

# GOVERNOR OF STATE AND PRISON POLICY ARE ROASTED BROWN

## Republican Leaders at Hearing Go After Parole Board and Parole Officer Keller.

### DEFICIENCIES AUTHORIZED

**S. B. Cobb, of Portland, Goes After Board of Control, Allying Extravagance, Mismanagement.**

Salem, Or., Sept. 12.—At Monday afternoon's session of the state emergency board, Ben Selling of Portland, speaker of the house of representatives, strongly denounced the prison policy of the present administration and particularly the parole board and Parole Officer Joseph Keller, while S. B. Cobb of Portland, chairman of the house ways and means committee at the last session, as vigorously censured the members of the state board of control for the wanton extravagance and unbusinesslike methods in connection with the state flax experiment.

The other members of the board present were Senator I. N. Day of Portland and the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. With the exception that there was less personal invective, the afternoon session was almost on a par with the morning session, which was the storming of the history of the parole board. Before the board got through, however, it authorized the state board to incur deficiencies in the following items: Penitentiary maintenance, \$35,000; tuberculosis hospital maintenance, \$6000; state training school for boys maintenance, \$10,000, for returning to the state fugitives from justice, \$3000, a total of \$44,000.

### Farmers Must Wait

The board, following an opinion by Attorney General Brown, took no action on the request for \$15,000 for the state flax experiment. The board also refused a request of \$1000 for paying at the state training school and \$3000 for the supreme court reporter. Out of the original \$50,000 appropriation for the flax experiment, \$6,40 remains in the fund, but it was figured that about \$8000 ought to be available from sales that have been made and seed and tow yet to be sold. Hope was expressed that this would keep the flax plant running until the end of the year, though the farmers who raised the flax straw will have to await until the next legislature meets to get their money. The sum due the farmers is approximately \$2,000.

Attorney General Brown held that the board could not legally authorize a deficiency in connection with the flax appropriation as the board's authority applied only to state institutions and departments.

The deficiency for the penitentiary was voted down once, and was finally carried over the opposition of Ben Selling only after the board of control took action to include in the investigation and survey that is to be made of the penitentiary the boys' training school and the industrial school for girls.

### Selling Holds Out

Senator Day had refused to vote for the deficiency until that was done, and on the first ballot Selling and Kay also voted against it. Kay saying that he would put the responsibility up to you fellows to see that the institution is maintained. "You can turn them all out, I don't care," he said. When Day consented to vote for the deficiency, Kay changed his vote to aye. Selling did not change. Mr. Cobb insisted that all the state institutions be included in the investigation, but the other members of the board were not ready for that. It was in this connection that Mr. Selling expressed his opinion of the prison policy in vogue here.

"If nothing else is accomplished," he said, "I am glad I came up here to avail myself of this opportunity to criticize the state board, the state penitentiary and the parole board. Warden Minto reported there were 509 prisoners at the prison Monday."

"There is no excuse for the state of Oregon to have 509 prisoners at the penitentiary at any time," said Mr. Selling, who is very active in prisoners' aid work. "While some of you may say that former Governor West was not right in his prison policy, greater leniency should be shown to the convicts."

"You don't know what you are talking

about," interrupted State Treasurer Kay.

### Selling Says Keller Incompetent

"Yes, I do," replied Selling. "I meet more prisoners than you do. They should be given more of a chance. When you let a man out on parole, you send word to the detectives and his photograph. You don't give him a chance. You make a life convict out of him."

"The board of control has no authority whatever over the parole," explained Secretary Olcott. "That authority rests with the parole board and the governor."

"By ———, do you know that 30 to 40 convicts are paroled every month?" asked Kay heatedly. "More crimes are committed by paroled convicts than by any other class of people."

**Ex-Oons Have No Chance.** "The reason for it is because you do not give them a chance," insisted Selling, who described the conditions under which a man is released from the prison with all the odds against him and the officers ready to hound him. "Not a man is let out until we find a position," declared the governor. "His employer is asked not to tell that he is a convict. It is the most humane method possible."

"I criticize that method," replied Selling, "and I criticize the parole officer. He is absolutely incompetent and should not be in office."

"Your system is wrong. You have no right to tell anybody that a man released from prison is a convict. You are making worse criminals, you are not saving them. You brand them and they have to come back. When a man has been in the penitentiary three years he might as well stay for life."

Mr. Cobb told the members of the state board that they had been negligent in their duty in connection with the flax experiment.

**Cobb's Remarks Are Pointed.** "It seems to me that the cost of producing the flax is exceedingly high," he said. "The board of control has not used the same judgment as you members would in your own private business. When you pay \$2000 for guards, in addition to the regular penitentiary guards, you are open to censure."

"If you had given the matter the right attention the cost would never have been so high. You will never make a success of the industry as long as you follow such methods."

"I want to say that when we haul 100 convicts out into the fields it costs something," declared Warden Minto.

"Why not build pens and keep the men out there?" asked Cobb. "We did, and the commissary ate us up," replied Minto. "You can get any more money next time," advised Cobb, apparently referring to the next session of the legislature.

All three members of the state board declared that under the direction of the new flax manager, Robert Crawford, the work was being done in a more practical and businesslike manner. The superintendent of each institution asking for a deficiency appropriation declared that the shortage in funds was due to an increase in population at each institution.

### Laurelhurst Park To Have Concert

Laurelhurst park will have a band concert tonight. Al Kader Shrine band, Frank Lucas, conductor, will play and the program will be as follows: "Kitties' March" (Morris); overture, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna." (Suppe); "Impassioned Dream Waltz" (Bozza); "Love in Idleness," saxophone solo (Macbeth); N. V. Coomer. Intermission, "La Czarine," mazurka (Ganne); selection, "Amourita" (Czilbulka); Chanson dance, "Mama" (Misaud); "Gems of Stephen Foster" (Arr. Tobani); "Star Spangled Banner." The concert begins at 8 o'clock.

### Hood River Boy Is Cause of Anxiety

Errol Holland, a lad of 15, left his home in Hood River last Thursday and boarded a train bound for Portland. He was to be a guest at 55 East Eighty-third street, but failed to make his appearance. His absence has caused his parents considerable anxiety. He is described as being five feet three inches tall, slender build and light complexioned.

### Back May Be Broken

Dallas, Or., Sept. 12.—Karl Lentz, aged 22 years and unmarried, was struck by a falling tree at the camp of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, above Black Rock, yesterday, and sustaining a probable broken back. Life was removed to the Dallas hospital.

# Girl Hikers Carry Pistols on Journey Lassies Make 25 Miles First Day Out

Left to right—Miss Lillie Gustafson and the Misses Hannah and Esther Johnson of Battle Creek, Or., who have hiked from their homes on the Young's river, eight miles below Astoria, and are now en route to Salem.



Three girl hikers, armed to the teeth with pistols and showing evidence of sunburn, arrived in the city Monday forenoon from their farm homes below Astoria on Young's river. They are bound for Salem where they will visit friends for several days. They made the trip to Portland last year through the Nehalem valley, but this year came up the Columbia river highway.

They are carrying only clothing and food for camping—about an 18-pound pack—and making towns along the way each night. Thursday morning at 6:30 they left their homes and made 25 miles, passing the night at Knappa, Clatskanie, Goble and Linnton were the next stops. As yet they have not used the formidable guns, but they claim they know how. Miss Gustafson carried a .22 special, Miss Hannah Johnson a .38 and Miss Esther Johnson a .32 special. They are daughters of Jacob Gustafson and Andrew Johnson, respectively, farmers of Battle Creek.

# TWO PLATOON PLAN WILL EVENTUALLY COME, SAYS CHIEF

Personally Dowell Opposes System, Which He Says Would Lessen Efficiency.

"The two-platoon system in the fire department is coming sometime; there is no doubt about that," explained Fire Chief B. F. Dowell today. "It is a fad. But personally I don't like it and am against putting it into effect. It would mean, right off the bat, an increase of at least \$200,000 a year in the cost of the department and would, in my opinion, lessen efficiency."

The chief said the system does work successfully in some cities—Seattle, for instance—but the cost is greatly in excess of Portland's cost. "If I were not chief but a regular fireman again, I would rather have it the way it is now, or rather, with say one day off in three or four. There is bound to be a decrease in pay with a two-platoon system in force and I know that the men don't take the same interest in their work when they go off duty at the end of 12 hours."

The chief said he believed the force on each shift would have to be reduced

# SAWMILLS AT BEND EMPLOY MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND MEN

Central Oregon Town Thrives as Result of Industrial Activity.

### PAYROLL STILL GROWING

**A. Whisman, Editor of Bend Press, Speaks Enthusiastically of Rapid Progress in Recent Months.**

"Bend's \$100,000 monthly payroll is the bridge over which central Oregon will pass into her own estate," said A. Whisman, editor and owner of the Bend Press, who is in Portland today. "The Shevlin-Hixon company, which recently opened the climate permits mill in the United States at Bend, is now employing 710 men with a payroll of \$58,400. The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company employs 350 men and pays out \$28,000 monthly. The money paid out by these two mills, the Bend Brick & Lumber company, the Bend Water, Light & Power company, the various irrigation companies bring the grand total of Bend's payroll above the \$100,000 mark monthly."

**Activity Will Be Permanent.** "This is not a temporary condition," Mr. Whisman continued. "The Shevlin-Hixon company has now 275,000 acres of the most wonderful pine timber in the west—enough to last the mill operating now and the one being constructed for years. The Brooks-Scanlon mill has a 30-year supply of timber back of them. This is figured on a day and night run 11 months in the year which the climate permits. "The Shevlin-Hixon company's manufacturing plants are exceeded by only one firm on the Pacific coast in size and importance. Sixty per cent of the lumber is remanufactured into sash and doors and boxes. The other mill is building a box factory which will soon be running."

**City Is Distributing Center.** "Besides Bend's sawmill business she enjoys being the distributing center of a great portion of central Oregon. Six or seven irrigation companies cluster around the city and are enjoying the prosperity accompanying a farming community when a good manufacturing district is near by. Alfalfa is bringing high prices and three to four tons per acre are being raised. Oats yield 75 to 90

# THEODORE ROWLAND IS TO RUN FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

A petition of several thousand names has been signed requesting County Clerk Coffey to place on the ballot at the November election the name of Theodore Rowland as an independent candidate for county assessor. Mr. Rowland will accept and will soon announce his platform. A committee has been selected to conduct his campaign. He comes from old pioneer stock, his father and mother both coming with the immigration of 1852. His father, the late Lowry B. Rowland, was an Indian war veteran, having served with company A, Oregon Mounted Volunteers in the Indian war of 1855-56. He has resided in Portland both before and since. He is a civil engineer by profession and served in the U. S. Engineer's Office in this city under both Majors Langfitt and Harris, and was for a time on the staff of State Engineer Lewis. His many friends believe him to be eminently qualified for the position, both by education and practical experience. He has held a deputy assessor under Mr. B. D. Sigler for seven years from 1905 to 1912. (Paid adv. by Theo. Rowland, 995 E. 21st St. N.)

**Hoo Hoo's Choose Officers at Memphis**  
For First Time in History of Order Head Is Elected; New York Chosen as Next Convention City.  
Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 12.—(I. N. S.)—For the first time in the quarter of a century of its history, the Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoo, the international lumber organization, meeting in annual convention at the Chelsea hotel Monday, re-elected one of its members as head of the order, Julius Seidel of St. Louis, snark of the universe, was again chosen to the place by unanimous vote. The other officers chosen were: W. P. Lockwood, Seattle, senior Hoo Hoo; C. J. Kammer, New York, junior Hoo Hoo; S. C. Bennett, Chicago, bojum; W. F. Jones, Jacksonville, scrivener; Harry Kendall, Houston, jabberwock; J. G. Robinson, New Westminster, B. C., custocation; J. F. Gresley, Omaha, arcanoper; Robert McArthur, San Francisco, Gurdon. New York city was chosen as the meeting place of the 1917 convention.

bushels to the acre and wheat \$5 to 40. "Homesteaders are taking advantage of the demand for help at the mills and coming to the city to earn sufficient to enable them to prove up on their homesteads. "Hundreds of tourists have come to Bend this year and the general opinion expressed is that Bend is the liveliest city on the Pacific coast."

# Government Official Secures Evidence

**Alleged Bootlegger Is Forced to Turn Out Federal License; State Prosecution Expected.**

Baker, Or., Sept. 12.—By raiding an alleged bootlegging joint of Frank E. Pierce, compelling him to take out a federal license for \$100 and paying \$37.50 costs, Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Smith paved the way for prosecution by local authorities. In conference with District Attorney Godwin, Smith produced all the evidence he had gained, consisting of 17 quarts of whiskey, some beer and also testimony of Constables Jefferies and Palmer, who helped in the raid.

# War Babe Given Baptism in Camp By Guard Chaplain

The infant daughter of Sergeant Fred J. Mahnke, company C, Third regiment, O. N. G., was baptized last Sunday at Camp Withycombe by Chaplain W. S. Gilbert, and given the name Esther Agnes. She was born on July 15, and is the "war baby" of the regiment.

# Chas. Drake, Seattle, Arrested at Eugene

**Manager of Building Company Accused of Embezzling Aggregate of \$50,000 in Northern City.**  
Eugene, Or., Sept. 12.—Charles Drake, alias C. A. Morgan, is in the

city jail here and will be taken to Seattle as soon as an officer arrives to answer to the charge of larceny by bailee of about \$75. It is alleged that he defrauded a number of people out of sums said to aggregate between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Drake was arrested by Chief of Police Christensen Sunday. Drake and his wife were on a tour in an automobile. His wife returned north after his arrest. It is specifically charged that Drake took a sum of money which he collected on a debt owed to S. E. Anderson, president of the Anderson Investment company. Drake is manager of a building company, and it is alleged that he embezzled large sums from persons for whom he built apartment houses, diverting money given him for the purchase of materials.

**Shot By Insane Man.** San Francisco, Sept. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Floyd Smith, passenger director at the Southern Pacific Mole, was shot in the right leg by an insane man who attacked him as Smith was coming from his office on the Mole at 1 o'clock yesterday. Smith's assailant was overpowered by Dr. F. S. Gottlieb, a suburban passenger, who witnessed the attack.

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