

COST OF THE PEN

SUPERINTENDENT LEE
MAKES HIS REPORT.

Wants a Brace of Bloodhounds—
Thinks Salaries Should be Raised
Would Work Convicts on Public
Roads State Should Operate Its
Own Electric Light Plant.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 15.—The biennial report of Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the Oregon penitentiary, shows that during the last two years the number of convicts in the penitentiary has increased from 278 to 300. The earnings of the institution have amounted to \$28,370.92 for the 21 months ending September 30, 1902, and at the same rate the total will be over \$32,400 for two years, as compared with \$26,700 for the preceding term. The report gives a full account of the management of the institution and of its needs. The only intimation that any friction has existed between the superintendent and any of his subordinates is contained in the closing paragraph, which says, among other things: "I wish to thank all officers and employees who have been in harmony with my policies and who have earnestly endeavored to carry them forward to a successful completion." The language shows that there have been some whose efforts were so out of harmony with the superintendent that he did not feel like thanking them.

The report recommends that more land be bought for agricultural and fuel-cutting purposes, that arrangement be made for establishing a lighting plant at the prison to furnish light for other institutions, that the convicts be employed on the public roads where practicable, that salaries be raised to correspond with the increase in the cost of living, that a brace of bloodhounds be procured, and that the superintendent, and not the warden be responsible for the safe-keeping of the prisoners.

FINANCES.

The financial statement follows:
Amounts expended in maintenance of convicts and general repairs, including road and new wing—
Salaries of officers and employees \$33,108.08
Meat 11,362.99
Flour and feed 4,646.60
Groceries, provisions and crockery 6,012.58
Dry good, cloth and blankets 4,520.80
Leather and findings 1,468.09
Drugs and medicine 2,162.15
Stationery, postage, telephone, telegraph and box rent 384.93
Paints, oils, glass, lime, etc. 142.16
Furniture and bedding 22.75
Hardware, agricultural implements, and engineers' supplies 1,547.53
Lumber 191.07
Fencing and fruit trees 38.60
Livestock 332.75
Rent of land 239.50
Lights and lamps 3,007.05
Relief of discharge convicts 434.69
Photographing convicts 287.50
Firewood 3,335.91
Expense not classified 1,924.52
Improvements and repairs—
Paints, oils, glass, lime, etc. 2,948.34
Lumber 117.53
New wing and fire protection—
Engineers' supplies 71.20
Hardware 44.71
Cement, sand, gravel, and labor 38.75
Drayage 3.00

Total for quarter \$70,353.84
Earnings 28,370.92

General Prison Account.
Unexpended appropriations, 1899-1900—
Public roads \$ 749.83
New wing and fire protection 174.65

Total \$ 924.48
Appropriations 1901-1902—
For payment of salaries of officers and employees, and for maintenance and general and contingent expenses of the Oregon state penitentiary \$84,000.00
For payment of expenses of general repairs, and improvements at Oregon state penitentiary 4,500.00

Total \$89,424.48

Disbursements.
Amount paid out as per report to secretary of state—
Quarter ending March 31, 1901 \$41,251.84
Quarter ending June 30, 1901 3,280.28
Quarter ending September 30, 1901 13,602.54
Quarter ending December 31, 1901 9,986.96
Quarter ending March 31, 1902 12,191.31
Quarter ending June 30, 1902 9,102.04
Quarter ending September 30, 1902 13,939.07

Total expenditure \$79,353.84
Balance remaining unexpended—
General expense \$ 7,869.69
Improvements and repairs 1,434.13
Public roads 749.83
New wing 16.99
Total \$10,070.64

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NOVIATE REMOVED.

Jesuits Move From Frederick, Md., to
St. Andrews-on-the-Hudson.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 15.—The final closing today of the historic old novitiate at Frederick, Md., marks an epoch in the career of the Jesuits, which order has been prominent in the affairs of Maryland since the landing of Calvert in 1634. The novitiate has been removed to St. Andrews-on-the-Hudson, for the reason, it is said, that the South has ceased to be the center from which novices are procured and that the Eastern states, particularly New York, are more helpful to the society in this way than in the past.

The old novitiate property at Frederick was bought in the early part of the last century and is within a stone's throw of the home of Barbara Fritchie and of the grave of Francis Scott Key. Recently the property, which had been offered to Cardinal Gibbons, and refused, was sold to private parties and will be cut up into building lots.

From 1634 to 1810, the Jesuits, although they ministered in Maryland, were all educated abroad. The novitiate was established in 1810 and the majority of the members of the Jesuit order in this country and who have belonged to the order within the last century were educated there, which consequently renders it an important place in the estimation of the fathers. The new institution located on the Hudson is magnificent and complete in every particular. It starts on its career with about 300 novices in charge of the Rev. J. H. O'Rourke, rector of the novitiate.

Missions Under Discussion.
New York, Jan. 14.—The tenth annual conference of the officers and representatives of the foreign mission boards and societies in the United States and Canada began today at the headquarters of the American Bible Society. The delegates present represent the Congregational, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Quaker, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Reformed foreign mission organizations as well as a number of the smaller religious bodies. Some of the subjects to receive attention at this meeting are philanthropy and missions, the apportionment to churches of the missionary budget, and the Bible Society and the translations of the Scriptures.

Livestock Agents Meet.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—The National Association of Railway Livestock Agents, which was organized at Fort Worth two years ago, began its annual convention in Kansas City today in conjunction with the meeting of the National Livestock Association. The association aims chiefly to widen the scope of authority of general livestock agents in connection with the railroads so as to materially strengthen their usefulness to their employers. The president of the association is W. V. Galbraith, of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the secretary, J. L. Conway, of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe company.

Nephew of Congressman Robertson.

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 14.—A number of guests from out of town are here for the wedding of Miss Kate Lanier and W. M. Barrow, secretary of the railroad commission and nephew of Congressman Robertson. The ceremony takes place this evening in the Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Tucker officiating.

MARCONI'S YOUTH

BASHFUL BOY WHO BLUSHES
AT THE WORLD'S PRAISE.

Always Showed Strong Admiration
for Scientific Studies—Mother Was
a Jolly Irish Lass—Childhood Was
Spent in Country.

Everybody knows the story of William Marconi's wizard-like achievements in wireless telegraphy, but few are familiar with the scenes in which the young inventor moved while solving the scientific problem that was to astonish and fascinate civilization.

Twenty-eight years ago, in a little house adjoining the Marescalchi palace, one of the most famous structures in the old Italian city of Bologna, William Marconi was born.

Many of his biographers make the mistake of placing his birthplace in the Albergo palace, which was the home of his mother during her girlhood.

In Bologna there is no more popular man than Joseph Marconi, the inventor's father. Hale and hearty today in his 69th year, he musters an army of friends, who jokingly call him the "lightest hearted and best natured man in Italy."

His first wife was a Miss Ranoli, who lived only long enough after her marriage to bear a child—a son Louis Marconi, who has lived to make Bologna almost as proud of him as it is of his gifted young half-brother. Louis served his native city in various capacities and was finally elected councilman on the strength of his personal qualities and popularity.

Joseph Marconi's second marriage was with a gray-eyed, keen-witted Irish girl, Anna Jameson. Two children were the result of this union—Alphonse in 1865 and William in 1874.

Passed Childhood in Country.
The childhood of the youngest son, who was destined to electrify the scientific world, was passed in the country. He was a delicate child, who shrank from rugged play, and early found his chief happiness in books. There was a good scientific library in Villa Giffone, the family residence and the talented lad revelled in it, neglecting his play and meals, and pouring over his books night after night until forced to seek rest by his ever watchful mother.

His elementary studies were mastered during the winter months in the schools of Florence and later in Leghorn, where his interest in physics first conspicuously declared itself.

The professors wondered at the ardor that he put into his work, and at the tireless effort to keep in touch with the most recent scientific discoveries. Text-books did not satisfy young Marconi's thirst for knowledge. His active mind followed every great scientific movement of the times and grappled with the knottiest of scientific problems.

As early as 1894 he had conceived the idea of utilizing the Hertz electric wave as a medium of communication. The idea took shape in the young inventor's mind while he was visiting his brother Louis, at Andorra. It made him restless, banished all interest in social pleasures, and impelled him to cut short his vacation and hurry home to the Villa Giffone, where his great idea was given a next experimental test.

News of the Discovery.
The result was convincing to young Marconi, who hurried with the news

of his discovery to Professor August Righi, one of the most eminent of Italian specialists who had long before predicted great things for the talented youth. Together they made tests in the professor's summer home at Montese and later repeated the experiments in the laboratory of the University of Bologna.

Two years passed and radiography was an accomplished fact. Marconi went to England, where he continued his experiments, and returned no more to Bologna—save for a few days in 1898.

His welcome was a civic affair that will long be remembered by Marconi and his delighted townsmen. The young scientist and inventor, honored by the governments and scientific academies of the world, was accorded a public reception that crowded the Arco gymnasium to its doors with the elite of the city.

More Eloquent Than Words.
Joseph Marconi wept for joy as he saw his youngest son feted by his native city.

Seated between father and mother, the city's honored guest was complimented by officials and savants until embarrassment nearly forced him to beat a retreat.

He tried to speak, but his voice shook and his trembling fingers nearly dropped the upraised wine glass. Great as Marconi may be in the realm of scientific achievements, he is no orator.

But his modesty and bashfulness pleased the people of Bologna far more than sparkling eloquence could have done. They read in his blushes and halting speech the welcome fact that success had failed to spoil him.

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