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 THE "TRUSTIES
"It is announced from Salem that more than 150 trusties
are employed outside the prison walls. That police is neeessar,
it is claimed, to earry on the industries established at the peni-
tentiary. To employ gun guards for the trusties whuld be impraeticable, it is said, because of the expense involved.
penitentiare is as a large building down at Salem known as the
年 the taxpayers. There is just one reason why it was built and
why it is maintained. That reason is to give the state a place
where eriminals could be safely confined. That was the only
reason why it was built and the only reason that the publio pays for its maintenance,
"The publie wanite expenses reduced to the minimum at the
institution. But the minimum means only to that point where ine cost is small and where the eseapes are few and far between,
tery few and very far between. If. in an endeavor to save
money, the peliey is permitted to degenerate into the class of a money, the poliey is permitted to degenerate into the class of a
penny wise and pound foolish system, if the escapes grow into
the proportions of those under a previous warden, the purpose he proportions of those under a previons warden, the purpo
for which the penitentiary was established is thwarted. The
money is saved but the prisoners eseape at wjil. Carried to ex tremes, that means that there is no penitentiary,
At this stage of the game it is probably impossible to
establish the industries inside the walls, rather than outside.
Contraets previously entered into probably make it impossible Contraets previously entered into probably make it impossible
for the work to be immediately transforred inside the prison
gates, and until those contracts are fulfilled there can be no gates, and until those contracts are fulfilled there can he no
change. But at the earliest possible moment industries shoul
he establizhed inside rather than outside the walls, industrie be established inside rather than outside the walls, industrie
which will be profitable to the state and in which the men, afte
they have completed their sentences, can make a living on th "Meanwhile, the authorities at Salem are expected to pro-
vide against escapes, even if it comes to the point of expending dditional funds for ganguards. The publie wants the peniten
tiasty to be a penitentiary. It has been since last October. If
t tiary to be a penitentiary. It has beet
it innt, the work of poliiee ofineers, distr
comes to naught, and law is not laws"?

## The above is from the Portland Journal of Tuesday evening

The writer in the Journal is to have his wish. The big
hing that he recomaion is bing made, and every effort possible
Every preparation
hastening the time is being exertedIn hastening the timie when practieally an the work will
bo done inside hhe walls, when the men will be employed in
teutching and spinning flax, and in carrying on other industeutching and spinning flax, and in carrying on other indus-
rives alleulated to make the institution self supporting
Alt the work in getting the state flax plant ready for full
peration is being done inside the walls. The power plant, to Alt the work in getting the state flax plant ready for fall
operation is being one inside the walls. The power plant, to
run the machinery and provide the lighting, is inside the wals.
There will always be some "trusties," on aceount of the neesiere will always be some "trusties, on aecount of the
tine will come when on farm and gardening wropork; but the
thenate number going outside the ime will eome when the proportionate number going outside
walls will be greatly reduced.
But the Journal writer misses one thing. He rather hark back to the ancient idea that there. is only one reason for send
ing a man to prison. He will find in the Oregon Constitution
these words: "Lows for the punishment of crime shall be founded on
prineiples of reformation, and not of vindietive justice." There is more than, ome reason. The men who wro
fundanental haws were wise, especially wise for their
This principle is now aeknowledged by every thorough
of prison methods in all the eivilized nations of the worl It is not enough to alone keep a man safe in prison. A other thing must be done. He must be given a e ehanee for re
formation; for being restored to society as a useful and self supporting member of li, with earrying on all the work within
Buttitis is also in line
the walls, and of making that work such as to render the men neasurably satisfied with their lots and of -aiding them in
keeping their families together on the outside.
The present program is in line with keeping faith with the wise men, the state builders,
in the Oregon Constitution.



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