The Oregon Statesman


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| THE BRIGHT HOPE－Febraury 2t，1026，And Trael Bald unto Joseph，Behold， but cod shall be with you，and bring you again unto the lan your thatheri．＂Gein． $48: 21$ ． |  |
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Joseph S．Murray，book keeper of the Oregon penitenti－
ary，has made up two tables of the average service of the men ary，has made up two tables of the average service of the men
in that institution，one for the ten years beginning in 1901 and the other for the ten years beginning with 1911，when
the present parole law went into effect－ law was a year and eight months，and under the first ten years of the parol
twenty－four days．

The average at the present time is about the same as for the first ten years under the parole law；perhaps slightly
longer．
Mr．Murray has made up another set of figures，covering the time from January 1，1923，to January 31，1926，checking
the records to find out what percentage of discharged pris－ the records to find out what percentage of discharged pris－
oners were later arrested for commission of crimes，in com－ parison of thosereleased on parole and on executive clemency，
with the following results：

There were discharged by expiration of sentence a total
of 265 ，of which number 54 are known to have been rearrested of 265 ，of which number 54 are known to have been rearrested
for commission of crimes，or approximately 20 per cent． There were released on parole a total of 293 ，of which
number 23 are known to have been arrested for committing Of the total number that received 129，the prison authorities have knowledge of 23 arrested for were only crimes after their release，or 18 per cent．There
The figures in the first two tables do not show that the
parole law is without fault，or that its administration is what it should be in all cases－
But it does show that the somewhat prevalent idea that erroneous．
It shows that the committing judges take into account while ing of＂good time＂by the decent behavior of the men
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There is a great deal to be desired in a better general
proper parole law well administered according to its spirit－
But Oregon has made a start in the right direction，and there is no valid excuse for a cry for a return to the old sys－ tem，which is demanded by many persons who are not
$\qquad$ The main thing to be desired is a greater regard for the fitness of men to be paroled；whether they will be able．to parole because of having served their minimum time，entitl－ ing them to ask for release fnom the parole board－
Finally leading to what modern penologists ask for sud that is absolutely indeterninate sentences，which woul̃ mean that paroles would never be granted excepting upon a showing
of fitnēss to again enter society on a footing or law abiaing and self supporting membet
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Which would mean that the confirmed criminals would not be released at all again to prey upon society；that men
on a level of intelligence or through hereditary or environ－ on a level of inteligence or through hereditary or environ
mental traits not able to keep straight because of not know－ ing how or because of not being able to help themselves，
would remain permanently wards of the state－but with the lamp of hope for refermation ever being kept burning．

> SUGAR BEET GROWING

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these things，it is slow burning and long lasting． and holds fire a long time．Because it doesthold fire such a very long time it makes frequent firing
unneeessary．And because it makes frequent fir－

MRS．HOUSEWIFE，DON＇T SPEND ANOTHER DAY LIKE THIS：The break－ fast dishes scarcely finished and put away preparing lunch for the kiddies－a trip to the basement．All ready to leave for the club，but first－a trip to the basement．

How many times during a busy day are you interrupted by the realization that the house has cooled off？－and，ANOTHER trip to the basement

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believing that our relations with each other will be mutually advantageous．

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