

STATE'S WARDS INCREASE FAST

Penitentiary, State Hospital Are Taxed to Limit; Costs Held Down

Reports of the heads of the various state institutions, filed with the state board of control as of December 1, show a marked increase in the number of state charges during the first 11 months of the year 1931. This was particularly true at the state penitentiary, where the existing facilities are taxed to capacity.

The population at the penitentiary on November 30 was 691, according to the report of Henry Myers, superintendent. With the exception of less than a dozen prisoners who are receiving treatment in the institution hospital, all of the men are employed regularly. Approximately 40 per cent of the inmates are employed in the prison shops, while the remaining men are employed on the prison farms, poultry department, and in the maintenance of the institution.

226 Out on Parole

The report showed that 226 men and women sent to the penitentiary were on parole in October and November. Of this number, 181 have made regular reports to the prison officials. Thirty-nine prisoners have violated their parole, while two were returned to the institution to serve out their unexpired terms. The earnings of the paroled prisoners in October totaled \$10,606. A total of 132 of the paroled men reported earnings during October, six were ill, two were in school and one had enlisted in the army.

The population at the state hospital here on November 30 was 2015. This institution is crowded to capacity, and it recently was necessary to transfer a number of patients to the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. The 1931 legislature probably will be asked to provide an additional appropriation with which to care for the increasing number of insane.

The eastern Oregon state hospital reported a population of 1056 on November 30, while the state home for the feeble minded had a population of 841. There were 143 inmates of the state training school for boys, which is 43 in excess of the number a year ago. This increase was due in a measure to the recent death of a parole officer, which has made it impossible to obtain homes for worthy boys during the past 30 days.

202 at T. B. Hospital

The state tuberculosis hospital in Salem reported 202 patients on November 30, while there were 93 patients at the eastern Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at Pendleton. There were 66 students at the state school for the deaf on December 1 and 72 inmates of the state industrial school for girls.

The girls' school is crowded to capacity and the 1931 legislature will be asked to provide an appropriation for the erection of an additional building. It also is likely that an appropriation will be requested for the construction of a new cottage at the state home for the feeble minded. Whether new buildings will be sought at any of the other state institutions next year has not been determined.

Cherrian's Tree Played up With Cut and Article

Written and pictorial notices of the large courthouse spruce tree decorated annually at Christmas time by the Salem Cherrians, is given in the current number of the National Journal.

The picture is woven into an article on "Christmas Celebration".

Regarding the ideal tree the writer says: "At Salem, Oregon, there is a living Christmas tree that has been illuminated every year since 1913 when it was first decorated by the Cherrians, a booster organization in the heart of the cherry section.

"It is a majestic Sitka spruce, which was planted on the courthouse grounds, 50 years ago by a county judge. It is now 60 feet tall and the trunk measures 24 inches in diameter."

DAD AND DAUGHTER TEAM



W. S. Gregory and his seven-year-old daughter Lillian, pictured after they had won the trying 50-mile outboard Marathon Motor Boat race off Long Beach recently. Lillian acted as "grease monkey" or mechanic for her dad. They were the crew of the winning boat the "Billian," and are shown with the trophies their victory netted them.

Dutch Doll Smiles When Interviewer Pays a Visit; Firemen are Busy Bunch

By OLIVE DOAK

A wooden toy doll balanced in one hand and with the other hand a round wooden head was being placed firmly on the craft while headless shoulders of the funny Dutch doll. That done, the toy was held at arm's length while a pair of kindly yet fearless blue eyes surveyed the mended product.

The blue eyes turned on me and a smile of satisfaction played about the corners of the mouth of this mender of toys, as he said, "Now that will make some youngster laugh on Christmas day," and what a tone of deep satisfaction there was in that voice!

Who was it? It was Santa's leader in Salem, Charles V. Faulkner, who last year made a contract with the kindly old patron saint whereby the firemen of the Eighteenth and State street fire department took on the Salem duties of busy Santa.

New Station Utilized

It was this way. The fire department had to expand to take care of the city needs so a house was procured at Eighteenth and State street and made into a firehouse with a living room where cards could be played and reading could be done and bedrooms afforded the men on duty. A kitchen and a long, wide garage bedroom was built into the east side of the house for the great red fire engine of which Mr. Faulkner is driver and engineer.

Now playing cards is fine and reading is excellent, but one needs diversion in a routine of day after day of waiting for some fire call. So when Christmas time began to be felt in the air last year the "fireboys" started their scheme.

After interviewing the council and the fire chief and there in authority, permission was granted to fix a ladder leading into the upstairs of the Eighteenth street firehouse. In case of a call a quick slide could be made to the engine.

Service Clubs Cooperate

Then a call was made on the service clubs of the city with the result that the Elks club, the Rotary and the Kiwanis clubs sponsored the idea for Christmas cheer which had been inspired in the Eighteenth street firemen.

The upstairs of the house was transformed into a workshop. Vices, hammers, planes, small saws, glue, paint, varnish, and all the necessary adjuncts were provided to the reconstruction of toys that have seen service in the hands of reckless and happy youth; tables were arranged in the largest of the upstairs rooms; electric lights were put in so that necessary light for the fine work of painting pretty doll faces for instance could go on properly; all this was done and then the call went out for materials upon which to work.

A local theatre gave a show for the price of a toy that some boy or girl presented for admis-

sion. The papers sent out word for old toys and anything in the line of playthings for a Christmas gift and the result was a shower of dollies without heads, broken wheels, baby carriages that needed mending; toy dogs with tails missing; airplanes with broken wings; and a dozen and one other things that were a valuable store upon which to work.

Rehabilitation Real Task

Then began the gluing, nailing, making of new parts, finding doll heads to fit and putting the heads in place; painting and varnishing; getting material for doll dresses and getting the wives of the firemen to do the dressmaking and all the dozen and one things necessary for the recreation of attractive Christmas gifts for the little folk who would get none unless Santa Claus or his agents made a special effort.

When the toys were completed they were taken to the basement of the Elks temple. Automobile load after automobile load was taken from the fire station. From the Elks temple the distribution was made by the Elks Christmas committee with "Bob" Cole acting as master of ceremonies.

This year the same plan is being followed. There is a room in the upstairs of the firehouse completely full of gifts already finished and the work "shop" looks like a corner of Santa Claus' own workshop. All manner of gay and desirable toys are in the process of rehabilitation. One supply room has arms and legs of dolls scrambled with skooter wheels and parts of baby carriages. When an arm or leg is needed for some otherwise good dolly there is the supply room from which to draw and soon Miss Dolly looks like a fresh miss straight from the shelves of the store.

The Boy Scouts helped collect toys this year, but for some reason the good housewives did not respond as well as might have been desired. But there has been much interest in this unique shop—an increased interest over last year in fact, ever though people have not been quite so generous with their cast off toys.

Old Lady Glad to Help

For instance, there was the old lady who came to the station not long ago. Age and rheumatism made walking a problem and an ache in her heart did not make her feel more light. She came looking for the man who made old toys new. When she had found him she presented a dear little, used dolly, the pride of some child's heart. "I have kept it for years—ever since she went away" stammered the old lady with tears in her eyes; "but this year I just wanted to do something and it is selfish for me to keep this dolly when some little child might be happy with it, so

SILVERTON M. W. A. NAME OFFICERS

Lloyd Moser Will Head Fraternal Group During Year

SILVERTON, Dec. 6.—Lloyd Moser was election consul at the annual election of officers of the Modern Woodmen of America held Wednesday night at the lodge hall. Other officers elected were past consul, F. M. Powell; advisor, T. Hendrickson; banker, August Herr; clerk, T. O. Volgamer; secretary, Ollie Taylor; watchman, Bert Beval; sentry, Alfred Nordberg; manager, Otto Dahl; physician, Dr. A. J. McCannell.

At the business meeting plans were made for the "Spirit of '49" which will be given by the Woodmen on the night of December 17. At this time the hall will be transferred into Tavern of '49 with its gambling devices, old time dancing and other amusements. A small admission fee will be charged and this entitles the person entering to a handful of '49 money, which is the only form of money to be used with in the "lavern." All Woodmen are requested to appear in costume and will be fined if they fail to do so. A prize will be given to the person who best represents the "Spirit of '49."

Representatives Scott and a husband of M. W. A. head camp at Rock Island, Illinois, were present Wednesday night in the interest of the insurance rate change of the order.

After the election and business an oyster supper was served with E. W. McClure, Herman J. Neagle and W. C. Larson in charge.

FOOD SALES WILL SUPPORT CHARITY

Charity work through societies will receive an impetus according to plans made yesterday. The Portland Gas and Coke company has rented the vacant room in the Bligh building north of its offices and turned the room over to different societies to use in putting on cooked food sales the proceeds of which will go to charity. St. Monica's Altar society will have the room Thursday of this week, the Amaranth social club will use it Friday and the Woman's Benefit association Saturday. Each day Mrs. Rita Salboun of the gas company will bake hot biscuits for the ladies to sell.

A novel stunt has been planned by the gas company to attract patronage to the sale. It will put on in the windows of the room a panake flipping contest for money each day between the hours of 12 and 1 and 5 and 6 with cash prizes for the most expert flippers and floppers. Men only will be eligible.

Jefferson Will Pay for Lads on Trips to Games

JEFFERSON, Dec. 6.—At a recent meeting of the student body of the Jefferson high school, it was decided to pay one cent per mile for each basketball player, for transportation to the games.

The games scheduled for this season are as follows: December 5, Aumsville at Aumsville, double header; December 12, Monroe at Jefferson, double header; December 19, Mill City at Mill City, double header; December 23, Woodburn at Jefferson, boys; January 2, Monroe at Monroe, double header; January

you take it and fix it for some little girl. And here is as much money as I can spare."

With that the old lady dropped four nickles in Mr. Faulkner's hand. "These he promptly returned for no money is received. But what better Christmas story could be told than this one of real sacrifice on the part of an old lady who gave her very dearest possessions that some one might be made happy?"

Mayor Livesley in Proclamation Urges Home Illumination

"The charm of Salem, which we proudly term 'The City Beautiful,' is the result of both physical beauty and attractiveness of a spirit.

"Our broad streets, trim lawns and parkings, artistic landscaping and well kept homes have been obtained through intelligent, progressive effort; and so it is with our civic spirit—we build it through continuous and unaided action.

"The approaching holiday season affords us a timely opportunity to display our civic pride, and illuminated Christmas decorations furnish a happy medium for its expression. If we and our neighbors do our parts with appropriate illuminated decorations— not necessarily elaborate or expensive—Salem will radiate the infectious spirit of Christmas, which to us means joy, contentment, peace on earth, good will toward men!"

"In behalf of the city of Salem, then, I strongly urge that each citizen do his part to the end that Salem will be not only the City Beautifully Illuminated."

MAYOR T. A. LIVESLEY.

16, Turner at Turner, double header January 23, Gates at Gates, boys; January 23, Halsey at Halsey, girls; January 30, Mill City at Jefferson, boys; February 4, Woodburn at Woodburn, boys; February 6, Gates at Jefferson, boys; February 6, Halsey at Jefferson, girls; February 13, Turner at Turner, double header; February 20, Stayton at Jefferson, double header; February 27, Aumsville at Jefferson, double header; March 6, Stayton at Stayton, double header.

YOUNG FOLKS TO MEET

SILVERTON, Dec. 6.—The Young Peoples' Society of the Immanuel church will meet Sunday in the social rooms of the basement with Mrs. Carl Lee, Mrs. Sam Lorenson and Mrs. El-program will consist of a group of interesting musical numbers and Johnson as hostesses. The and readings.

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MARRIAGE BOOKS IN LEAD FOR LIBRARY

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Titles of a number of interesting and modern books now on the shelves of the city library on phases of that all-important question, woman and the home, are given by Miss Maud Covington, librarian, as follows:

The philosopher and psychologist look at marriage—Hamilton and MacGowan's "What is Wrong with Marriage"; and Newman's "Modern Youth and Marriage."

Mental Hygiene—Blatz and Batt's "Parents and the Pre-school Child."

Problem of Marriage and Family Life—Goodsell, "Problems of the Family"; Groves, "Social Problems of the Family"; and Wills and Winn, "Marriage in the Modern Manner."

The Wedding—Burt, "The Shower Book" and Vogue's Book of Brides.

Building and beautifying the home—Architects' Small House Service Bureau—"100 Bungalows of Architectural Distinction"; Olney, "Home Owner's Manual"; Keeley, "A Book of Bungalows and Modern Homes"; Kouss, "On Decorating the Home in the Early American,

Portland Out to Get Power From Deschutes Site

The City of Portland on Saturday filed with the state engineer here application to appropriate 50,000 second feet of water from the Columbia river in Hood River county for power purposes.

A similar application was filed six months ago by Ralph C. Clyde, now a member of the Portland city commission, but this was cancelled for the reason that he did not file application for a license with the federal power commission.

DEATH BRINGS SORROW

KEIZER, Dec. 6.—The sad news of the death of Mrs. Addie

Colonial, English and Spanish "Manner"; and Storey, "Beauty in Home Furnishings".

Food—Sansum, "Normal Diet".

Law for wives—Jossup, "Law for Wives and Daughters".

Spending, saving and investing—Chase and Schlink, "Your Money's Worth"; Chances and O'Neil, "Management of the Personal Income"; and Mott, "An American Woman and Her Bank".

Jobs and marriage—Coylo, "Jobs and Marriage"; Croyle, "How Women Can Make Money"; Fleischman, ed., "An Out-look"; "Occupations for Women"; Leuck, "Fields of Work for Women".

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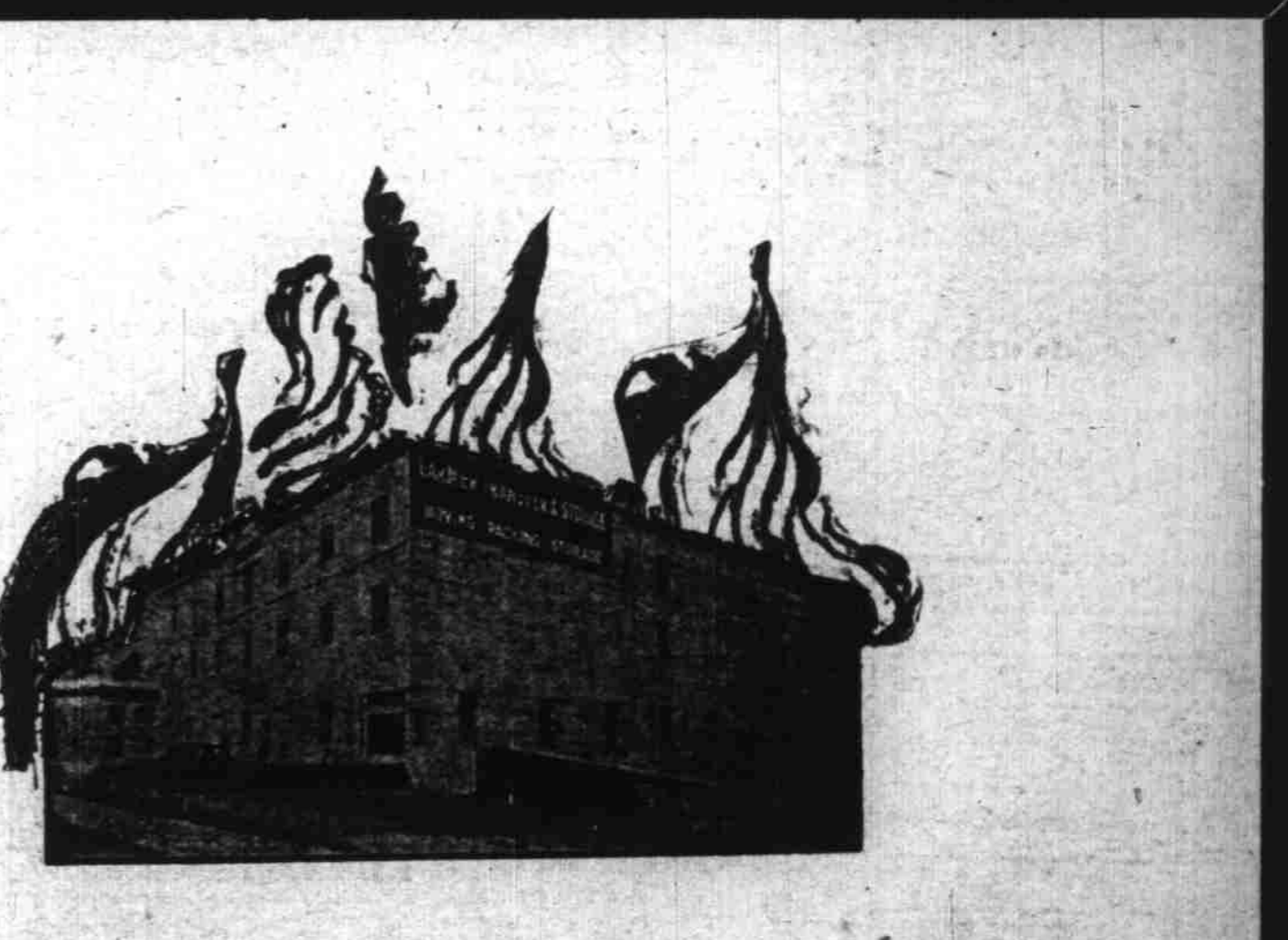
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