

## The Oregon Pen

The Oregon penitentiary situation blew up in the faces of the state board of control this week when they fired Warden O'Malley, without granting him a hearing, and placed control of the institution in the hands of Clarence T. Gladden of Tacoma. Conditions have been explosive for many years and nothing was accomplished when a couple years ago the board of control placed Mr. O'Malley in control but tied his hands by keeping the former warden as prison superintendent where he successfully undermined any authority O'Malley may have been able to get from the state board.

One doesn't need to live under the prison doors to know that Warden O'Malley never got a fair deal from the state administration. The most serious criticism of O'Malley is that he should have resigned and upset the rotten apple-cart of the state administration a long time ago when he found he was not getting the co-operation he should have received. O'Malley has instituted many prison reforms and would have accomplished results had he been given any intelligent support, but how can a man do anything when he is not given his choice of assistants, and has to take the rotten left-over officials?

The investigating wardens surely erred when they failed to consult with O'Malley when they made their investigation, how could they possibly get the true condi- means. They've accused The Journal the victory of Dulles in obtaining con- claim are being subsidized for the tions of what is going on at the state penitentiary without of disregarding "the facts" in sup- firmation of Bohlen for ambassador benefit of the trucks. But is the getting his side of what was transpiring?

It would appear that what Oregon needs most is a underpaid. And they and most other from conducting negotiations with a given to the railroads? There's a house cleaning from the governor on down, they have members of the subcommittee have foreign government, a function re- question you might put to the next been in power too long in Oregon until now it is possible finally voted adversely on wage ad- served to the executive branch of the railroad man who yammers about a to get anything you want at the prison if you know the civil service commended to right people, and have enough money.

audit of these funds were had to find out just what has ciation has sharply criticized the subbeen done with them. There has been many reports of committee's action. Its executive extreme. improper use of these funds by Alexander and now is an excellent time to get an accounting. Alexander has many palled by the (committee's) total dis-palled by the (committee's) total distimes forbidden prisoners the right and their privilege regard of salary facts" disclosed in gifts." Greek ship-owners are notoriof hiring an attorney-has he forced prisoners to hire the "right" attorney before they could get before the parole board?

O'Malley should be given a public hearing so that he They say Oregon has a reputation for what inducement or threat McCarthy agement. He would be able to bring to light the activities legislators are joining in the criticism freight for the Communists. Maybe of Alexander and any others who created confusion throughout the prison.

#### "JOE BEAVER"



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agricult "Hey, Buster-wake up! I yelled 'timber'!'

## Editorial Comments

SUPPORT FOR STATE SALARY | in his thumb, and pulled out a plum, ADJUSTMENTS

on and Sen. John C. F. Merrifield, of his nose and is busily flexing his the taxpayers, of course. chairman and member, respectively, fingers in the direction of the State porting wage increases for some 3,300 to Russia.

Now we're beginning to get some skirted this law by dealing with Greek

The Oregon State Employes asso- conduct of negotiations in what really

State Senators Lamport and Yeater ships in countries with liberal laws of Marion county have gone to bat (like Panama). They avoid paying for "the lowly employes" who are taxes in their own country, or else-

hardest hit by higher living costs. where if they are able. One wonders it was their way of respo

### By Ed Nofziger

#### 2-THE MILL CITY ENTERPRISE

# FRANK **EDWARDS** Says:

(Heard over KPOJ, Portland, at 10:15) p.m., Monday through Friday)

#### Park Benches for Sale:

placing a premium on substandard liv- was so thinly sliced that even Sen. ple live under rent control at the pres- it . . . as a national sales tax. ent time; the housing situation is so acute that almost 2 million people are now living in trailers-some by choice, many by necessity. Rents are expected to jump after April 30 unless congress acts. For example, the Cin cinnati Post predicts that rent increases of 50 to 100 percent may be expected there when controls expire. Real estate promoters seem to feel that tenants are expendable where profits are concerned.

#### Now It's Butter:

Since he reversed himself on price supports, Secretary of Agriculture Benson now owns more than 100 million pounds of butter and is still buying it at the rate of 2 million pounds

half of \$6,000,000; Bangor aid Aroostock more than half of \$3,000,000.

and said "What a big boy am I?" At whose expense are the railroads The Journal has been taking a Only Joe is not just holding up his granted these rapid tax amortizaverbal beating from Sen. Angus Gib- thumb. He has it poised on the end tions? At the expense of the rest of

At least the public gets to ride on of the subcommittee on ways and Department. It is his rejoinder to the highways which the railroads public going to get any free railroad

state employes whom we regard as An old law forbids a private citizen rides in return for the tax favors justments recommended by the state government through its Department "free ride for trucks." - From the

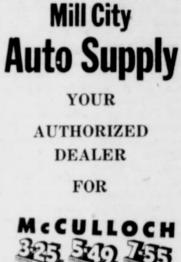
of State. McCarthy apparently has Oregon Teamster. Alexander is the custodian of prisoner's funds and has been for a good many years. It would be well if an undit of the second. The Oregon State Funds and The Oregon State Funds and the second. **Gooch Logging Supply** "Everything for the Logger" BASSETT'S WELDING SHOP ously selfish. They register their **Phone 1141** Phone 116 Sweet Home, Philomath Branch Store Lyons 

a day. The Democrats who took it on the chin for their mountains of rotting potatoes are having their day . . watching the Republicans wade through their sea of butter.

#### NAM Baloney:

Testifying before the senate banking committee recently, the president of the National Association of Manufacturers, Charles Sligh, again de-The nation's rent control law expires clared in favor of dumping the lion's the last of April unless Congress share of the tax burden on the lowertakes action . . . and there is no indi- income groups. Generally referred to cation of any such action at this time. as an alleged method of equalizing the The housing shortage, which has tax load, Sligh dressed it up by calling plagued this nation for years, still it "a uniform rate excise levy on exists in thousands of communities, | everything but food." The baloney ing quarters. Thirty four million peo- Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) recognized

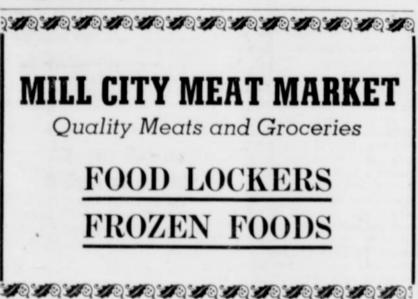




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the ways and means subcommittee for "battering down" the pay of "small fry" employes.

Heads of state departments are also taking their wage problems to ways and means. They charge that low gloating over his boxing the State alaries for certain types (not all) employes make it impossible for them get and keep competent people. And Governor Patterson indicates

of certain salary classifications. Apparently they, like The Journal The Oregon Statesman.

and unlike the Gibson subcommittee,

salary studies. They are not convinced that the

with "the facts," as it maintains. onclusion that the Gibson subcommit- taxpayers."

cales. On the contrary, this action pense of the taxpayers. ctually accentuates inequities. We're glad to have such good com-

any in the fight for salary justice or state employes. We're glad to be on the side of the state police, the low-pay clerical workers, the hospital aides and prison guards, the engineers

and auditors and appraisers and the nstitution employes who still work 12 hours a day. We're still for them, Senator Gibson and friends to the contrary notwithstanding.

We'll bet the majority of the legislature and the people of Oregon are for them, too .- From Oregon Journal.

#### WHAT A BIG BOY IS JOE

Sen. Joe McCarthy's announcement f effecting a direct agreement with Greek ship-owners not to haul goods to or from Communist ports looks very much like a Little Jack Horner stunt. Remember Jack, who "stuck

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moves of our government to recover surplus ships said to have been bought illegally by aliens. Wisconsin's Joe will strut for a day,

Department. His vaunted hostility to Communists is quite demagogic-he to compete for technical help and to welcomed their votes in 1946 when he got enough of them to defeat Bob La-Follette. Joe had better watch his he will step into the controversy with step, however. If Eisenhower and a recommendation for re-examination Dulles really get mad they may turn to and give him a trouncing .- From

are impressed by current comparative DID YOU GET YOUR FREE RIDE ON A RAILROAD?

In advertisements in the magazines Gibson subcommittee is the only group and newspapers, the railroads are stressing that their roads are built They also must have come to the and maintained "without cost to the This, of course, is a ees' approval of one biennial, instead back-handed slap at the trucking inof two annual, across-the-board merit dustry because the rails are also quick raises affecting some 70 percent of to point out that highways are paid all Oregon workers does nothing to for by public funds and that the trucks alleviate existing inequities in pay are "getting a free ride" at the ex-

The facts are that the trucking industry pays its fair share of highway costs and, in Oregon, pays more than its share. Oregon truck taxes are higher than in any other state of the union

What the railroads don't talk about are those fat and fast tax write-offs which they have been getting from the Office of Defense Mobilization The latest batch of tax favors to the And you want to know something? railroads totalled more than \$56,500. 000 for five railroads. Southern Pa cific got two certificates to write-off half of \$26,900,000; Chicago and Northwestern more than half of \$21, 000,000; Northern Pacific more than





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