

PENITENTIARY MANAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT

Candidate for Governor Gives Views Regarding Improvement of Conditions.

The question of the management of the state penitentiary is an important one to the people of Oregon, and reasonable methods for the improvement of conditions are being sought. Senator L. L. Patterson, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, aroused some interest in the situation when he touched on some of his ideas, and since then he has been asked to go further into the matter.

In the following interview will be found Senator Patterson's statements on penitentiary management and pardons:

"In announcing my candidacy for governor under date of October 22nd I stated that I favored placing the penitentiary under the Board of Control giving my reasons therefor. Since then so many enquiries have come to me asking just what I favored for a betterment of the institution that I desire to supplement that statement by saying that when the Boys' Training School, now being constructed, near Woodburn, is finished and the old school at Salem vacated, that the latter should be used for first time offenders sentenced to the penitentiary. Practically all of these will be young men committed for their first offense against the law.

"The penitentiary is now so crowded that the prisoners cannot be properly segregated and as a result these first offenders are in daily contact with hardened criminals; in fact, it might be called a school for vice and crime.

The use of these buildings is the only way in sight for the segregation of prisoners in the near future. There is at the present training school sufficient farm lands to furnish employment to the inmates. It should come under the supervision of the Warden and by the appointment to conduct the institution of high minded officials, who are interested in human welfare, and whose standards of morals are such that they would be daily examples to these unfortunate young men.

"I believe a large per cent of the inmates could be reformed and become useful, law abiding citizens. As I see it this could be done without increasing the per capita cost of the institution. As a matter of fact, this cost can be, and must be, reduced. It is unreasonable and idle talk to say that it cannot be done. With the land used by the institution it should produce all the vegetables, fruits, poultry, pork, etc., for its own use with able bodied inmates in numbers sufficient to perform the necessary labor.

"The abuse of the pardoning power, in this state, has been one of the greatest obstacles to the proper enforcement of our laws. Records show that the 'life term' in Oregon serves only eight years of his sentence on the average.

"Under our legal procedure, it rarely happens that an innocent person is convicted of a crime. Where a person is charged with a felony, the case against him is presented to a grand jury and if five of the seven members of that body believe he is guilty, an indictment is returned against him.

"The defendant is then tried in the Circuit Court before a jury of his peers, and unless all twelve of the jurymen believe beyond a reasonable doubt in his guilt, he is acquitted. If convicted, an appeal may be taken to the Supreme Court, where the proof is considered, and weighed and impartial decision reached.

"The right and privilege of having the truth of the evidence for and against him determined by two juries and two courts, is vested in all persons charged with the commission of crime. The witnesses and counsel for the defendants are provided at public expense, if desired.

"There will be greater respect for our laws and they will be easier and better enforced when the too frequent pardoning of criminals ceases.

"It seems to me that pardons should not be issued unless new evidence shall be discovered after the trial, sufficient in the judgment of the trial judge or the prosecuting attorney to have changed the verdict; or upon the recommendation of the trial judge or prosecuting attorney, who certainly should be consulted when pardons are considered."

FARM POINTERS.

Immediate removal of bees in Oregon from one locality to another is advised by H. A. Scullen, bee specialist of the experiment station. Otherwise removal should be postponed until spring. It is best that the bees are not disturbed during the cold winter season. Bee hives are packed now before cold weather comes, if they are not already taken care of.

Protection of birds is necessary at all times, say the entomologists of the Oregon experiment station. Birds are important as insect destroyers as well as attractive in song and color. Feeding boxes may be placed where they are out of reach of cats. Suet tied to the branches attract several species.

Bean and pea weevil can be controlled in Oregon by fumigating the seed with carbon bisulphide before putting into permanent storage, says Don C. Mote, entomologist of the experiment station. Materials held over winter but not for seed may be put in the oven and heated for an hour at a temperature below that of boiling water. If the weevils are not killed in the fall or early spring they fly to the beans and peas in the field and lay their eggs on the green pods in the early summer.

In fattening Oregon lambs for the early spring market the standard practice of feeding one pound of grain a day per lamb is better than either more or less, and recommended for continued practice, in the report of feeding tests at the Umatilla branch experiment station. The grain rations are to be started approximately 75 days before marketing time unless the lambs are unusually small, when the period may be 90 to 100 days before. Or if the lambs are already in good condition the length of grain feeding may be reduced to 60 days.

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By A. B. CHAPIN



STATE BEE KEEPERS TO MEET.

The state beekeepers association of Oregon will hold its annual meeting and conference this year at The Dalles, January 18 and 19. This meeting is for the purpose of discussing beekeeping problems and getting a more thorough organization among the beekeepers. Plans are being made to have four leading eastern bee specialists present at the meeting. They are James I. Hamilton, agriculturist for the United States bureau of entomology; Kenneth Hawkins of the G. B. Lewis Co., Watertown, Wis.; Jay Smith, well known queen breeder and popular writer of Indiana, and George Demuth, editor of Gleanings and Bee Culture, Medina, Ohio. This promises to be the best conference that has ever been held, according to H. C. Scullen, secretary-treasurer.

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