

SHERIFFS SCORE CONVICT PAROONS

State Officers Protest Wholesale Action—Resolution is Adopted Without Comment—Direct Reference to Mr. Ritter Avoided.

(Today's Oregonian.) Indiscriminate pardoning of felons, especially those convicted of capital offenses, was scored yesterday by sheriffs of this state, who gathered at the courthouse in the annual convention of the Oregon State Sheriffs' association.

The Oregon sheriffs, having practically completed their business at yesterday's session, will become an integral part of the exchange of personnel of the Northwest Sheriffs and Police association, which opens this morning at the Portland Women's Club building.

Legislation is Sought. The state sheriffs met yesterday in order to be in a position to attend all meetings of the larger gathering, matters of considerable interest to the state at large were discussed and several matters of importance will be presented to the legislature for action.

The creation of an insurance system, whereby sheriffs and deputies killed or disabled in line of duty will be financially protected and their heirs or dependents awarded \$4000 out of state funds, was endorsed by the association, and a bill legalizing this plan will be taken to Salem for presentation to the legislature.

Jenkins Scores Diva. Chief of Police Jenkins of the local force, called on to address the gathering, took occasion to score the "club" of the city and to ask assistance from his brother officers in securing the passage of legislation that would drive these places out of business.

Legal Points Given. Joseph L. Hamersley, assistant district attorney, gave the visiting sheriffs a bit of technical education when he spoke at length on the necessity of securing and presenting proper evidence at trial.

The feature of the convention was a luncheon served in the main corridor of the county jail. The meal had been prepared in the jail kitchen and was served by a crew of jail trustees.

The sheriffs settled down to real business at the afternoon session. Committees on various business were on hand with recommendations and resolutions.

Speed Officers Upheld. The matter of the employment of speed officers—a matter that has been causing some friction between sheriffs and county courts—was also considered.

Mr. Chairman, we sheriffs don't want to hear anything like this, do we?" demanded one official. "Of course, we don't," responded the gathering.

Mr. move that we pass a resolution favoring a stricter and more severe prohibition law," volunteered Sheriff Dunlap of Linn county.

Lodges of Heppner Hold Installation Ceremonies

Joint installation ceremonies were held in L. O. F. Hall last evening at which time officers of Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. F., and San Souci Rebekah Lodge were properly inducted into office.

LEXINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST. We had another splendid day last Sunday with a still greater increase of interest and attendance.

Our revival services begin Sunday, Jan. 28. We are expecting God to do great things during this meeting.

Music Class Gives Recital Saturday Evening

The music pupils of Mrs. Roy Missilline gave a private recital under the direction of their teacher at the Missilline home on last Saturday evening.

Lexington Market Road Better Than Pavement

Chas. Stanton, who drove down from Dayton, Wash., on Tuesday, states that the best piece of road he traveled all the way was the new Lexington market road.

Hardman Farm Loan Assn. Elects Officers

On Tuesday, January 9th, the Hardman National Farm Loan Association held its annual meeting for the election of directors and officers.

W. G. Hill, cashier of Lexington State Bank, visited this city on business Wednesday afternoon.

At This Time o' the Year



RITNER PARDONED 15 LIFE TERMERS

Salem, Jan. 16.—Sixteen men serving life terms in the state prison were released on pardons during the records at the state prison.

Only one of the life-termers leaving the prison during the year is possible in the state prison to which he was sent under sentence of death on August 5, 1911.

Other murderers whose life terms were cut short by Ritter were Fred Mooreman, received February 15, 1917; Campbell, received June 30, 1914; Steve Pavovich, received May 15, 1913; Martin Anchober and Tommy Morris, received from Lake county, June 21, 1913; and P. Bidoff, received from Multnomah county, April 11, 1914.

Other life-termers released by Ritter included Harry Jones, received August 7, 1915, on a statutory charge; Roy Burch, received November 19, 1914, for assault and robbery when armed with a deadly weapon; Arthur Wallon, received December 19, 1922, on a statutory charge; and Walter Johnson, received July 31, 1918, on a statutory charge.

The terms served by the life-termers ranged from four and one half years in the case of Walter Johnson to 11 years in the case of Webb, an average of slightly more than seven years.

While the association has been the means of securing quite a large sum of money through the Farm Loan Bank at Spokane for farmers in this part of the county, we are informed by Mr. Sweek that there is still an unlimited amount that can be had at an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent.

Notice is hereby given to all residents of Heppner that the city council has ordered that the fire sirens shall be tested on the first and fifteenth of each month.

W. G. Scott, banker and warehouseman of Lexington, was doing business in Heppner yesterday.

Mae Murray's New Picture Is Spanish

Gorgeous Gowns and Brilliant Dancing Features of "Fascination" Story of a Girl Who Was Fascinated by Toreador.

In "Fascination," Mae Murray's latest production, at the Star Theatre on Saturday, the famous Metro star turns to Spain for her background.

In "Fascination," she appears as the daughter of a Spanish father and an American mother. The combination of the Latin temperament and the Anglo-Saxon gives Miss Murray a wonderful opportunity to do remarkable acting as Dolores De Lisa.

The scenes are elaborate and lavish. All maintain the romantic flavor of Spain and are complete in technical detail.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH OUR STATE?

Admitting that this state has tremendous undeveloped natural resources, and is naturally one of the richest states in the West, and has all the modern inventions in the way of political machinery, statistics comparing our growth in population and wealth and assessed valuation with other western states will convince anyone that we are not only developing very slowly but are going backward in many respects.

"This state is well supplied with transportation facilities, public utilities, and has made a wonderful advance in public highways. We publish below a letter from a business man and home owner which should make anyone think, and should destroy the illusion that we have the most wonderful system of state and county government in the world, as so many tell us, and so many calmly believe.

"I have been in this county and in Oregon for over 21 years and a taxpayer. If something is not done energetically to put a stop to the present system I have a fear for the future. Our farmers, business men and home owners are most unable to make ends meet.

"This county is the highest taxed county in the state of Oregon, and as far as we know the highest taxed county in the United States according to the official reports. We this year pay a per capita tax of over \$104.52 for every man, woman and child in the county. It took over \$1,000,000 this past year to pay our tax bill, and people are groaning under this burden.

Building Blue-Prints Available At Cost

For the benefit of the people of Morrow county the County Agent's office has secured a set of farm building plans showing the detailed construction of model farm residences, dairy and general farm barn, poultry house, brooder house for chicks, hog house, sheep sheds, septic tanks, etc.

These plans are very complete and are bound in a book 22 by 30 inches in size. They are available for personal use to anyone interested in farm plans. This book can be seen at the County Agent's office any time.

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START YOUR FREE FARM LIBRARY NOW

Most Authentic Information in Bulletin Form—These Can Be Secured at County Agent's Office—Should Be Filed for Future Reference.

C. C. CALKINS, County Agent. Because of the great value of the information which can be found published in bulletin form at the present time the County Agent's office has been making special effort to secure for you these bulletins in order to have them placed in the hands of interested farmers.

Once you get this library started you can add to it rapidly. We can furnish you with lists of bulletins that you should have and which are available to you and within the next six months you can have a library which is worth a hundred dollars to you on any farm for reference in time of need.

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Is Given Surprise By His Many Old Friends

Some forty or more members of the Christian Sunday School, slipped in on V. Crawford at his home Tuesday evening and gave him a genuine surprise. It was a promediated assault and carried out to perfection.

"I have your letter of the 15th for enough to bring tears to the eyes of a wooden cigar store Indian in regards to wild expenditures of the taxpayers' money. This county at present is bankrupt as far as meeting its outstanding obligations are concerned. Up to Nov. 2 this county was over \$125,754.24 in the red on outstanding road warrants and over \$200,000 in general fund warrants.

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Farm Block Gets Start At Oregon Legislature

Score of Lawmakers Gather for Conference and Map Out Line of Campaign.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—The opening gun of the farm bloc is about to be fired. The line of campaign was mapped out late tonight and the strategy board held itself around with every safeguard of secrecy.

With a representative guarding the door to prevent interlopers from intruding, the members of the farm bloc entered into a lengthy discussion of several bills which already have been presented to the house.

Among the bills considered was House bill 11, by Woodward, providing for direct inspection in the public schools. The sense of the meeting was that the schools do not need this dental inspection and, anyway, it would be an added expense to the taxpayers.

The prolonged yell contest came to a close last Friday and the prizes were awarded. Dorothy Hill received first prize, her yell being: G-r-r-r-r-r Bah! Bah! G-r-r-r-r-r Bah! Bah!

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The girls lineup at the beginning of the game was: Irene Devin, C; Joe Farrrens, S; C; Tempey Gotchens, G; Dolly Musgrave, G; Helen Balsiger, F; Vivian Fletcher, F.

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NORTHWEST GETS BIG WOOL MEETING

Annual Convention of National Association to Be Held in Spokane—Splendid Program Makes the Attendance of Morrow Sheepmen Worth While.

A communication just received by County Agent C. C. Calkins from R. A. Balch, who is in charge of the arrangements for the National Wool Growers' meeting which will be held in Spokane this year indicates that they have a splendid program outlined which will make this meeting one of the best the association has ever held.

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