

New Jail No Penthouse; Oct. Building Better Than Old One

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The jail atop the new Marion county Courthouse will not be a Park avenue penthouse, but it will be so far superior to the old "black hole" of the former county building that prisoners who have opportunity to use the facilities of both may feel like spending several months with Sheriff Denver Young.

One of the more noticeable improvements of the modern version of the lockup as compared with the old, will be the absence of odors of boiling cabbage and onions that, wafting out of the basement, permeated the entire structure.

The layout of the entire fourth floor, all of which has been set aside for the accommodation of prisoners—adults and juveniles—as well as for living quarters for the jailer and his wife, bears the stamp of approval of those well versed in matters of this kind.

Reinforced concrete walls will separate the various divisions. There will be day rooms for all, showers and corridors

Oct. Building Off in Oregon

October Building permits in 19 Oregon cities were four percent below October, 1952, according to the monthly construction report of the Equitable Savings & Loan Assn. of Portland. Eighteen Washington cities were down 18 percent and eight Idaho cities were down 21 percent.

Salem's figure of \$545,960 was second only to Portland and was far above Eugene's \$202,365, but the Salem figure was far below the abnormally high \$1,373,009 recorded in October, 1952.

The figures follow, October, 1953 in the first column, October, 1952 in the second and the percentage of gain or loss in the third.

City	1953	1952	Chg.
Albany	27,400	33,300	-21
Astoria	47,151	53,384	-12
Baker	41,840	47,520	-12
Bend	7,400	28,300	-74
Corvallis	72,218	81,585	-11
Eugene	202,365	248,749	-22
Grants Pass	29,285	104,628	-72
Keizer	71,230	205,140	-66
LaGrande	14,779	77,483	-81
Coos Bay	39,440	118,033	-74
Medford	141,724	78,974	80
Ore. City	17,360	48,163	-72
Pendleton	128,275	12,820	915
Portland	4,103,270	2,536,778	18
Roseburg	294,500	122,402	67
St. Helens	38,970	14,470	124
Salem	545,960	1,373,009	-60
Seaside	42,120	112,010	-63
The Dalles	281,484	142,260	160
Tot. Oregon	4,304,828	6,162,432	-4

British Consul On West Oregon Tour

Albany—Norman R. Prickett, British vice consul at Portland, was in Albany Tuesday in the course of a week's tour of western Oregon, during which he will visit Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Medford, Klamath Falls. The vice consul is meeting those interested in trade with the United Kingdom or having any problems such as a vice consul could handle. In Albany he met with Seth French, who imports British china, and with D. J. Donahue, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

where the inmates will get a chance to stretch their legs. Those steel window sash that are being inserted in the top floor exterior walls will have glass pane inserts. Immediately inside there will be the exercise corridors, each one completely shut off from the others, so that there may be no coming of the adults or juveniles.

Pipes for radiant heat will be enclosed in the cement floor and there will be a minimum of exposure of any type of metal that prisoners might be able to pry loose. There will be no breaking through the walls through the medium of a case knife or similar instrument.

The day rooms are quite commodious as to size. The men's will have an outside dimension of 18 by 41 feet, the boys', 24 by 26 and the girls' 25 by 18. In addition there will be rooms where visitors may see their incarcerated relatives or friends.

The sheriff's quarters will be located on the first floor. Here there will be rooms for examination of prisoners and for the keeping of records. An elevator for the exclusive use of the sheriff's office and the prisoner will take the offenders to the top floor without the necessity of passing through rooms frequented by the general public.

The court rooms on the mezzanine immediately below the jail were approved by the bar association as to convenience and accessibility. There will be no necessity for the mingling of prisoners and the general public. Jurors will be provided with separate dormitories for men and women in case they are compelled to remain overnight.

All in all Marion county's prisoners "never had it so good" come next May.

Hale Leaves SP After Career of 52 Years

Salem offices of the Southern Pacific Company are informed that after a railroad career of 52 years, W. W. Hale, vice president, Southern Pacific Company, in charge of system freight traffic, has just announced his retirement, effective December 31.

Hale joined Southern Pacific in 1901 at San Francisco as a clerk in the general passenger office. Except for the period of Federal control of railroads in

World War I, he has been with the company continuously since that time.

In his long service, he has represented Southern Pacific in many capacities, in all parts of the nation, being recognized as an outstanding authority on all subjects pertaining to freight traffic. His acquaintance with business leaders extends from coast to coast.

During his career with the railroad, his assignments placed him in posts at Chicago, Detroit, Portland, Houston, and San Francisco. As general traffic manager, with headquarters at Chicago, from 1938 to 1942, he had general supervision of traffic solicitation in the mid-western, eastern, and southeastern states. He has held his present post since 1942.

Albany Grange Names Morgan

Albany—John Morgan was chosen master of Fairmount grange during elections at the meeting recently held at the hall in North Albany.

Other officers are Leonard Brush, overseer; Gwen Rickert, lecturer; Pauline Brush, chaplain; Zed Merrill, steward; Allen Howells, assistant steward; Helen Brush, lady assistant steward; Pearl Abraham, secretary; Pearl Schmidt, treasurer; Chet Hughson, gatekeeper; Maxine Holmes, Pomona; Daisy Merrill, Ceres; Zoe Lanley, Flora; and Caroline Morgan, musician.

Members of the executive committee are Hubert Schmidt, Herman Luther and Herman Abraham.

BOMBER CRASHES
Naples, Italy (AP)—A U.S. Navy torpedo bomber plane crashed into a house near here Thursday injuring four people inside and killing the pilot. The plane was returning to its Capodicino airport headquarters from Rome. Two members of the crew also were injured seriously.

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