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## PATTERSON FAVORS NEW REFORMATORY

Or Rather, Taking Present Plan for Institution for First Offenders

The question of the management of the state penitentiary is an important one to the people of Oregon, and reasonable methods for the improvement of conditions are being sought. Senator I. L. Patterson, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, aroused some interest in the situation when he touched on some of his ideas, and since then he has been asked to go further into the matter.

In the following interview will be found, Senator Patterson's statements on penitentiary management and pardons:

"In announcing my candidacy for governor under date of October 22, I stated that I favored placing the penitentiary under the board of control, giving my reasons therefor. Since then so

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many enquiries have come to me asking just what I favored for a betterment of the institution that I desire to supplement that statement by saying that when the boys' training school, now being constructed, near Woodburn, is finished and the old school at Salem vacated, that the latter should be used for first time offenders sentenced to the penitentiary. Practically all of these will be young men committed for their first offense against the law.

"The penitentiary is now so crowded that the prisoners cannot be properly segregated and as a result these first offenders are in daily contact with hardened criminals; in fact, it might be called a school for vice and crime.

"The use of these buildings is the only way in sight for the segregation of prisoners in the near future. There is at the present training school sufficient farm lands to furnish employment to the inmates. It should come under the supervision of the warden, and by the appointment to conduct the institution of high minded officials, who are interested in human welfare, and whose standards of morals are such that they would be daily examples to these unfortunate young men.

"I believe a large per cent of the inmates could be reformed and become useful, law abiding citizens. As I see it, this could be done without increasing the per capita cost of the institution. As

a matter of fact, this cost can be, and must be, reduced. It is unreasonable and idle talk to say that it cannot be done. With the land used by the institution it should produce all the vegetables, fruits, poultry, pork, etc., for its own use with able bodied inmates in numbers sufficient to perform the necessary labor.

**Pardons**  
"The abuse of the pardoning power, in this state, has been one of the greatest obstacles to the proper enforcement of our laws. Records show that the 'life term' in Oregon serves only 8 years of his sentence on the average.

"Under our legal procedure, it rarely happens that an innocent person is convicted of a crime. Where a person is charged with a felony, the case against him is presented to a grand jury and if five of the seven members of that body believe he is guilty, an indictment is returned against him.

"The defendant is then tried in the circuit court before a jury of his peers, and unless all twelve of the jurymen believe beyond a reasonable doubt in his guilt, he is acquitted. If convicted, an appeal may be taken to the supreme court, where the proof is considered, and weighed and impartial decision reached.

"The right and privilege of having the truth of the evidence for and against him determined by two juries and two courts, is vested in all persons charged with the commission of crime. The witnesses and counsel for the defendants are provided at public expense, if desired.

"There will be greater respect for our laws and they will be easier and better enforced when the too frequent pardoning of criminals ceases.

"It seems to me that pardons should not be issued unless new evidence shall be discovered after the trial, sufficient in the judgment of the trial judge of the prosecuting attorney to have changed the verdict; or upon the recommendation of the trial judge or prosecuting attorney, who certainly should be consulted when pardons are considered."

### Americans Seek Pedigree, Find Oxford Skeletons

**OXFORD, Eng.**—American pedigree hunters have invaded the Oxford libraries. The actions of forgotten ancestors resident in almost every one of the United States have asked the university librarian to bridge some vast gulf in their patronymics.

A large percentage of the inquiries are coming from states in the middle west and the Pacific coast.

It is considered fortunate for the genealogists and the College of Heraldry that ancestor worship has found a home across the water, for its popularity is fast waning here. Historical research shows that many of the great men of the past were scoundrels, rogues and rascals, for whom complete oblivion was the most kindly fate. Even the peerage is not without its closeted skeletons.

## AFTER VISITING MILES MILL AND STATE FLAX PLANT, FRANK IRVINE, PORTLAND JOURNAL EDITOR, WRITES

**"An Industry That Sends No Money Out But Keeps Every Cent at Home, and Which at the Same Time Destroys No Great Natural Asset"—"Where Can There Be a Better or Safer Investment Than the Salem Linen Mill?"**

(Frank Irvine, editor of the Portland Journal, was with the delegation representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which visited Salem last Friday, and among other things here, visited the Miles linen mill and the state flax plant. The following was the leading editorial in the Portland Journal of Sunday, under the heading, "A New Step in Oregon:")

"When you stand in the Miles twine mill at Salem, listen to the whir of machines and see those machines convert Oregon-grown flax into a twine that you can't break with your hands, you catch a vision of a great Western Oregon industry that is to be.

The fiber from the flax comes into the Miles mill worth 33 cents a pound. It goes out at a wholesale price listed at \$2.90 a pound. A small discount is given the trade. The present output of the mill is chiefly used for fish nets. The Pacific coast alone consumes a million pounds of it a year.

Every cent of revenue from the industry is an Oregon cent. The flax is grown in Oregon fields. The farmer gets \$28 a ton for it. If the flax is 30 inches long he gets \$38 a ton. He grows about two tons to the acre, giving him \$56 to \$76 gross a ton per acre. Every penny of this revenue from the crop is an Oregon penny that stays in Oregon. His flax is bought by the Oregon penitentiary at the prices above stated. Within the prison walls is a big place, 175 feet long, filled with machines. The whir and rattle of those machines tells you that manufacturing there is in full career.

More than 150 prisoners are busy about the machines. They are earning their keep in that great game, and incidentally are earning a little private money on the side, paid them by the state for special service. If there were no other advantage, the flax industry as now conducted is highly profitable to the state in the fact that it keeps so many prisoners employed and productive.

These machines in the prison are in the scutching plant. One operator threshes out the flaxseed and makes it available for the manufacture of oil. Another separates the woody stem from the fiber out of which the twine or linen is made. So separated, the fiber, still in the rough, leaves the

ating on home-grown flax and turning out a finished product equal to or better than any other in the world and selling it commercially.

In New Jersey there are a few similar mills, but they import their raw flax fiber from Ireland and other foreign countries. In Michigan there is flax culture, and Henry Ford is utilizing some of the product, but in quality it is far below the Oregon flax.

Western Oregon, in fact, is the only spot in America where flax is produced that experts declare is the equal of the best grown on earth. The Miles mill, which began operating only in September this year, is now selling its output at the same price as the output of Irish and Belgian mills which have been in existence 300 years.

One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, every cent of it subscribed by Salem people, is invested in the Miles mill. Showing the faith of hard-headed business figures in the enterprise is a subscription of \$25,000 by the great banking house of Ladd & Bush, Salem. But half the building is now in use, plans having been made for a big addition to the machinery as the business develops.

In Salem all eyes are fixed on the proposed linen mill, for further development of the flax industry in western Oregon. Like the Miles mill, every dollar of its great revenue would be an Oregon dollar that would remain in Oregon.

The Miles mill has already demonstrated in a small way what a big thing flax production can be made in the Willamette valley. An industry that sends no money out but keeps every cent at home, and which at the same time destroys no great natural asset, as the cutting of timber does, is rare.

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## PUBLICITY MAN HAS OWN PATCH

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come will be in fewer numbers with correspondingly easier control. Cane borers, if the 'limber-necks' are cut out in the spring, can hardly get a foothold in time to accomplish such mischief before the old canes in which they are burrowing are torn out and burned, following the harvest of the crop. The sawfly, or leaf-stripping wasp, can be controlled by dusting and the damage kept down to a trifle.

Under these conditions I find that the canes bear heavily in normal years, that the fruit is fairly large and quite uniform in size and quality, and that the canes will continue to bear over a much longer period. This is highly desirable, particularly to our family, as we all like the fresh raspberry to the limit while caring much less for it put up. Hence we like to prolong the season and enjoy one of nature's most luscious fruit knowing that it is clean, fresh, good wholesome and nutritious.

(Mr. McIntosh is the publicity man of the Oregon Agricultural college. He is the one who gives out to the public the news of the experiments being carried on and of the various activities of that institution. And there is no more competent man in his line in this country.—Ed.)

## Women Javelin Throwers Can Now Shoot 178 Foot Mark

**LAUSANNE.**—If Mile, Pianzola of France could pack as heavy a punch in her right or left as she can put in a swing with the javelin, there might be a feminine boxing ueen. She set a new world's record for women at a track meet here with a heave of about 178½ feet, right and left hand throws added.

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## Chinese Send Dead Home for Burial; Then Reach Heaven

SAN FRANCISCO. — Because they believe that no Chinese will enter heaven unless he is finally buried in China, natives of that country in the west ship the bodies of their countrymen homeward through this port.

Bodies of scores of Chinese have been exhumed in several California cities and sent to San Francisco to await enough to make a ship load. The bodies are cared for here by an official funeral director for the family longs affected.

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### NEW VARIETIES OF WHEAT DO WELL IN SOME MARION COUNTY EXPERIMENTS

Reports on Federation, Hard Federation and Foise Varieties—Some of the Outstanding Benefits From the Introduction of New Varieties of Wheat in Different Oregon Counties

(Wm. L. Teutsch, district agricultural agent of the Oregon Agricultural college, under date of November 18, sends the following article to The Statesman; giving matter concerning new wheat variety experiments that will interest nearly all farmers in this section.)  
Federation wheat, when planted in early spring, gave excellent results in Marion county this year on the Mt. Angel college farm, according to Father Joseph, who cooperated with Wm. L. Teutsch, of the O.A.C. extension service in testing this new variety of wheat. Compared with Rink, planted at the same time and rate, Federation yielded as much as did the Rink and matured two weeks earlier. Yields of 34 bushels per acre were obtained from both plots which were planted on March 20.

Father Joseph, superintendent of the Mt. Angel college farm, was so well pleased with the Federation results that he intends increasing the acreage of this new wheat considerably next season.  
**Other Varieties**  
Hard Federation, another spring wheat, was grown this season by M. H. Utter, near Salem, and yielded 35 bushels per acre, Mr. Utter reports.  
Both the plot of Federation on the Mt. Angel college farm and the plot of Hard Federation on the Utter farm was certified as to purity by the O.A.C. extension service. In addition to these two fields a plot of Foise in Marion county was also certified for Ed May, of North Howell community.  
Federation and Hard Federation were developed at the Eastern Oregon experiment station at Moro about five years ago, reports Mr. Teutsch. For the dry lands of Eastern Oregon Hard Federation, because of its higher yields, is

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