

## CONVICTS TO WORK ON STATE'S ROADS

Measure Passes Senate After Long Discussion of Old Stove Contract—Bill Was Prepared by Lionel L. Webster.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—Having devoted an entire afternoon to considering it in the committee of the whole, Senator Miller pushed Senate Bill 9 through to third reading and final vote. This is one of the Webster bills and this particular one has to do with convicts from the penitentiary and working them on the roads. The main stickler and obstruction to the bill was an existing contract between the state and the Lowenberg-Going company. This contract is for 10 years, was signed in November, 1907, and under its terms the state receives 45 cents a day for each prisoner worked in the foundry.

Warren E. Thompson, lawyer for the foundry, was on the floor of the senate while that body sat as the committee of the whole trying to safeguard the terms of the contract, and L. R. Webster was also on hand advocating the bill. The contract was read and discussed. While the senators did not hesitate to say that the contract should not have been made, that 45 cents a day was too low pay for the use of the men especially when the state has to board them, still it was held that the state should not back out of the contract with the Lowenberg-Going company.

President Selling spoke in favor of the convicts being employed, saying that it was the worst form of punishment to the prisoners to be confined without occupation. He then branched off into a dissertation on the troubles an ex-convict has after his release from prison in trying to re-establish himself and start life afresh. Selling declared that, when an ex-convict drifted to Portland from Salem, the police and detectives were aware of his coming and that the ex-convict's chances of obtaining work were small. The result is, said the president of the senate, that in three or six months the convict is back in prison. Selling set it down as a truth that a two or three-

year sentence in the penitentiary is practically a life sentence.

This bill to work convicts on the roads was not trimmed and mutilated as freely as the highway commission bill, both of which were passed by the senate yesterday. After the senate, in the committee of the whole, had amended the convict road work bill, Miller left the chair, and made the report to the senate and rushed it to a third reading and final passage. There are several other road bills in this same series to be taken up.

### CRUDE OIL KILLING HUNDREDS OF DUCKS

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Jan. 28.—Pity for the hundreds of wild ducks that lie helpless on the Marin shore from the effects of crude oil dumped in the bay has caused Town Recorder Herbert De LaMontanya to convert his home into a refuge for the birds. De LaMontanya and his three sons spend their spare moments in cleaning the oil from the ducks' feathers with hot water and wood ashes.

### POLICE SAY THAT MISS ARNOLD WAS NOT STOLEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Denying that Dorothy Arnold, the missing daughter of Millionaire Francis Arnold, has been kidnaped and asserting that she is hiding in New York, the police here today withdrew from the case. They have refused to give definite reasons for their belief. Arnold declares the girl has been abducted, and is probably dead. He will continue to employ private detectives in the effort to learn his daughter's fate.

### Fishers Don't Like Treaty.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 28.—Designed as a protest against a reciprocity treaty with Canada, the flags of the big New England fishing fleet are floating today at half mast with unions down and the backers of the industry are planning a bitter fight in congress against the treaty. It is believed that the entire fishing interests of the country will support the fight, and telegrams are pouring in pledging aid.

### Bomb Outrage in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 28.—Black hand activities were renewed today when a bomb blew out the front of Giuseppe Macaloni's grocery. Macaloni recently received "black hand" demands for \$500.

## DIAZ TROOPS AGAIN ROUTED

Main Body of Federal Troops Reported to Be Surrounded by Large Force of Revolutionists In Wild Mountain Pass.

SHAFER, Texas, Jan. 28.—Following reports yesterday of a rebel victory near Ojinaga, news reached here today of a second engagement between a large force of revolutionists and 150 federal troops in which the government soldiers again were routed. The main body of the federal troop is reported surrounded by insurgents in the mountains 20 miles from Ojinaga. Hundreds of refugees without food or shelter, have crossed to the American side of the river near Presidio, Texas.

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