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FLORIDA'S BLOT OF SLAVERY.

"Man's unhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn."
One of the latest and most outstanding examples of this fact has come to light in Florida's convict peonage system which has existed for years but is now being given wide publicity and is severely condemned.

It sometimes takes the untimely and unfortunate death of one or many to impress on the mind the existence of a great injustice. The public mind becomes strangely calous to certain existing conditions and has to be aroused by some outstanding example to lead it to indignation, investigation and protest. Florida's dark blot of convict slavery will be wiped out as a result of recent developments but it will take a long while for the more humanly minded of the people to understand how such an institution could ever have existed in any state of the union for so long.

The story, in brief, is this: Martin Tabert, a North Dakota farmer boy, started out to see America. After some wanderings he arrived in Florida out of money. He was arrested for "stealing a ride in a box car," tried and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or serve 90 days in jail. The law permitted the sheriff of the county to "sell" him as a convict to a lumber company which took all such prisoners under contract and worked them in its timber swamps. It came out in the recent investigation that the sheriff drew down \$20 on the side for each and every prisoner he could thus deliver to the company. Other sheriffs did the same.

The lumber company, a large concern, operates under this convict labor peonage system.

Tabert's parents in North Dakota heard of the boy's arrest and conviction, and forwarded to the sheriff at Tallahassee the money with which to pay the lad's fine. The letter containing the money was returned, which led the parents to believe that the boy had been released. Instead, he was being worked in the peonage lumber camp.

It developed later that, for complaining that shoes furnished him by the lumber company were too small and being sick with malarial fever and weak, the lad was whipped with a seven and one-half pound strap. He died from the flogging and was buried without notice to his parents. News of his death reached North Dakota and Governor Nestos of that state communicated with the Florida authorities, asking for an investigation. Receiving no satisfaction, he brought the matter to the attention of the North Dakota legislature, and a resolution was adopted, making formal demand on the state of Florida for an investigation.

The citizens of Langdon, N. D., raised a fund and sent the county attorney to Florida, where he made an investigation which revealed the foregoing facts.

As a result of it all, the governor of Florida has brought the matter to the attention of the legislature of that state and the present investigation is the result.

Former attempts in Florida to repeal the convicts labor leasing law have failed as a result of the secret influence of the lumber interests.

The sheriff is under indictment. The "whipping boss" has been indicted for first degree murder and the parents of the boy sued the lumber company for \$50,000 damages.

For years scandals like this have come out of Florida. Public conscience is justly aroused and demands that the practice cease.

What a contrast, remarks the Oregon Journal, to conditions in the lumber camps of the Northwest where, under the Four-L organization, employes and employers meet around the council table and discuss matters of mutual interest and betterment.

USING LEISURE HOURS.

"If I can know what a man does on trains, and in the free hours of his evenings, I can make a safe guess as to where he is going and how likely he is to arrive," said a large employer of men.

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The trouble with too many men, especially young men, is they spend hours and hours idling and think they are resting. The best rest is found in doing something different, something worth while, something one likes to do, something that makes one broader and more efficient.

Most persons come through a period of eight hours work quite tired and want to sit around a few hours and rest. They are tired and they get tired every day. They are more tired on Monday than on Saturday. Something is wrong. If health is falling, consult the doctor. If health is good try this: eat less, go home from work, take a few minutes of vigorous, systematic exercise, a cold bath and brisk rub, dress up for the evening and get busy on something really worth while. Make the time count.

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