoners for Two Years of Official Term.

SALEM, Nov. 15.—Gov. T. T. Geer has completed a part of his report to the Legislature, that showing the pardons and commutations of sentences granted during the past two years. The list embraces ten complete pardons, fifteen commutations of sentences, seven remissions of unserved fines and jail sentences, and 36 pardons for restoration to citizenship of men who had completed their prison sentences. The list embraces all of the cases in which executive clemency was exercised during the past two years, showing the total number to be small—68. It compares favorably with the lists of pardons granted during similar terms in past years, showing that a "pardon mill" was not run indiscriminately. Following is a comparison of former terms, giving total cases of clemency:

1887-1888..... 185
1888-1889..... 149
1889-1890..... 109
1890-1891..... 218
1891-1892..... 110
1892-1893..... 110
1893-1894..... 110
1894-1895..... 110
1895-1896..... 110
1896-1897..... 110
1897-1898..... 110
1898-1899..... 110
1899-1900..... 110
1900-1901..... 110
1901-1902..... 68

All of the pardons and commutations granted by the governor during the past two years were based on petitions of numerous citizens, and in most cases on the recommendation of the trial judge, the district attorney, the jurors, or all three of these.

The pardons and commutations granted by Gov. Geer are as follows:

FULL PARDONS.

George W. Bartness, manslaughter, received at prison for 10 years October 15, 1898. Pardoned December 21, 1900.

Allen Edwards, obtaining money by false pretenses, one year, received February 3, 1899. Pardoned January 15, 1901.

Edwin L. Mims, manslaughter, five years, received August 24, 1900. Pardoned March 30, 1901.

O. C. Newman, larceny, one and one half years, received October 13, 1900. Pardoned April 17, 1901.

Charles A. Combs, forgery and assault with dangerous weapon, two terms, two years each, and one term 12 years, February 13, 1896. Pardoned June 21, 1901.

C. A. Brown, larceny, one year in Multnomah County Jail, December 1, 1901. Pardoned March 10, 1901.

M. Brown, larceny, one year in Multnomah County Jail, December, 1901. Pardoned March 10, 1901.

A. S. Ingram, murder second degree, March 22, 1892, life. Pardoned June 19, 1902.

Frank Rhine, larceny from the person, five years, received March 6, 1901. Pardoned June 24, 1902.

Joseph Beck, murder, life; March 20, 1895. Pardoned September 9, 1902.

COMMUTATIONS.

William Brownlee, larceny, one year; received March 21, 1890. Pardoned February 5, 1901.

Joseph Gentemann, uttering a forged check, two years; received November 22, 1899. Pardoned February 22, 1901.

Harry Dowling, larceny, 7 years; received December 19, 1896. Pardoned April 1, 1901.

Jerry Noonan, larceny, seven years; received December 26, 1896. Pardoned April 1, 1901.

Samuel Mills, rape, three years; received July 1, 1899. Pardoned April 9, 1901.

A. J. Gabbart, larceny by bailor, one year; received October 15, 1900. Pardoned August 24, 1901.

Benjamin Ownbey, robbery, being armed with dangerous weapon, seven years; received April 9, 1897. Pardoned August 27, 1901.

Robert Jordan, larceny, seven years; received June 5, 1897. Pardoned September 27, 1901.

J. G. Lohman, manslaughter, five years; received July 8, 1900. Pardoned December 14, 1901.

Gustave Lagney, larceny, 10 years; received March 21, 1896. Commuted December 24, 1901.

George W. Baxter, manslaughter, 15 years; received July 3, 1896. Commuted December 24, 1901.

Nell Campbell, assault to rape, 10 years; received October 6, 1896. Commuted January 14, 1902.

Claude McHargue, forgery, four years; received March 11, 1899. Commuted March 11, 1902.

S. G. Morris, larceny of public money, four years; received March 21, 1900. Commuted April 8, 1902.

Louis Level, burglary, two years; received February 21, 1892. Commuted October 8, 1902.

D. S. Warriner, burglary, three years; received March 1, 1902. Commuted November 14, 1902.

In addition to the above, Gov. Geer, during the time named, has 36 former prisoners to citizenship. They were in all cases men who had served their time, had been discharged, and nearly all had become useful and honorable members of their respective communities.

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MUST SERVE A TERM IN JAIL

Lester Lewis of Oregon City Sent to Prison.

Judge McBride Will Be Lenient if the Lad Promises to Reform.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 15.—Lester Lewis, the 17-year-old Wilsonville robber, was taken to Salem last evening to serve a two-years term in the penitentiary which was given him by Judge McBride. When the boy was first taken before the court facts were brought out which made the Judge hesitate before sentencing the lad. The prisoner had already served two terms in the reform school that seemed to do him no good, so the only course left was to send him to the state prison. The Judge in pronouncing sentence, talked kindly to the boy and said he would ask for the boy's pardon after he had served one year provided his record was clear. Although his parents live near town, they were not with him, and he did not seem to care for his sentence, laughing while being led away.

ASSOCIATION MEETS.

A meeting of the directors of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association was held last evening in the office of Harvey Cross. These directors were present: C. H. Dye, George A. Steele, George A. Harding, W. A. Huntley, H. E. Cross and Thomas Ryan.

Plans for the reorganization of this association were discussed. It is the idea of the members to put it on a firmer business standing, for since it has attained its present size and reputation, it was found that the first rules on which it was founded had been outgrown.

The following were appointed to serve on the several committees for the next year: C. H. Dye, H. E. Cross, George A. Steele, executive committee; E. E. Chapman, George A. Harding, and W. A. Huntley, finance committee; G. A. Steele, William Galloway and H. E. Cross, transportation committee; W. A. Huntley, E. E. Chapman and T. F. Ryan, committee on amusements; T. F. Ryan, H. E. Cross and William Galloway, committee on restaurants and grounds.

No talent has been secured for the next session to be held in July, but the directors are promising that this year there will be some very noted men present to entertain. It is still too early, however, to make announcements.

THE FORESTERS' BALL.

Court Robin Hood, Foresters of America, will give their seventh annual ball at the Armory on Thanksgiving eve, November 26. A good orchestra has been secured and other arrangements are being made which will make this a most successful affair.

A WEEK OF PRAYER.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Young Men's Christian Association will hold a religious service in the parlors of the Association rooms. Mr. Roy H. Campbell, department secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., will speak and the service will be the first of the week of prayer. Each evening of the week from 7:30 to 8 o'clock there will be a prayer meeting and all men are invited to attend.

The old basketball team is now getting together again and some very interesting games are likely to be arranged. The junior team of last year is practicing and while some of the old players are not in the city this year, there are new recruits which will make a strong aggregation and worthy of the reputation they have already made.

BUILDING PERMITS.

R. R. Pitteikau, two-story dwelling, Mill and Sixteenth streets; \$1,500.

W. Hussey, two one-story cottages, East Eleventh and Harrison streets; \$1,400.

W. H. Huff, one-story dwelling, East Third and East Salmon streets; \$1,400.

B. T. Randall, one-story cottage, East Irving and East Third streets; \$500.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John W. Hopkins, 21, to Nellie Hennig, 20.

William Wilkins, 23, to Mattie Viohl, 23.

Charles Larsen, 24, to Agnes C. Chapman, 22.

BIRTHS.

November 11.—To the wife of William E. Smith, Portsmouth, a girl.

November 13.—To the wife of Harry A. Thompson, 15 East Fifteenth street, a girl.

November 12.—To the wife of Edward A. Ginty, 345 Flanders street, a girl.

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HOW THE RAILROADS WILL CHECKMATE M'BRIE'S PET SCHEME

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road at that point. A complete network of railroad lines covering the entire state of Washington and much of Idaho would thus converge at Wallula and the combined shipping business of the Northwest would be rushed down the valley of the Columbia over the tracks of what is now the O. R. & N. Co. to Portland and thence to tide water through the mouth of the famous waterway of the West.

ONLY ONE PLAN.

There is one plan, apparently, and one law only in the plan. The McBride Railroad Commission might claim the right to name the rate of grain from the receiving point inside the state to the Oregon boundary line. However, that is considered to be a small matter. The commission would not be permitted under the law to cut that rate so low that the companies could not ship with profit to themselves and the withdrawal of the patronage of the roads from Puget Sound points would bring the state officers to their knees. It is claimed, in spite of the commission's influence, which would be questionable at most, inside the boundaries of Washington.

There might be another question raised, that of the shipping firms that have warehouses at Tacoma and Seattle, offices and general business headquarters on the Sound. This much only need be said: Whatever cry was raised by Puget Sound shipping firms would be more than compensated for by the glad welcome that would be extended by Portland to the companies under the new arrangement. This welcome would be the warmer and more loyal as it is as good as assured that if the change is made it will be made forever and that Tacoma and Seattle, if they want railroad facilities and extensive business, will have to subscribe money and build roads of their own.

The McBride commission movement forces the railroads to play their trump cards, the game will be freeze out to the bitter end. There will be no half way measures adopted, no stopping when the battle has been half fought out. The fate of Seattle and Tacoma seems to be trembling in the balance.

TAPS WHOLE COUNTRY.

The Northern Pacific, which makes connection with the O. R. & N. at Wallula, taps the entire northern and western sections of the state. The O. R. & N. proper takes care of all the great grain producing regions in the eastern half and the Walla Walla-Valley, the latter being tapped by the Washington & Columbia River road, a feeder of the Northern Pacific. The Great Northern would also contribute its share of grain, gathered from the warehouses and wheat platforms along the upper Columbia, but unless a special line were built, would have to make connections with the main trunk line over the tracks of either one or the other of the roads already mentioned.

Wallula would in this event become the great railroad center of the Northwest, and there is no point better suited for the location of the mammoth yards and supply depot that would be necessary to carry the gigantic scheme successfully through. Wallula would become the body of the spider and its legs would be a network of railroad lines that would reach every section, almost every hamlet in the state.

It is not probable that Seattle and Tacoma could be prevented from continuing to handle the business of the country west of that section of Washington is an nothing compared with the immense tonnage that actually takes its way to the sea from the wheat belt of the Northwest, the inland Empire, thriving upon the products of which Seattle and Tacoma grew from nothing into giants in the commercial world, and robbed of which they would sink into the insignificance from which they sprang.

EAGLES WERE OUT IN FORCE

VANCOUVER, Nov. 15.—The Auditorium was crowded to the doors last night at the closing performance of the Clara Mathes Repertoire Company. This excellent company has been on the boards at the Auditorium for the past week, and has found a warm place in the hearts of Vancouver playgoers. The offering last night was "A Royal Spy," and might be termed an "Eagles' night," as the Eagles were out in force and every member of the company wore the Eagle colors. At the conclusion of the second act, Bert P. Van Cleave, the comedian of the company, on behalf of Columbia Aerie, No. 253, presented Miss Mathes with an armful of beautiful flowers and an honorary membership in the order. When Miss Mathes recovered from her surprise sufficiently to find her voice she responded in a few well-chosen words, ending with the wish that the Eagles might soar ever upward, and they received their benediction.

The teachers and pupils of the Deaf Mute Institute attended the performance, as the guests of Miss Mathes. Seats were reserved for them in the front rows, and when seen after the play expressed themselves as highly pleased and able to follow the lines with ease and understanding. Corporal Wells captured the \$10 prize and two tickets to the Highlanders' mask ball, and William Wright of Company G captured the \$5 prize and two tickets to the ball.