

# PEN ESCAPES BECOME RARE

More Than Year Has Rolled by Without Man Leaving State Prison

When S. S. Corbin, serving two years for larceny from Multnomah county, escaped from the Oregon penitentiary September 3, 1921, he had no idea that he would be the last man to leave the institution without permission for over a year. But such was the case. When September 8, 1922, rolled around there had been no escape during the preceding 12 months, probably the longest time in the history of the prison without an escape. An examination of the record for 10 years back shows it conclusively to be the longest record for that period of time.

**Escape Killed Warden**  
During the 10 years past the longest previous record was three months and 27 days. This was the time intervening between the escape of Otto Hooker on September 27, 1915, and the escape of George Clark on January 24, 1916. Hooker was the convict

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been slowly, but steadily, developing our various industries, so we expect to make them a material asset in cutting down the expenses of prison maintenance. Congenial work in the shops has its beneficial influence over the morale, and a great share of the men enter into this work with a degree of enthusiasm that is surprising.

**Population Increases**  
The fact that the average daily prison population during the past 22 months was 386.8, as compared to an average prison population of 267.7 for the preceding biennium, makes the long record without escapes even more remarkable. The prison population has been constantly increasing, a good percentage of the new arrivals being men with long sentences without hope of parole privileges. A majority of these men have thrown themselves into prison life and work apparently with an intent to work out for themselves the full credits permitted by the law.

**Men Kept Busy**  
The problem of keeping the men busy is being rapidly solved under the regime of Warden Lewis. An employment slip, taken at random from the daily employment slips at the prison showed the date of August 30 with the following segregation covering all employment. This slip showed them working as follows:  
Cell house force, 8; barbers, 3; library, 1; dining room, 16; commissary, 2; bakery, 1; cooks, 7; vegetable room, 11; laundry, 23; tailor shop, 9; shoe shop, 4; butcher shop, 2; printing office, 2; hospital patients, 3; hospital attendants, 2; engineer's department, 29; bath house, 1; isolation cells, 4; correction cells, 5;

sawmill and factory industries inside, 74; yard force, 135; flax mill, 25; idle, 11; female ward, 5; turnkey's office, 2; officers' barber shop, 3; officers' dining room, 2; officers' kitchen, 3; officers' quarters, 1; warden's cottage, 1; parole officer's cottage, 1; garage, 3; flume, 1; outside under guard (farm), 19; farm, 27; wood camp, 7 asylum, 1; condemned cells, 2.

**Bull Ring Flower Garden**  
Those who have watched the prison during many years believe that the men are now kept less idle than on an average in the past, and employment is constantly on the increase.

Added to these conditions is the wonderfully improved appearance of the grounds. The old much-hated "bull-ring" is now a flower garden; bare inside patches have been converted into green lawns; outside of the buildings are numerous attractive flower gardens and long stretches of lawn, all converted out of bareness by the work of the men. A greenhouse has been added by prison labor which furnishes plants for summer use and vegetables for the winter, and gives added congenial employment to many of the men, directly and indirectly.

**Farm Products Increase**  
Farm products are constantly increasing, and regardless of the fact that the prison has the poorest farm of all state institutions, a farm of small value as indicated by the fact that its natural soil furnishes plenty of material for the operation of the prison brick plant, yet, nevertheless, constant labor and effort are continually placing the prison farm on a better basis in the production of crops.

**Betterment Fund Grows**  
The men's work which has thrown money into the betterment fund for the prison has resulted in an expenditure within the past two years of about \$6000 for purchases of various pieces of equipment for the prison which otherwise would come from the taxpayer's money.

The annual minstrel show has provided a good sized amusement fund which materially helps to keep the convicts happy outside of their work hours. This show crowded the prison auditorium for three nights last year and probably could have run as many more nights without a vacant chair.

**Editor Statesman:**  
Following my "Odds and Ends" or rather joined to them on Friday morning were two items not of my manufacture. One was extremely vulgar and the other merely silly. That they were placed there by the make-up man to fill space is, of course, evident

to me, but not to the reading public, and I can imagine how my friends gasped when they read them. In my time I have said and written many things that I regret. Indeed, I feel so keenly on the subject that for a long time I have written nothing; and now to come out of seclusion with a bomb like that!

(It should perhaps be explained to any one not acquainted with the inside workings of a newspaper office that the make-up man is the man who puts the type together in the "forms," to be "locked up" for the press for printing. The make-up man must have "fillers" of various kinds to complete the columns of type and make them flush in the "forms.")

The Saturday Evening Post uses pictures of various sizes, generally having no relation whatever to the matter going before, as most observing readers have noted. The Statesman uses pictures (cuts) and small miscellaneous items, gathered from many sources. Two of these small items were used as mentioned by Miss McMunn. The last one might be considered silly; but the first one was not vulgar. Medical men who keep thoroughly up to date will agree; for the gland theory is taking a wide range of late—very late. One eminent physician declares that this field, with the use of glands from horses, will be used to prolong human life almost indefinitely. So this inference of vulgarity is not a "horse on" the fellow who selected the "filler" item. He denies the allegation, though he would not presume to defy the alligator. But Miss McMunn has a case against the make-up man, if not on him. (He is a married man, and a friend of hers.) He hopes she will not remain in seclusion, and he promises to be careful in the future to fence off her matter so it will be distinct; as it generally is, any way, and deserves to be.—Ed.)

## CHAMPION MUFFIN MAKER OF THE SCHOOL.



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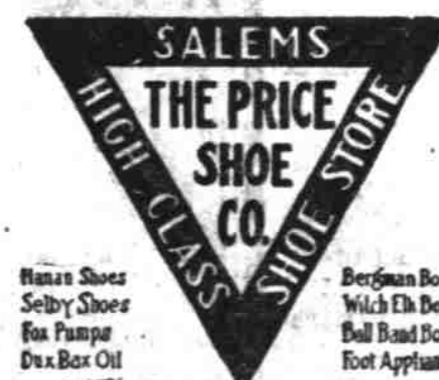
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