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MORALE IN OREGON PEN BEST IN U.S.

Criticism By National Society of Penal Information Answered By Superintendent Meyers — Obsolete Equipment and Crowding Admitted — Claims Harmony Exists.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Notwithstanding obsolete equipment and inconvenience caused by a prison population too large for the accommodations provided, the morale among inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary is superior to that of any other prison in the United States. So declared Henry W. Meyers, superintendent of the prison, in commenting on the criticism of the Oregon prison made in a report by the National Society of Penal Information, released today for publication.

Meyers admits the truth of much that is contained in the report, but is proud of the fact that the present prison administration has been able to overcome much of the handicap. The truth of the society's criticism that the Oregon prison is much overcrowded is obvious, for the inmates at present number 820 in an institution that was designed for about 500.

Relief soon will be relieved to a considerable degree when the new dormitory for trustees will be occupied by 100 prisoners about January 6. Further relief will be provided when the new administration building is completed in about 60 days and the women prisoners are moved from the present main building into quarters on the top floor of the new building. The prison annex on the site of the old training school near Turner furnishes living quarters for 40 prisoners, which is another source of relief from the congestion.

The New York report points to the extreme danger to inmates of the prison hospital in event of fire and severely censures the state legislature for failing to eliminate this danger. While it is not now possible to make the hospital absolutely safe, Superintendent Meyers says that provision has been made to equip the hospital with a fire escape.

Wardens Changed Often Another criticism leveled at the prison by the New York society's report is the frequency with which wardens have been changed in recent years. It is apparent that the investigation on which the report is based was made prior to the present administration. Before the administration of the late Governor Patterson the head of the prison was known as a warden. When Patterson became governor he got the authority of the legislature to place a superintendent at the head of the prison. Meyers was appointed to this office. James W. Lewis, who had served as warden under Governor Olcott, was again made warden and E. C. Kelley was appointed deputy warden. These three have been in charge of the prison for the last three years.

Official Harmony "Perfect harmony exists among the prison officials," Meyers said today, "and as now constituted I don't see what improvement could be made in what the Society of Penal Information calls leadership. As for morale among inmates I need only point to the fact that we have lost only one man by escape in three years."

Meyers does not agree with the society's criticism of the prison "bull pen," which is the place where inmates are packed up. It is admitted that the cells in this part of the prison are not heated, but the superintendent declares they are kept in a sanitary condition.

Defends Bull Pen "The bull pen is one of the most useful prison adjuncts," Meyers said. "Solitary confinement is not sufficient punishment for incorrigibles, as this society seems to think. To have the desired effect the bull pen must be a place that the prisoners will wish to avoid." He added that the dungeon, the lash, the hose and other forms of punishment used some years ago have been abolished.

WILLOW SPRINGS CLUB MEETING JANUARY 9TH

WILLOW SPRINGS, Ore., Jan. 3.—(Special)—On January 9th the Willow Springs Thursday club will meet with Mrs. E. E. Reames at her home in Central Point. Mrs. Fred Straube and Mrs. Gene Blackford will have charge of the program. Let every member begin the new year right and be present.

Geo. Palmiter, State Master, Gives History Great Farm Organization

The following history of the grange movement was written by George Palmiter, grange master for the state of Oregon, visiting here for several days:

Organized in December, 1867, this society has been in continuous existence for 62 years and in that time has accomplished much for the betterment of rural conditions.

O. H. Kelley, the founder of the grange, realized that the farm people needed to organize so as to work collectively for legislation that would assist in securing for them a fair share of the wealth they produced. He also felt that the rural people needed an organization that would bring them together for social and educational purposes, thus giving the farm folk a chance to discuss their problems and the important questions of the day.

No organization has surpassed the grange in its effort to break up the isolation of the farm home and furnish clean amusement for old and young. The grange has been a high school and college for many rural people who otherwise would have had no chance of advancement. Many people in prominent public positions owe their success and advancement to the contact they had with the grange.

The grange is not only an organization of farmers but is a real farm fraternity in which the whole family can participate—members of either sex 14 years of age or more are admitted to the subordinate grange and those over 5 and under 16 are admitted to the juvenile grange. The ritualistic work of the order is surpassed by none other when it is properly exemplified and the lessons taught are inspiring to all who study and carry out their teachings.

The grange believes in genuine 100 per cent Americanism and that the American home is the greatest institution in the structure of civilization. The grange stands for and upholds the church, the school and every organization that seeks to promote the welfare of humanity.

No legal grange meeting can be held unless the Holy Bible is open on the altar and the American flag in position within the hall.

These two inflexible rules of its procedure afford ample proof of its principles and explains its growing strength and influence.

Following are some of the qualifications of true patrons of husbandry:

"A true patron must have a genuine interest in agriculture, the foundation of all human industry; must have sincere regard for his

fellows and exemplify real fraternal fellowship; must be sober, industrious, kindly and considerate of others, willing to co-operate with them for the general good.

"A true patron must be honest and earnest, will to put part of his talents and strength at the service of the Grange, for the betterment of its members, the community, the state and the nation; must endeavor to exemplify in daily living his faith in God and man; hope for future good; charity in word and deed; and true fidelity toward every worthy purpose."

With principles of this kind as the foundation on which the order is built and more than sixty years of splendid achievements to its credit the Grange looks forward to the future with the hope that it can render even greater service than in the past.

Many people do not realize the benefits they enjoy today as a result of the organized efforts of the grange; for instance, rural mail delivery, parcels post, pure food laws, railroad regulations, U. S. weather bureau, postal savings banks, U. S. department of agriculture and many other pieces of legislation that were finally enacted because of the efforts of the Grange in their behalf. In fact there are over one hundred federal laws that are beneficial to all the people that were sponsored by the Grange.

Here are a few facts worth remembering:

The Grange is organized in thirty-three states and has a membership of more than 800,000 in the United States.

Owens over 2000 halls with a value in excess of \$15,000,000.

Comprises more than 8000 local Granges, each a real community center.

Features every meeting with an educational program, discussing the live questions of the day.

Cooperates with the church, the school, and every other local institution that aims toward better living.

The Grange has broad influence, comprising as it does the local, Pomona, state, and national Grange, and all matters of importance can be carried thru the organization from the farm to the White House.

The cost of membership in the Grange is small, but the opportunity of service is large. If you are eligible to membership, hand in your application to the Grange nearest you. If there is no Grange in your community, talk it over with your neighbors—and see if they will not join you in securing the establishment of one.

THE GREATEST NEW CHEVROLET HERE TOMORROW

The greatest Chevrolet in the history of the organization will be on display at the Pierce-Allyn Motor Co., local dealers show rooms tomorrow and Manager "Bill" Allen extends a cordial invitation to every motorist to call and see the new car.

Basically, it is the same sturdy, substantial, six that was so popular last year, but is greater in all things that contribute to comfort, endurance, performance and safety.

One of the greatest improvements is in the valve-in-head motor with a capacity increase to 59 horsepower. The new Fisher bodies also add to beauty and comfort of the car, as do the many other improvements.

"Bill" also calls attention to the "greatly reduced prices," which appear in their ad today.

TURKEY RAISERS SEE WIDE PRICE VARIANCE

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., Jan. 3.—(Special)—According to reports from Portland friends who bought Christmas turkeys in that city, there must exist a wide price range between the consumer and producer.

Many well fattened young turkeys sold from our district at one an sixteen cents a pound while from all reports Portland turkeys retailed from 40 to 47 cents.

ENJOY YULE PARTY AT WILLOW SPRINGS

WILLOW SPRINGS, Ore., Jan. 3.—(Special)—The usual jolly crowd gathered at the W. K. Parker home on Christmas day. Those present besides the family were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkholz, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elden, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. DuBoque, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brophy, Miss Rose Jones, Roland Kirkholz, George and Harry Elden and Roberta Lee Brophy.

BANK CALL ISSUED FOR TUESDAY, DEC. 31

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The comptroller of the currency issued a call today for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Tuesday, December 31.

MODERN WOODMEN SEE VICTORY IN INSURANCE RATE INCREASE DECREE

Of interest to local members of the Woodman lodge is an article found in the Rushville (Illinois) Times on Christmas day, regarding the contested action on increased rates. It follows in part:

"Opponents of the increased rates of the Modern Woodmen of America see a sweeping victory against officers of the head camp in a decision handed down by the Illinois supreme court last Friday.

"The court reversed and remanded to the court of Judge Brothers at Chicago the case of Edward J. Jenkins and others to enjoin rate changes. The cause is sent back with instructions for the trial court to grant the relief sought, except so far as it prayed that the attempted repeal of section 100 of the by-laws be declared null and void. This action had to do with the allotment of money paid to the older members.

"The case filed at Chicago sought to enjoin the head camp officers from collecting increased rates of June, 1929. Judge Brothers dismissed the bill for want of equity, but his finding was reversed. The cause was prepared originally by Major Edgar Tolman, Chicago; Lawrence McLaughlin, Nebraska, and the late Jack Donahue, St. Paul."

Oldest Klamath Dies

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Leon Isaacs, believed to be at least 115 years old and the oldest Indian on the Klamath reservation, died late Thursday at Chiloquin.

PAINS

No matter how severe, you can always have immediate relief:

Bayer Aspirin stops pain quickly. It does it without any ill effects. Harmless to the heart; harmless to anybody. But it always brings relief. Why suffer?

BAYER ASPIRIN

All Raincoats
Both Women's and Children's

HALF PRICE

Plenty of large size Coats to 44

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"MEDFORD'S OWN STORE"

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Clearance Sale

All Boys' Winter Underwear

HALF PRICE

Both all cotton and part wool union suits, up to size 14.

Starts Saturday Morning With Big Reductions On The Famous Oregon City Virgin Wool Blankets

THE "OREGONIAN"

\$10.50

Pure virgin wool, 72x84 inches, whipped ends. A beautiful range of colorings and patterns. Our regular \$12.50 blanket.

THE "ASTORIAN"

Formerly "Hudson Bay"

\$12.50

The marvelous 3% held marked blanket that is the pride of every home owning one or more. Pure virgin wool, weighing 5 pounds. Strips and plaids. Our regular \$14.50 blanket.

THE "OLYMPIAN"

\$13.50

Decidedly different colorings and patterns in this pure virgin wool blanket, satin bound ends. Size 72x84. Full 5 pounds weight. Our regular \$16.50 blanket.

THE "MT. RAINIER"

A double blanket at

\$12.50

Pretty block plaids, long, fluffy naph and a pure virgin wool. Blanket size 70x80, and weighs 5 pounds. Satine bound ends. Our regular \$14.50 blanket.

\$16.50 Imported Holland Wool Blankets ... \$14.25
\$4.50 All Wool Blue Grey 'Horner' Blankets \$3.50
72x99 All White \$1.98 Sheet Blankets \$1.69
66x80 Part Wool \$3.69 Double Blankets \$3.15
70x80 Part Wool \$4.95 Double Blankets ... \$4.45
\$1.00 Cotton Bats for the Padded Quilts 69c

One-Fourth Off on all Bed Pillows

JANUARY Savings On Towels Of Every Kind

"Salem Linen Mills"

Linen Huck Towels

4 for \$1

Made in Oregon of pure flax. Very serviceable hand towels and regular 29c. A bargain at—4 for \$1.00.

JANUARY CLEARAWAY

NOW IS THE TIME!
Buy all the fancy Bath Towels you will need for the year 1930, at these **BIG REDUCTIONS**

39c Fancy Bath Towels, 3 for \$1
To 69c Fancy Bath Towels 49c
75c Fancy Bath Towels. . . . 59c
To 98c Fancy Bath Towels 79c
To \$1.49 F'cy Bath Towels 98c
\$2.25 Fancy Bath Towels \$1.69
\$2.50 Fancy Bath Towels \$1.98

"Salem Linen Mills"

Glass Linen Towels

3 for \$1

Fine quality pure flax, gloss linen towels in stripes of Rose, Gold, Blue. Our regular 39c towel—3 for \$1.00.

JANUARY CLEARAWAY

22x45
Bath Towels

3 for \$1

Heavy, double thread bath towels and a size suitable for every home use. This is a very firm towel and regular 59c value.

JANUARY CLEARAWAY

Wash Cloths

5c each

25 dozen wash cloths of heavy terry toweling. Only 25 dozen to go at this 5c price, so get yours early.