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RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS PEACE:—The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. Isaiah 32:17, 18.

THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

"We recommend, finally, a detailed study of all aspects of the present state prison, and the requirements of proper management, with the end in view of providing profitable employment for all able bodied prisoners, and other needed reforms looking to the best interests of the prisoners who are not confirmed criminals or mentally defective, as well as the best interests of the state. Such detailed study should be made by a person or persons thoroughly familiar with the approved practices of criminology and modern prison management."

The above are the concluding words of the findings of the committee appointed by Governor Pierce to report on the condition of the Oregon penitentiary, after the break led by Tom Murray—

And they are the most important words of the report, in being the most far reaching.

The other recommendations of the committee, looking to making the penitentiary a safer place to keep men and to having better discipline, either have been complied with or are being or will soon be complied with—

But the concluding recommendations, quoted above, call for long continued effort, lasting for many years—

For there will never be a system of employing prisoners that may not be improved upon, and there will never be a system of treating them for the sake of reforming a large percentage of them, that may not be bettered—

But in respect of providing employment the Oregon state penitentiary is now well on its way proceeding towards full self support and a wage for every worker. That goal will make all the rest comparatively easy. Without employment there cannot be much success in the line of reformation, and wages for work is the next most important thing in modern penology.

But criminology and penology should be taught in our universities, and the handling of men and women and boys and girls accused and convicted of crime ought to be made a profession. There is no more important work. It is worthy of profound study by high class men and women.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

"Know Your Own Town"

Editor Statesman:

I understand the Women's club class of Oregon History is now studying to "Know Your Own Town," and as the Daughters of the American Revolution are mapping each state by counties, marking historical spots, and since I have Marion county I am enclosing a list of limited questions, submitted to me, as to historic spots. Revolutionary heroes and prominent people in Marion county. I have answered to the best of my memory. As I did not have access to my own library and was not able to reach any other for needed dates and information, I shall be glad to be corrected.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are doing this, as they realize much valuable history is being lost by the passing of old pioneers. These county maps will be filed in Washington, D. C., for future use and preservation.

Oregon was one of the three states to file the best papers on historical spots.

Historical Spots in Marion County
 Marion county was named for General Francis Marion in 1849. He was called the "Swamp Fox" of the Revolution.

The first Methodist Institute was built in 1842 in Salem, and stood "little east of Eaton Hall, on Willamette university campus, and taught by Chole Wilson (mother of J. K. Gill.)

The first public school, on the northeast corner of Marion and Commercial streets, Salem, was taught by Sylvester Pennoyer, later governor of Oregon.

The first private school was taught by D. R. Williams of Salem.

The first school on French Prairie at Champoeg was taught by Solomon Smith, in 1834. The first Methodist church was built on present site in 1834.

The first Methodist mission was located about seven miles north of Salem on the La Follett farm. "Battle creek," named from war with Walla Walla Indians who came in 1846 to kill the Mission cattle—five miles south of Salem. (Pioneer days of Oregon, by S. A. Clarke.)

On the Abaqua river, seven miles east of Silverton, 1848, 14 Indians were killed. No whites.

In 1846 the first voluntary military company drilled on the Dan Waldo farm to protect the settlers against Indians.

Homer Davenport, noted cartoonist, buried at Silverton, Or.

Colonial Daughter, Mrs. Hannah Tortarf, buried in Silverton, Or.

Revolutionary hero, Leven Nelson English, buried in IOOF cemetery, Salem.

Chomokets chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in 1923 placed marker in Willson

park, Salem, to the Pioneer Father and Mother, marking the "Old French Prairie Trail."

Provisional government for Oregon organized at Champoeg in 1843 (with same number of colonists as there were in the "Mayflower" when first constitution for civil government in the world was written.)

First supreme judge, Dr. J. L. Babcock, appointed with power of probate to administer estate of Ewing Young, Feb. 17, 1841.

John Pollard Gaines was born 1795, served in war of 1812, was governor of Oregon; died 1857, and was buried at Salem.

Samuel R. Thurston, first delegate to congress from Oregon, died 1851 and was buried at Salem, IOOF cemetery.

Charles Bennett, who first discovered gold in California, fell in defense of his country at Walla Walla in 1855. He was buried at Salem. California claims Marshall.

State house built in Salem, Marion county, Oregon, in 1873.

First legislative assembly held in Methodist Institute in 1851.

First stage station, Liberty and Ferry streets, southwest corner, present site of Salem armory. First station south of Salem was Looney farm.

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 Salem, Dec. 5, 1925.

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