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Everett, Wash

We acknowledge a pleasant call on Tuesday afternoon from Erik Bergstrom, of Gooberly. Weather conditions out his way now permit of some work being done in the fields, and Mr. Bergstrom had his teams busy plowing. He got in some Fall grain and expects to plant his usual acreage this season.

George Pearce left for Madras last Friday, where he will be connected with the Madras Pioneer, a weekly newspaper published at that place.

J. B. Sparks and wife returned to this city Saturday evening after an extended trip into the Pendleton country.

## AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF OREGON

From The Inmates of the Oregon State Penitentiary—Your Attention Requested.

The 29th Legislative Assembly introduced House Bill No. 518 for an act to provide for the erection of a new state penitentiary. This bill goes before the Voters for their adoption or rejection on June 4th, 1917. We, the prisoners confined in the State Penitentiary, ask the voters to act favorably on this measure.

To the Editor:

Having been confined in the Oregon State penitentiary for a period of four years, and during that time carefully studied this institution, I feel that the readers of this article will appreciate what I am about to state, more than an article written by a prison reformer, and place more credence in it, because I can back the following by unquestionable proof.

When I read in the legislative program House Bill No. 518 my interest was immediately aroused and I obtained permission from the Warden to have copies of the bill printed, and I personally ask every prisoner confined here to enclose one of the slips in his weekly letter. Of the four hundred and twenty-five prisoners here, all but thirty-five were more than eager to be of help in making our confinement more humanely habitable.

As the average visitor enters the south wing cell house, he or she, sees nothing specially depressing. The corridor is light and airy and sometimes the sun is shining in the windows, but many, many times I have noticed visitors, as they walked down the corridor, stop in front of a cell door, cup their hands at the sides of their eyes and try to see the interior of the cell. It is not possible to do so, with one or two exceptions. Think what it must be to prisoners confined in that cell, I should say two prisoners, for the cell houses two men. They measure 5 1/2 x 6 1/2 x 8 feet and one-third of that space is taken up by two bunks, one above the other. The cell I am sitting in, writing this article has never known one single ray of sunshine. It is no wonder that on the days the doctor visits the prison he finds from 35 to 45 men lined up waiting for him. Their ailments are comprised mostly of sick headaches, bad stomachs, insomnia, rheumatism, etc. There are no toilets in the cells, only an iron bucket that does not even boast of a lid that fits. That bucket must be used, if the necessity arises, by both men and then sits in the cells until 6:30 in the morning. You can understand the waiting line for the doctor. The wings and cells are kept as clean as possible, but all the soap and water and bug juice in Christendom cannot make one of the floor tier cells fit for one man, much less two, to live in.

The big windows can only be raised a small way. The air is so foul at night that two guards have been compelled to resign in the past six months on account of it. If big healthy, able-bodied, well nourished men can't stand it, then what of the prisoner.

The cells on the fourth tier, north wing, are even smaller, being 4x7x9 feet, and they get the benefit of all the stench and foul air from the three tiers under them.

The cell house in winter time is so cold that one is compelled to go to bed during the day time to keep warm. In the summer time, it is just the opposite. Men in the cells pour water on the floor and then lie naked on the bed trying to sleep.

The Chapel. As you step from the turnkey's office into the chapel, which connects the north and south wing cell houses, you will notice, if you are acquainted with the buildings, that you are looking at a veritable fire trap.

The wood ceiling, wooden floor and wood stairway, erected many years ago, seasoned and dry as tinder, need but a chance match or coal from the big barrel stove in the chapel to turn it into an inferno, that all the fire companies in the state could not subdue in time to save the lives of the prisoners confined in their cells because there are no outlets from the cell houses except through the chapel. If such a catastrophe should occur, you, the people of Oregon will individually and collectively be responsible. In the past four months a small fire occurred in the library at 3 a. m. Before it was extinguished the men in the cells nearest the library were nearly overcome by the smoke, and it was only a small blaze.

Above the chapel, the shoe shop, Bertillon room and hospital are located and are all wood except the bars on the windows. The shoe shop with its grease, oil and leather would make a fine meal for flames. Adjoining the hospital and separated only by a brick wall is situated the women's quarters; all wood. The sick men confined in the hospital have absolutely no chance for life should a fire occur.

While I am writing of the hospital, I want to call your attention to the awful condition that exists at this time. It can only be remedied by

the voters of the state.

The roof on the main ward is about 12 feet from the floor and is covered with tin. In the summer time it is so hot that the sick men can hardly breathe. Men that are tubercular, those having asthma, catarrh, rheumatism, diseases of the stomach, etc., were confined in the same ward. Last winter when small-pox broke out in this institution, there were two or three cases of measles, and they were only separated from the small-pox cases by a sheet stretched around the bed.

The tubercular ward is too small to properly care for the cases there are. It is not the fault of the officials in charge. They cannot make room where there is no room.

The building was erected in 1871 and was plenty big enough for the 120 prisoners at that time, but it is a far cry from the 1871 to 1917.

Shoe Shop

The men working in the shoe shop make all the shoes worn by the prisoners as well as doing all the repairing. No modern machinery, no ventilation, except two small windows side by side, crowded into a small room, not conducive to good work or health.

Auditorium.

When the present auditorium was erected the builder was evidently in a hurry. Today the entire south wall is ready to fall down. The wood around the windows has rotted away, the plaster has fallen off in huge chunks and you can look over the country through cracks between casings and brick wall. The entire south wall is entirely saturated with water and the inside wall is green with mold and decay. Slowly but surely it is crumbling away.

Kitchen.

The kitchen is located in the basement along with the bake shop, vegetable room, butcher shop and commissariat's office and store room. Half of the kitchen space is taken up with guards' range. The balance by the steamers used in cooking the food for the prisoners. The ceiling is so low that when the steamers are turned on you cannot see a man four feet away from you. There is no outlet for it. Nice healthy place to work.

Bake Shop.

The bake shop is half the size of the kitchen. It is equipped with an old-fashioned brick oven that was installed in 1871. There is no ventilation whatever. Good pickings for cockroaches and mice. After the bakers build a fire under the ovens they are compelled to pull the fire out to determine the temperature of the oven and let it cool down to a baking heat. Some bake shop! What!

Vegetable Room.

Three feet below the level of the kitchen is the vegetable or peeling room. A damp room that must be continually lighted by electricity, to enable one to see. Men sitting on upturned boxes peeling vegetables, feet encased in rubber boots to protect them from water. Shut off from fresh air, they develop rheumatism. Some of the men are unable to stand it longer than three months. Again I say that it is no fault of the officials in charge. There is no other place available for this work.

Butcher Shop.

Located just a little way from the peeling room on the same level. About the same size as the inside of a 36 foot box car and it looks like one, containing two cutting blocks and when a few quarters of beef are hung up there is little space left. It is artificially lighted and is so cold that when the butcher steps into it at 5 a. m. to commence his day's work, he may well imagine himself in Alaska.

Laundry.

The laundry is located in the yard above the bath house in a building by itself. In 1913 the laundry caught fire from the drier which burned the rafters and inside ceiling supporters as well as part of the tin roof. The roof was repaired but the charred rafters are still in the same condition as after the fire. Crowded for room it takes a mathematician to figure out how the men handle the clothes of the institution, but they do somehow. The mangle in use must have come over in the Mayflower. Laundrymen have no recollection of ever seeing one of its kind before. The drier is so small that fully one-half of the men in the winter time have been compelled to put on their clothes still wet.

Bath House.

The bath house is located beneath the laundry in a space 12 x 12 containing wall sprays and two ceiling showers. In this the inmates are obliged to bathe. The 85 men working in the flax plant march to the bath house on Saturday and as many as can crowd into this small space to get their weekly bath. The air is so foul and the steam from the water so dense that the men are glad to get only half bathed. With water dripping from the ceiling and the steam so thick, it is impossible to dry the body before donning clothes, consequently rheumatism.

Cesspools and Toilets.

There are no toilets in the shops or buildings for the use of the men during the day. The toilet in the yard is exposed to the weather and the men are so averse to using it that serious causes of constipation result.

Afterword.

Who should know these facts bet-

ter than the man inside, I am here in daily contact with these conditions and if you Mr. Voter do not believe this article, why not come and see it for yourself? Are you for humanity and willing to give your fellowmen a helping hand or does the saving of a few cents additional taxation for four years appeal to you most?

A penal institution must be a place of reformation as well as a place of punishment, and reformation of men cannot be made under the conditions existing here.

L. G. McDONALD.

## PERSONAL MENTION

O. A. Forbes and J. A. Kiehn of Ione, were transacting business in Heppner Friday afternoon. They report a heavy blow over the north end of the county, with real estate on the move at a rapid rate. Cold weather has been keeping the farmers back with their Spring work, but better conditions are looked for right away.

W. D. Gordon of Little Butter creek spent Monday in this city on business.

Mark Smith and wife have gone out to the J. O. Turner ranch in the Sand Hollow district to assist Mr. Turner in putting in his crop.

Lotus Robison, Rock Creek farmer was a Heppner business visitor Monday.

Wm. Lowen and wife, Mrs. Mary Ingram and Frank Frates motored in from the Frates ranch on Eight Mile Monday and spent several hours shopping in this city.

Nick Leathers was down from Hardman Monday attending to matters of business.

Frank Parker, who recently purchased the H. F. Blahm place northwest of Heppner, is making preparations to put in a complete water system in his residence, placing the reservoir on the bluff above the house. Mr. Parker is well pleased with his purchase and no doubt he has one of the best alfalfa and wheat farms on the creek.

Elbert Young was in Heppner on Saturday attending the meeting of the Farmers' Union and assisting in the deliberations of that body over the proposition of building an elevator.

W. H. Cronk and wife and Mrs. C. W. McNamer were visitors in our city from Ione on Saturday, coming up in the Cronk car.

Short Horns for Sale—I have two yearling Shorthorn bulls for sale. See animals at my ranch.

GUY BOYER.

R. F. Hynd, president of Heppner Milling Co., returned to his Portland home last Friday, after spending the week in Heppner on business connected with the company.

L. W. Briggs has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Heppner Milling Co., entering upon his duties at their office on Friday last.

George Hendry has purchased the lot north of the Club building from Minor & Co., and expects to erect a residence thereon during the summer.

F. W. Burns, the Condon nurseryman spent several days in Heppner the past week soliciting orders for Spring stock.

Miss Josephine Richardson spent the week end visiting with friends in Ione and Arlington.

L. E. McBee, Skinner Creek farmer transacted business in Heppner on Monday.

K. L. Beach and W. G. Scott, business men of Lexington were in Heppner on Monday. They report the citizens of their section as getting quite busy since there is some indication of Spring having arrived.

W. E. Leach, Lexington merchant, was doing business in Heppner on Monday.

Mrs. Albert Bowker has returned from Condon, where she spent several days visiting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Purdy.

The Morrow County Creamery has just installed a new ice cream freezing plant of the most approved design and turned out their first product this week. There will undoubtedly be a big demand for home made ice cream after the product of the local creamery gets on the market.

Among the new Ford owners in Heppner during the past week are, Dr. N. E. Winnsford, Dr. H. T. Allison, John Bush and Arch Barnard. Mr. Barnard purchased a new Ford truck and the others took touring cars. Orve Rasmus made the sale.

Warren C. Kennedy and wife were in the city Tuesday from their ranch home in the upper Rhea creek section. A big Chinook hit that section of the country the first of the week according to Mr. Kennedy and the snow is melting rapidly. He says that the roads south of Heppner are nearly impassible in places, but states that O. M. Whittington is doing some of the best work on the road near his farm that he has ever seen.

Mrs. Holmes Holman, of Ione visited with the family of Walter Casen in this city over Saturday night.

Church of Christ.

Services Sunday April 1. Subject of morning sermon: "Profanity." In the evening a union service for the whole town will be held, presided over by the Mayor. Several short speeches will be made by citizens in the interest of the starving millions of Europe.

The Easter sermon, April 8, at 11 a. m. will be especially for the old folks. Arrangements will be made to provide conveyances for any who would be unable to attend otherwise.

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