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JOE KELLER.

Governor Withycombe is showing a loyalty for Joe Keller, State Parole Officer, which is unexampled in the history of state politics. The Marion county grand jury has turned its guns on Keller; all three of the leading Portland papers have demanded his dismissal; and no end of individuals have taken the same stand. Yet the Governor sticks.

No far hot single definite allegation of any kind has been made against Keller's character, save the mutterings of rumor. The jury dealt only in glittering generalities. At the very worst it only charged Keller with informing the Governor as to matters at the prison of which he should be informed. It merely labeled him as a confidential agent of the executive, but it even offered no proof of that charge, save only in a sweeping generality which could be indulged in by the man on the street as well as by a grand jury.

Nothing has been charged against Keller, nothing proven, that should bring down onto his head the universal odium which seems to be descending upon it.

Through it all the Governor sits calmly by, sticking loyally to a man whom he believes to be honest, capable and efficient. When the smoke blows over both the Governor and Keller will still be sticking and a large share of the public that joined in the condemnation of Keller will wonder how it was gulled.

The Portland papers agree that there has been trouble at the prison and demand that some one be made the goat. Keller seems to be the most vulnerable target and they select him. Fire Keller, they say, and that will be a panacea for all penitentiary ills. It will be found out that when Murphy was discharged the penitentiary was largely cured of its political tummy ache.

Why pick on Keller? No charge has even been made against him that will hold water. If the grand jury indicts him and he is found guilty of crookedness, well and good. He will then be disposed of as is proper.

But unless that happens there has been nothing said or charged which would demand his dismissal, or even demand censure on the part of the people. The grand jury report certainly displays nothing

Still, who gets the kaiser

Anyway, the George Washington is no Bellerophon.

Five more divisions of Yanks are sent to help guard Germany. General Pershing is taking no chances.

The Bolshevik leaders everywhere ought to be included in the list of those who will forfeit their lives, "if found guilty," as promised by Lloyd George.

How would you have liked to be as busy as the Atlantic cable during the war? And there are folks hereabouts who can recall when the idea of a telegraph line in the depths of the ocean was considered the dream of a half-baked inventor.

Lenine makes a strong bid for the support of the press by fixing the minimum pay for reporters at \$175 a month. Editors may go as high as \$600, but that does not go far at the present scale of prices in Moscow.

No wonder Secretary McAdoo resigned. He was opposed to snoring in the sleeping cars and forbade the scattering of peanut shells in the aisles of the day coaches. He was too much of a reformer to last long. —Exchange.

President Wilson will speak further, in Europe, on the "freedom of the seas," after having enjoyed the same. He will not agree with himself or any one else. The "freedom of the seas" is merely a vague expression of a hope, as yet. It will have to be worked out in the future, by a vague of patrons. It cannot be jumped at.

President Wilson is not so sure that government ownership is the best thing for the roads or the country. He is preparing to back-track on this proposition as he has on quite a number of others. —Exchange. Government ownership of anything that can be handled better by individuals or individual companies is bad. Our country grew great on account of individual initiative and effort. It will continue its progressive growth if allowed to pursue the same course. "That government governs best which governs least" and owns least.

but vilification and abuse of Keller over trivial allegations which, in the main, are unsubstantiated by the records themselves.

So why pick on Keller? On the face of the charges made so far he doesn't deserve the punishment which is being meted out to him, and when the shadows lift it is a safe guess that Keller will come up smiling.

LICENSE PLATES WILL BE YELLOW

Chrome yellow background and black figures will be the colors of automobile license plates for 1919, offering a strong contrast to the blue-gray background and black figures of the 1918 license plates. The design for 1919 is similar to that of Pennsylvania for 1918.

The new colors serve to carry out the provision of the motor vehicle law which requires that the number plates shall be of distinctive different color or shade each year," said Secretary of State Olcott. "The purpose of this provision is to furnish convenient visible evidence so that the general public and peace officers throughout the state who are charged with the enforcement of the law may readily observe whether its requirements are being complied with."

Mr. Olcott says he has given motor vehicle owners every convenience for applying for licenses early, and especially urges them to do so for their own convenience and protection and to avoid possible action by peace officers after the first of the year for failure to have proper license plates.

"In order to avoid confusion with the license plates for the current year 1919 plates, for all applications received prior to December 15th, will be mailed on that date," said Mr. Olcott. "Thereafter license plates will be mailed on the date of the receipt of the application, or as soon as reached in the ordinary course of business. During 1918 some 63,317 motor vehicles have been licensed in Oregon. Experience shows that by approximately 50 percent of the car owners apply for licenses during the ensuing year and as only 9000 applications for 1919 licenses have thus far been filed it is evident that the department will be hard pressed to dispose of the 25,000 applications which will reach it before January 1 unless car owners file their requests for licenses at once."

Following his usual practice Secretary of State Olcott, about November 1, forwarded blanks to the owners of all licensed cars for their convenience in applying for 1919 licenses. For all applications received to November 15 a drawing for numbers was made, the first few numbers falling as follows: 1 Harold R. Whitby, Corvallis; 2 Mrs. Samuel Elmore, Astoria; 3 T. J. Allen, Kings Valley; 4 J. Frank Spinning, Echo; 5 I. D. Smith, LaGrande; 6 I. D. Smith, LaGrande; 7 G. L. Steinar, Salem; 8 Edith Thomas, North Bend; 9 F. W. Cookman, Portland; 10 S. McConnell, Roseburg; 11 J. A. Byerly, Port-

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Every Article Must Go Regardless Of Cost

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\$1.00 12-quart Dairy Buckets	69c
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\$2.00 Large Granite Teakettles	\$1.29
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