

# Where Convicts Are Free



TWO HONOR MEN



SECTION OF ROCK WORK



WESTVILLE HONOR CAMP NO. 1



SECTION OF THE ROAD



NEW AND OLD GRADES ON CRATER LAKE ROAD

## Westville, Honor Camp No. 1, An Experiment in Making Roads and Men

One of the most interesting experiments in penology ever attempted in the United States is being worked out on the Crater lake highway, about 30 miles from Medford, where Governor West has 30 of his "honor men" at work building roads. And from all accounts the experiment seems a great success.

Governor West, shortly after taking charge of the chief office of the state, announced a new policy in

Among other innovations he sends convicts away from the state penitentiary, without guards or prison garb, and bids them do a man's work in the world, with nothing but a promise to keep them from escaping. In other words, the convict is placed upon his honor, whence arises the term "honor men."

In carrying out this policy, Governor West acted early upon a request from Jackson county that a number

of his "honor men" be sent to work upon the Crater lake highway, which the governor stated he thought was a state rather than a county project. About 30 of the men from the state penitentiary were brought to Medford and were taken out to a camp on the highway, where they have been at work three months, without one causing any trouble or trying to get away. No guards are stationed at the camp. The only man, in fact, who comes in contact with the men is the foreman appointed by the county court to direct their work, and he has no authority over the men during their leisure hours.

The "honor men" seem appreciative of the privilege extended them by Governor West and "made good"

early as workers. They do more work in a day than the ordinary laborer, while the county is out but 25 cents a day for wages, this being the allowance for each man, and what it costs to feed and cloth them.

The men are camped in a splendid location and have named their camp "Westville, Honor Camp No. 1," in compliment to Governor West.

The men are employed through the winter on a heavy rock grade on the Crater lake highway. Next summer they will be placed on sections of the road where they can work to the best advantage. They are making much progress on the work, and the governor's attempt to make not only roads, but men, seems to be an assured success.



A GROUP

—Courtesy Oregon Journal

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