## The Oregon Statesman

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## DRESSING THEM OUT

at 3 There were 481 inmates at the Oregon state penitentiar by the first of April, and then the number will likely decrease towards the summer season, as mischief finds less work for
idfle hands to do, for there will be less idle hands on account of greater activities in out of doors occupations-
And thus the population of the prison fluct

## season to season. On the average, one man is "dressed in" every day, an another man "dressed

 another-man "dressed out." Those are the terms used athe prison, a man being dressed in when he doffs the suit $h$ wears to the institution for the prison gray, and dressed out
when he doffs his gray habiliments of servitude and dons again the clothing
Think of that-
One man each day entering again the ranks of our citi-
zenship after having been confined behind prison bars for
weary months or long years, again to take up the tangledweary months or long years, again to take up the tangle

Chastened and sobered or embittered and vengeful. The prison will depend largely upon the treatment he has had those who are dressed in and dressed out are normal men amenable to the influences and the environments of the
average reader of these lines. Perhaps 15 per cent of them average reader of these lines. Pe
are sub normal, through bad or moro
training or vicious
the good influences of proper treatment and training The may be dressed out better a
when they were dressed in-
work. This is being proved in all the prisons
which attempt to provide work for their inm
best example of this is the penitentiary at Still
where all men able to work are given employment at a sma
wage. The men thus have funds to keep their families to partly by the number or the needs of their innocent depend ents on the outside, running from 50 cents a day
men to $\$ 2.50$ a day for men with large families cases, the prisoner who has killed his brother man
allow his wages to go to the family of the dead man having no families accumulate their wages for a nest upon-release. A near approach to this system is being fo owed in a number of other prisons in this country-an
already they are either self supporting or approaching sel support. The Stillwater prison has been self supporting since 1905 , and has a $\$ 300,000$ surplus in its revolving fund
Not a cent has it cost the taxpayers of the state in that time Thè Missouri penitentiary is self supporting and $, 000,000$ surplus.
The Stillwate
prison. Our revolving fund law is copied from the Minnesot
law, to the extent that allow. Governner Pierce said in his Jackson day Portland Friday night that the Oregon prison can be mad self supporting. It can. It will be, if no change is made in good management and the vision when will depend upo egislature-for more machinery and appliances will hav to be secured. In time, the revolving fund can provide them
But faster progress towards self support can be made wit some wisely applied funds or credit from the state treasury for machinery and appliances, which would pay
500 per cent in savings made to the taxpayers.
Some of the men being dressed out of the Oregon prison now have several hundred dollars to take with them, from
wages in the flax industry, and others are helping to support their families on the outside-

And when we shall have reached self support and a wag eformations as is the rule at Stillwater-85 percentage o highest in the world for a prison for matuire men.
habits of industry formed, which is nearly as important, and not quite so. The man with a credit of money in the fron office at the penitentiary is not going to plan to escape. H An Another thing: his work.

plant of our prison. They will help in establighing retting And scutching plants here, for they are learning those trades,
and as the industry develops they will be of great assistance in keeping it supplied with competent help in all assistance ments. The same will be true of the other thades and lines of employment that are now followed or will be taken on at our prison, under the revolving fund law:
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The Ameriean citizen has been defined as The man who
looks up to nobody, who looks down on nobedy and whe looks up to nobody, who looks down on nobody and who look
straight into the eyes of everybody. And when this defin

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR OFFICIALS
 the entry of the laws on the statute books and should be
backed by law observance. The enforcement is primarily
the duty of the officers employed and under oath for this



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The official's duty is not only to enforce the law, strict impartially and as required by the law itself, but to obe
 quent, the lawless and the criminal, are subject at all times
to more vindictive, irrelevant and dishonest. criticism than
almost any other class of people almost any other class of people. And this criticism coming
from these sources is difficult to combat and the better class condemning their protectors or official servants.
There is altogether too free use of misrepresentation
directed against both officials and private citizens-too much directed against both officials and private citizens-too much
vitrolic babble injurious to human character and position.
And while we possess the means for removal of officials And while we possess the means for removal of officials in
a legitimate way, those who knowingly or even carelessly malign them should be promptly and effectively punished
And those who without justificaticn spread poison gossip about their neighbors should be punished also.
That a man or woman, the moment he or she accepts
public office, should be subject to unfounded villification and abuse is not onl
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popular government.

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