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PR

PEN INDUSTRY OPENS MONDAY

State Lime Plant Will Be Ready for Operation Early Next Week

DEMAND IS ESTABLISHED

Filter Rotted and Scuttled This Year Is Now Being Spun at Mill in Linn County

The Oregon penitentiary industries are getting into their stride in better shape than ever before, with additions and increases to follow steadily.

It is hoped that the wheels of the state lime plant will be ready to begin to go around on Monday next. The machinery had to be overhauled. It was badly out of order, when it arrived from Gold Hill a few weeks ago. Two cars of lime rock have already arrived from Gold Hill, and more will follow as needed.

Tentative orders for lime are on hand to keep the plant going satisfactorily, though the price to be charged for it has not yet been definitely fixed. It will be as low as is consistent, in order to leave a small profit, with no overhead or bookkeeping charges.

The present retting tanks are being connected up with a central heating plant in such a way that the water can be kept at an even temperature in all of them, and regulated by one man, at the heating plant. This will make for efficiency, and high quality of the output. As soon as this task is completed, work will begin on the final retting tanks to be put in this spring. These will double the retting room and capacity at the institution. The new tanks will be built on the foundation that was laid last year for a proposed garage. Garage room will be provided inside the wall.

It is proposed also to build more scutching machines; perhaps the number will be doubled.

Early Work This Year

A 12 ton batch of flax straw was retted when the first sunny days came some weeks ago, and this has been scuttled and delivered to the Miles linen mill and is being spun into twine and thread. It is of splendid quality. Another batch has been retted and dried and is now being scuttled. Another batch has been retted and is drying in the field. Still another is about ready to come out of the retting tank, and still another was placed and had the water turned on it last evening. So it goes and will go on. This is about two months earlier than last year for the retting, drying and scutching.

The round wooden tanks are being used to rot the hemp on hand, all of which has been broken. This disposes forever of the merlham, or "merrtwanna" nuisance; that is, the smoking of the hemp leaves, which set as an oplate. The retted hemp will be

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Who's Who

Salem Public Schools

MERRITT DAVIS
Merritt Davis, head of the commerce department at Salem high school. Fifteen years in Salem school system. Twenty-seven years' teaching experience. Graduate of University of Oregon. One year's work La Salle extension course. Has had years of experience teaching in

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Convict Ship, With 340 Aboard, Leaves France

Deportees of Europe Are Sent Into Living Death on Tropical Island; Gabriel Mourey, One of Exiles, Defies Guards to Prevent His Escape

LA ROUCHELLE, France, March 30.—(By Associated Press.)—"La Mariniers" the last convict ship afloat in this twentieth century of the civilized world, sailed today for French Guiana carrying 340 lifers and long term sentence first shipload of convicts for this south sea more than two years.

They were painted a weird combination of red, blue and green and seemed to have emerged from the underworld under stress of emotion, waving goodbye to his sweetheart across a port, collapsed and died, bringing back the grim present.

No joyful welcome or fond embraces await the shackled passengers on this sinister ship, for their destination is Devil's Island and a living death.

They were trotted out of St. Martin's penitentiary between rows of steel helmeted soldiers, with rifles and fixed bayonets and their step was heavy and faltering.

One man stood out among the spineless, dejected multitude, stolid, erect, with fierce moustaches ruffled by the northwesterly wind. He attracted the attention of all.

"He is Gabriel Mourey," a guard armed to the teeth responded to a query. "He is the man who robbed the American banker, Shattuck."

Mourey heard the comment and smiled confidently as he recognized the Associated Press correspondent who had attended his trial.

"Tell them," he said, "that I will be the butler for some high class society people in New York inside of two years."

Most of the convicts were tattooed in an elaborate manner with all sorts of weird designs and blasphemous and revolutionary mottoes. One lifer, who escaped the guillotine by presidential commutation, had a blue-black mark running clear around his neck about the width of a linen collar. Above the line were tattooed the words: "Executioner, when cutting, follow the dotted line."

Alphonse Gabriel Mourey, alias Henri Bolla, who goes to Devil's Island on the convict ship to serve a life imprisonment commuted from the death sentence, was butler for Albert R. Shattuck at his home 19 Washington Square, New York.

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TOTS BURNED TO DEATH

THREE CHILDREN DIE WHEN FIRE DESTROYS HOME

TOPEKA, Kans., March 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brace, living on a farm about two miles south of here, were burned to death in their home tonight. The dead: Winifred, 5; Adabella, 3; and Junior, 1.

DEBATORS SWAY LABOR

LINFIELD-WILLAMETTE MEET IN LABOR HALL HERE

Willamette university men's debate team met the Linfield college debaters Tuesday night in the local labor hall, in a no-decision debate on the question, "Resolved that the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution Should Be Adopted."

A vote taken from the audience before the debate showed 44 in favor of the amendment and one against. A vote after the debate stood 27 for and 18 against, showing that Willamette, who upheld the negative, had succeeded in changing the opinions of about one-third of those present.

Charles Redding, Lee Crawford and Lars Bergsvik represented Willamette and James Haver, Clyde Beard and Raymond Strand represented Linfield.

SIX DIE AT CROSSING

TRAIN CRASHES AUTO; DALLAS MAN IS INJURED

DALLAS, Wis., March 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Six men killed and one maimed with injuries by jumping a Northwestern railroad train today struck an automobile mile south of the Rock. The dead: George Zenton, 32; Masoud, 32; Anton Theodore Petrat, 33; Maximo, 33; Peter O.

(By Associated Press.)

BAD YEW PARK CROSSING SEEN

Railroad Intersection at Mission and Fourteenth Quizzed

An investigation of the railroad crossing at Fourteenth and Mission streets has been started by the public service commission because of an accident occurring there recently when Dr. J. R. Remberton of this city collided with a freight train on the side track that runs parallel with the main track across Mission street.

It is alleged that the corner is dangerous, not only because of the accident, but because of the reports that several times accidents have been narrowly avoided at the location.

Fourteenth street approaches obliquely toward the railroad tracks until it nearly touches on the east side about 50 feet from Mission street. Then it runs parallel to the tracks up to and across the intersection of Mission and Fourteenth, which is paved through the intersection.

Mission street comes perpendicularly to the tracks on the east side, but swerves slightly to the north on the west side. Mission street is unpaved.

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WE NOMINATED TODAY

THE FIRST VICTIM OF THE 1926 BASEBALL SEASON

History repeats itself. Year after year the human race staggers on with monotonous, with fans pressed by the same passions, with umpires hit by the same balls—or others just as hard.

First casualty of the baseball season is reported as resulting from the epic clash of the Grey Diggers and Turner nines, when L. E. Hennis was struck by a ball and was taken hastily home. He is declared a victim of accident, rather than of passion.

We therefore nominate as the first victim upon the 1926 baseball hall of fame the name of L. E. Hennis.

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DRYS HIT PLAN TO SELL TONIC

Anti-Saloon League Rises Against Proposal to Market Medicinal Beer

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(By Associated Press.)—While the nation seemed to get a kick today out of the approval given by the government to sale of 3.75 per cent medicinal beer, about the only reaction the announcement stirred up here was a protest from the anti-Saloon league that the issuance of permits for the manufacture of such strong malt tonics was a "mistake" and would lead to diversions for beverage use.

Nothing was said in congress about the new order, in fact, of a change, the prohibition question was completely out of the picture, except for the introduction in the house by Mrs. Mary T. Norton, democratic representative from New Jersey, the resolution provisionally offered in the senate by Senator Edwards of New Jersey, proposing a sweeping investigation of prohibition and its enforcement.

Officials in charge of prohibition enforcement declined, in the absence of the city of Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, to say much about the new regulation except to give assurance that the new "health booster" would be available without prescriptions at drug stores even in bone dry states.

In condemning the medicinal beer order, six officials of the anti-Saloon league, among them F. Scott McBride, general superintendent, and Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel, joined in a formal statement which said:

"The issuance of permits for the making of malt tonic of 3.75 per cent alcohol content is a

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"Pick Legislators Well" Car Drivers Are Advised

"We Have Permitted Too Much Regulation, and Legislation," Declares Hugh Montgomery, Portland, Attorney Speaking Here

"The time has come when the citizens of the state should pay more attention to the election of legislators," declared Hugh Montgomery, Portland attorney, in speaking to the Salem Kiwanians Tuesday noon on "Automobile Taxation." Mr. Montgomery explained he was not complaining of past legislators, but that the complexity of the laws necessitates discrimination in future elections.

"Auto taxes are almost twice as great as general taxes," he continued. It is estimated that the total auto tax for Oregon in 1926 will be \$13,250,000.

"Technically, a motorist passing a farm in Oregon is paying more for the pavement in front of the farm than is the farmer himself.

"The motorist should pay his share of the taxes, but why should he be bound down to unfair proportions?"

"One out of every four persons in Oregon owns an auto. It is estimated that the average family consists of four members. Theoretically, then, every family owns a car.

"There are more autos in Oregon than there are telephones. The motoring public, it would seem, is large enough to merit consideration.

"Every motorist who tries to operate under the state light law will find difficulty in seeing the road. The light laws are not uniform throughout the nation. Hence a man coming into Oregon from the outside will have trouble in adjusting himself to our law.

"We have permitted too much regulation, legislation, and hence, too much taxation."

That the matter discussed is of vital importance to the automobile men was evidenced by the fact that several local and out of town dealers were guests of the Kiwanis club at the luncheon, having come expressly to hear the talk.

AD CLUB ASKED TO JOIN

REGINALD COOLEY OUTLINES WORK OF ORGANIZATION

Reginald Cooley, special representative of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, was guest of honor at a special meeting of the Salem Ad club at the Marion hotel last night.

An invitation was extended to join the national organization which includes 325 clubs and approximately 35,000 members. Oregon at present is represented only by the Portland club. Mr. Cooley pointed out that activities fell into two groups, club, and better business bureaus, citing illustrations of effective work done, "name the woods" now being a furniture slogan to insure genuineness and "know what's under the ticking," now the catch line of the mattress makers.

This evening, Mr. Cooley will be guest of the Portland Ad club. He is speaking throughout the northwest before returning to New York.

D. A. HOAG 'EXONERATED'

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' WORK PRAISED BY BOARD

D. A. Hoag, principal of the Liberty school, was "completely exonerated" in a report issued last night by members of the local school board, following investigation of charges brought against him of "incompetency" and toleration of "gambling and smoking" on the part of pupils. The report read:

"The board voted unanimously to completely exonerate D. A. Hoag of the charges preferred against him at the recent meeting. It was signed P. D. Judd, O. E. Brooks and Ralph Gibson, chairman, of the board.

The verdict came following a trial the night previous at which Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson declared "Liberty is one of the best rural schools in Marion county, and Principal Hoag one of the most progressive instructors in the county."

Complete vindication is the result of the investigation which paid tribute to the services of the principal.

FIVE MEN BURIED ALIVE

EXCAVATORS KILLED WHEN PIT WALL COLLAPSES

NEW YORK, March 30.—(By Associated Press.)—In the fear that other workmen might still be imprisoned, rescue crews worked tonight removing tons of rock which crushed five men at work today in the excavation at Broadway and 123rd street where the world's tallest building is to be erected.

The five laborers were killed when a cliff-like formation known as Fort Horrocks, collapsed into the adjoining excavation.

Three others were injured. Police reported tonight that two arrests on charges of homicide were imminent.

The excavation is being dug for erection of the 67-story Christian Mission building which will cost \$14,000,000. The building will house a hospital, a hotel and a bank.

SEVEN KILLED

FIFTEEN INJURED

ROCKIES BY HIGH

Four Die, Thirty Injured When Rain and Snow Sweep Southwest

PROPERTY DAMAGE HIGH

Loss Already Estimated at One Million; Southeast Texas Is Lashed By Heavy Wind and Rain

KANSAS CITY, March 30.—(By Associated Press.)—A March storm, its breath chilled by rain and snow, had spread out over an unusually large area of the country late today. It brought death to four Texas oil field workers and injuries to at least 20 others and damage to property to the extent of approximately one million dollars. To a large part of the southwest, the storm brought the heaviest snowfall of the departing winter, while in some sections it was the heaviest in years and continued unabated late today.

From the Rocky mountain region east and south, including virtually all of the central, southern and southwestern states, the country was lashed by the pent up fury of the passing March disturbance. Out of the Rockies, where it had been harbored for several days, the March lion swept. Over the plains states and down to the foot of the Texas plains it stretched, leaving a blanket of white that varied in depth from a few inches to more than a foot. East of the Missouri river snow was reported falling from Madison, Wis., on the north down into Illinois and Indiana and on the north from Wisconsin to New England.

Mrs. Agnes Slavocik was killed when her home near Crosby, Texas, was blown down and a negro woman died at Beaumont. Twenty-five persons were injured at Beaumont and three at Liberty.

The storm fatalities and property damage occurred in southeast Texas, where a high wind, accompanied by heavy rain, cut a swath through the oil fields near Liberty. Three men were killed and three injured. At Beaumont, Texas, considerable damage was done to business establishments. Hundreds of plate glass windows were broken, basements flooded, houses blown from their foundations, light buildings and trees blown down and oil derricks wrecked. Telegraph and telephone lines were snapped by the wind that reached a velocity of 53 miles an hour at Houston.

Houston reported the damage would reach \$250,000 and the loss at Beaumont where the roofs of more than 500 residences were torn off or badly damaged, was placed tonight at \$500,000.

In a special bulletin the Kansas board of agriculture said orchardists had reported widespread damage to fruit.

The snow fall in Kansas ranged from several inches to more than a foot.

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Tuesday in Washington

Legislative hearings were begun by a house committee.

Italian debt settlement was attacked and defended in senate debate.

Senate elections sub-committee favored dismissal of Schall-Johnson contest.

Prohibition officials said new medicinal beer might be in bone dry states.

Withdrawal of negotiators from Mexico was urged upon foreign affairs committee.

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