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FRIDAY, Dec. 7, 1906

Tillamook needs a live law enforcement league.

Crazy old Abe Dawson, the pest of Lamonta, Crook county, died all by himself last week.

An editor paying his fare on the railroad will raise the standard of the profession. Sweet are the uses of adversity.

Pearry is surprised. He finds the same coal shortage in New England that he experienced in the regions of the north pole.

All is well in South America. Castro claims to be alive, and Secretary Root vouches for the good health of the Monroe doctrine.

Edison's new \$200 automobile may run 15 years, he promises, provided it doesn't try to make the telegraph poles turn out of its way when it approaches.

A chemical weed destroyer has been developed in Wisconsin, and it doesn't hurt grain. The solution consists of 100 lbs. of iron sulphate dissolved in 54 gallons of water, which amount will spray an acre.

Canada is showing decided fondness for annexation in the Arctic regions, having taken eight more islands for the dominion up that way the past year. Nobody disputes her rights, but the Japs are wouderstruck.

Hon. R. J. Ginn has declined the appointment of register of the U.S. Land office in the Dalles, and Jud S. Fish, of the Umatilla house, is recommended. Jud will make a capital register. His appointment is looked for within a week.

Fining the Pullman Car company \$50 for permitting formaldehyde to be used in the feed products served on its dining cars, as was done in a Pennsylvania court, is a brilliant evidence of the protection afforded by our laws to the traveler who has to eat.

Legislators in the past have so rushed the office of the attorney general to ascertain the constitutionality and the legality of proposed bills, that Attorney General Crawford has requested each member wanting such information to forward bills to him as soon as possible to prevent a rush at the opening of the session.

Senator Jonathan Bourne is at the National Capitol, studying the plans of future action. Mr. Bourne was cordially received on the floor of the senate, where he was introduced formally by Senators Fulton and Gearin, and the precedent was established of having a member of the senate present chosen by direct vote of the people, taken as another laurel won by Oregon.

A Minnesota man is being tried for manslaughter, having shot and killed another man whom he mistook for deer moving in the woods. So frequent were the fatal consequences of such mistakes a few years ago that the legislature passed a law making accidental man killing while hunting, manslaughter. The law has had good effect, but it is a strange commentary on human nature that the fear of imprisonment, rather than regard for lives of others, should make men more careful.

FACTS ABOUT THE JUTE MILL.

Pendleton Tribune

The biggest question that will come before the Oregon legislature this winter will be the proposal to substitute in the place of the stove foundry a jute mill, for the manufacture of grain sacks, wool sacks, burlap, etc. The opposition to this movement are not presenting all the facts in the case. They make the statement that it will increase the cost of operating the penitentiary, but they do not show, by facts and figures, that it does. The farmers and the legislators too, must remember that there is a powerful trust that is assisting the opposition and that it will kick up as big a cloud of dust as possible to blind the issue before the people. As nearly as we remember, but 100 men are employed at the stove foundry, and for those the state get 40 cents a day each, or \$40 per day for all, which is said to be the cost of keeping the prisoners so employed. The price is ridiculously low. If the stove foundry is to be kept up this price ought to be doubled. At \$40 a day, and counting 300 working days in a year, this would bring the state an income of only \$12,000.

The Walla Walla jute mill, costing \$175,000, employs 200 men and these are able to make 7,000 wheat sacks a day, or 2,100,000 sacks in a year. The Washington authorities sell the sacks at a profit of one cent each, or a profit of \$21,000. This would be \$9,000 gain in favor of the jute mill. But there are in the neighborhood of 400 men in the penitentiary, and of this number 350 would be able to labor. A plant therefore, could be operated that would turn out 3,675,000 sacks, or about 37 per cent of the number of sacks used in the state, as we figure that 10,000,000 sacks are used for all purposes. This number of sacks would return a profit of \$36,750, or a gain of \$24,750 over the stove plant.

But inasmuch as only 100 of the 400 prisoners are employed in the stove foundry, we cannot see why 200 of the remaining 300 might not be employed in operating a jute mill, and thereby make an additional saving to the state of \$21,000 besides making a saving of \$63,000 to the farmers, who have always paid more than their proportionate share of taxes to assist in keeping up the institution.

The Oregonian of November 5 editorially says: "Idleness is one of the worst of prison tortures, and the most fertile cause of insubordination." With this statement we agree, but we cannot see the pertinency of its argument in the present discussion, as only about one fourth of the prisoners are employed in the stove foundry, so this does not by any means solve the question of prison employment. The jute mill would furnish more employment.

The Oregonian says that the jute mill would supplant the stove foundry. If the stove foundry employs about 25 per cent of the prisoners, would the jute mill necessarily supplant it? Might it not, on the other hand, furnish employment for those now suffering the torture of enforced idleness? Would there be



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anything impractical in having both—stove foundry and jute mill?

Farmers near the prison would benefit, says the Oregonian. This objection could be met by statute. The legislators in framing the statute, could establish a depository in each county, for example, make the sheriff of each county the agent of the state for the jute products. Let this statute also provide for the distribution of the products in proportion to the value of industries using such products in each county according to the best statistical information. The statute should also provide that not over a certain number of sacks, say 1,000, should be sold to one person or corporation, so that the sacks would not fall into the hands of a few of the largest growers; for the only real argument against the proposition is that, figure as we may, a jute mill will not produce over 37 per cent of the sacks and burlap used in Oregon, and it would be necessary that its products be distributed as fairly as possible. The 'risky' and precariously speculative nature of the business has apparently never seriously troubled the state of Washington, and probably assumes larger proportions to the mind than it is in actual practice. This objection is relatively a small matter. The price this year for a 400 pound bale of jute was \$18.34, to which must be added \$7.55 tariff, a total of \$15.89 per bale. The jute trust has advanced the price per bale for 1907 to \$27 per bale, which, with the tariff added, makes \$34.55, or nearly \$9 more for next year than for the present year. Since several millions of acres more of wheat have been added to the world's acreage and the trust has control of the world's supply of jute, the price of sacks next season will be about the same as this season's price, which averaged about 10 1/2 cents per sack. At the price the trust has set on jute, Washington expects to be able to sell sacks at 7 1/2 cents, a saving of 3 cents a sack. If a jute mill at Salem should produce 2,100,000 ske it would be a saving to the farmers of \$63,000. At this rate of saving the jute mill would pay for itself in three years, or a little more, besides furnishing \$21,000 a year toward the expenses of the prison. It is agreed that the labor is a healthful one, and one of the needs of the penitentiary is plenty of healthful work for the prisoners.

The manufacture of sacks at the state prison would tend to call the attention of valley people to the growing of fiber producing plants, and might result in the establishing of another industry in the state. Many sections of Eastern Oregon, especially irrigable lands, are adapted to the culture of fiber plants, and we should encourage their planting.

After carefully considering the question from all sides we believe that Oregon needs the jute mill; that it will assist in making the state prison self-sustaining; and that, while it may not entirely cure the trust evil, its saving of upward of \$60,000 a year will go a long way in easing the burden of taxation on the farmer and be just so much wrested from the rapacious maw of the jute trust.

We appeal to the legislature to remember that the interests of the wheat grower, wool grower, potato grower and hop grower, are very extensive in Oregon, and that these industries are unanimous in their demand for the jute mill as the best means of relief from the present evils of the trust.

AN INJUSTICE IS BEING DONE

By False and Padded Statements About the Prison Jute Mill.

Reports of an extraordinary expense, far in excess of the truth, are being circulated by knoekers for the purpose of injuring the prospects of the proposed prison jute mill in Oregon. November 9th The Observer produced indisputable facts as to the cost of the mill completed, and the cost of operating the same, which is all the way from \$200,000 to \$500,000 less than the knoekers would have members of the legislature believe. But recollect one thing: members of the incoming assembly will not be easily humbugged by designing graft. According to reports prepared by the Washington state officials last Sept. the Walla Walla plant, including structure, machinery and all appurtenances, was about \$125,000. The machinery value alone is about \$50,000. It is estimated, however, that a similar plant could be installed and fully equipped with modern machinery, for about the present appraised value of this plant. For the past three legislative periods, since April 1, 1900, the Washington legislature has appropriated \$150,000 for each succeeding two years; this allows \$75,000 a year for the operation of the various industries at the prison. Re-

ceipts from the sale of all manufactured products are turned in direct to the state treasurer, hence the necessity of a new appropriation each legislative period. Price per bale paid for jute this year \$18; 400 lbs. per bale, makes 451 sacks per bale. During the time between Jan 1, 05, and Sept. 30, '06, the mill turned out 1,339,650 grain bags, together with quite an amount of hop cloth, oat bags, wool bags, warp, twine, floor matting, and other products, made from jute, all of which is made with the same machinery with but a trifle in loss of time for the readjusting of the looms. Since electric power has been in successful operation the mill can easily make a daily average of 1,000 bags, with a monthly average of 172,000, with a yearly output of say 2,000,000. On this basis there would be a short time allowed for closing down the looms for a general overhauling of the plant, which is deemed advisable at least once a year. Following is a tabulated statement of expense for 9 months—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Jute at \$18.34 per bale, Salaries, Fuel, Electrical power, Repairs and improvements, Other supplies, oils, etc., Total expenses 9 months, Value of manufactures, Net profit 9 months.

During the biennial period ending Sept. 30, 1906, there were expended from the fund provided for this purpose \$153,515.87, while the gross receipts were \$204,558.84. This included the sale of any manufactured products which were carried over from the preceding biennial period. The gross profits of the jute mill for the two years were \$22,149.01.

It is estimated with a fair margin of profit, and sufficient machinery to utilize the surplus convict labor, together with a sufficient appropriation to insure continual operation the year round, that the jute mill alone will put the Washington state prison on a self-sustaining basis. The knoekers always works cheap. He will exert himself harder, for less compensation, than any other creature on earth and his unbounded energy and enthusiasm in opposition to progress would earn him a laurel wreath if it could be directed in opposite channels.

Sherman County Notes

CONTEMPORARY TALK.

Kent Recorder

Duncan Chisholm has moved his family into town for the winter.

E. Donly moved into the Thompson house Monday in order to be nearer the postoffice.

Miss Lorraine Johnson came up from Moro Saturday evening, for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Donley, returning Monday morning.

Miss Edna Ragsdale arrived from the Dalles Wednesday evening to spend thanksgiving with her parents.

Mrs. J. D. Ball took her son Paul to Grass Valley Saturday, to consult Dr. Taylor regarding the little fellow's arm, which was injured recently by a fall from a horse.

The K C Co got a car load of oak wood up from Hood river Sunday night, and divided it among the people Monday. It came just about the right time, for the whole town was almost entirely out of fuel.

WA Kentners teams started over for Echo a few days ago, to work on the irrigating ditch. Mr. K having secured a 2-mile contract. He left by train for the same place.

Kent came near being visited by the fire fiend Tuesday morning. A fire started in the attic of Mr. Wilson's barn through a defective flue and burned through the roof, but luckily it was discovered and extinguished before any serious damage was done.

'Tis the last filmy shirtwaist on the streets left alone; all its network companions to the closets have flown. 'Neath its soft open lattice blue goose flesh is seen, where the eye slyly pierces the lace threads between. Soon the fair but vain wearer, so proud of her bust, may lie under the queting of "Gust unto dust," for the demon pneumonia sits on winter's chill fence, on the lookout for victims with more pride than sense. 'Tis the last lust-exposer, the last peek-a-boo, and the winter winds whisper, "You'd better skidoo."

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Don't send us articles on politics, temperance or religion. Discussion of such topics only leads to violent and abusive language in the end.

Avoid personalities. Compliments delicately given are always acceptable, but even they must not be overdone, as the charge of incontinency is apt to follow a shower of pretty nothings spread broadcast.

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Circuit Court, Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, J.,—3d Monday in March, and 1st Monday in October, annually.

Probate Court, Hon. J. B. Bourhill, J.,—1st Monday in each month. County Court, G. B. Bourhill, J., D. Chisholm, Wm. Walker Commissioners.—1st Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

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