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THE PRISON OUTBREAK

Parsimonious legislators who wanted to make false records for economy are in a large measure responsible for the recent state prison outbreak which snuffed out the lives of two guards and brought a tragic but desirable end to the criminal career of one "Oregon" Jones, notorious outlaw.

The present state prison was built more than 50 years ago. It is antiquated and out of date. It is nothing more than a tottering shell, from which more escapes as dangerous to society as the one last week, can easily be made by desperate and determined convicts.

On many occasions efforts have been made to procure appropriations from the legislature for the construction of a new state prison. But the lawmakers, as is their biennial wont, seek to make a showing with the folks back home. The old hue and cry of political demagoguery—economy—is raised from beneath the state house dome.

As a result, the old unsanitary, dilapidated state prison building had had to suffice. It is a wonder that more convicts have not been made by convicts who must know that it is an easy matter to cut and hammer their way through the decaying roofs and walls.

The apparent lack of discipline, the proven cowardice and the unfitness of many of the prison employes are contributing factors in the disgraceful tragedy. But this needed remedy will not be effected until the state prison is taken out of politics and its management placed squarely on the plane of efficiency. When that day comes, if it ever does, the "Oregon" Jones' and Tom Murrays' will not be set loose to pillage and murder whomever they will.

STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The American Federation of Labor already has its program for the next session of Congress very definitely worked out. It knows just what it wants and doesn't want. It aims to get the former if it can; to do all in its power to prevent the latter, or put an end to it, if it exists now. President William Green's outline of his organization's policies is as clean cut and concise as the typical politician's discussion of party plans usually is uncertain and indefinite.

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The federation scents a scheme, if Congress cuts out the surtax on big incomes, to put a sales tax in its place. "The average workman's living," President Green told me, "costs him practically all he makes. Taxes are passed along to him on everything. He carries the whole load—except the surtax. The man who sells to the workman makes a margin of profit. He includes his taxes in the prices of the goods he sells, and has his profit clear—of everything but the surtax. Abolishing the surtax and imposing a sales tax would be putting the entire burden on the poorer man. The federation opposes it. We're for tax reduction, of course."

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There's been considerable talk of action by President Coolidge to prevent further coal strike tieups. Nothing doing along that line is the federation's view. "The supreme court," said President Green, "already has held government interference with labor's wages or hours unconstitutional. Those are matters purely between the employers and employes. What's more, we shall oppose any attempt to restrict labor's normal activities further by government tribunals or boards.

We shall join the railroad labor group in an effort to pass the Howell-Barkley bill, providing for adjustment of disputes between the roads and their men by other than governmental means. We shall try to abolish the Railroad Labor Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith of Pelican City shopped and visited with friends here yesterday afternoon.

CHINESE OFFICIAL SLAIN

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Hong Kong says Liu Chung-Hoi, finance minister of the Cantonese government, has been assassinated.

CATTLEMAN HERE

O. W. Engle of the Fort Klamath country, and one of the leading cattlemen of this section, is in the city today visiting.

HAS DINNER GUESTS

Mrs. Charles Haigh entertained informally at her home last evening with a dinner party for Mrs. Bert Cook, the occasion being her birthday.

BRITON DIRECTS USE OF STILLETO AS POSITIVE DEATH CERTIFICATE

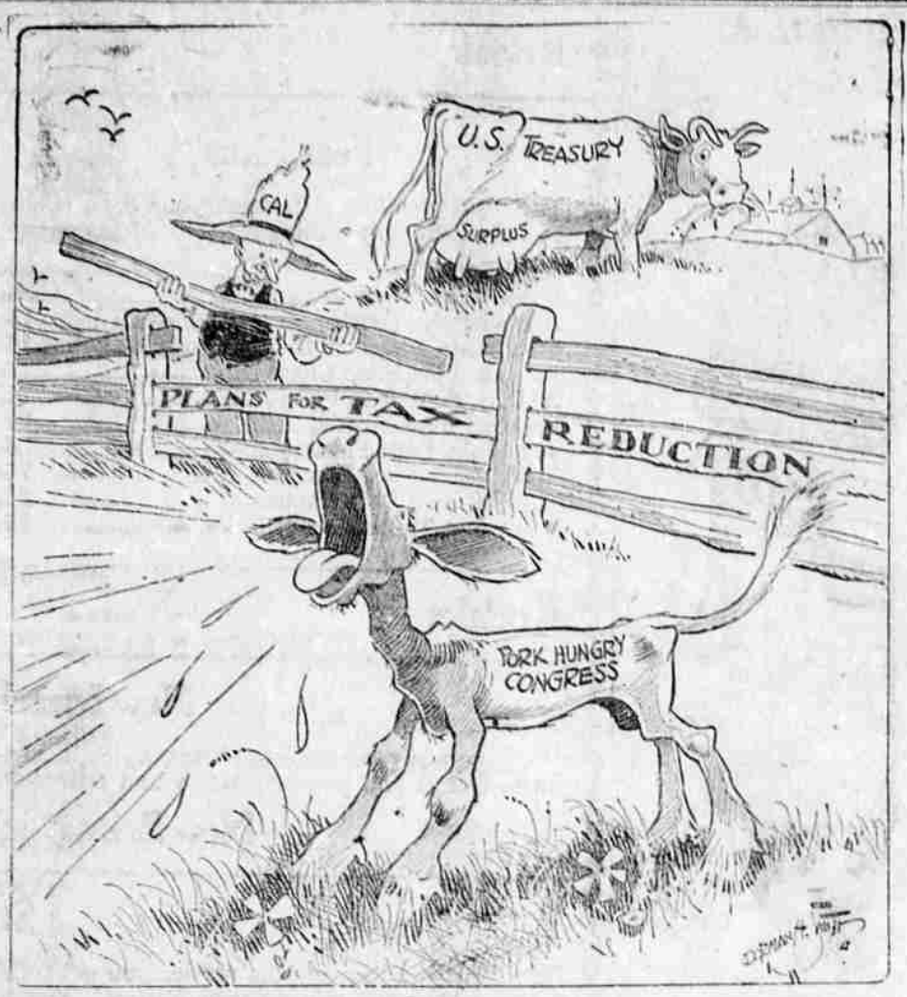
LONDON—(AP)—Sir George Greenwood, presiding recently at a meeting of the London Society for the Prevention of Premature Burial, said that he had given directions to those who would be his executors to plunge a stiletto into his heart after his death so as to make certain of it. He added that a school mate of his, who became a great surgeon, insisted that the stabbing process be carried out as a precaution. Sir George declared he had no faith in the present so-called modern methods of certifying death.

Miss Emily Akes, honorary secretary of the society, said that one of the best known men in England whose name was a household word, had once been placed in a casket as dead, and when about to be buried was found to be quite well and alive, and he had lived for some twenty years afterward.

SEASON OPENS

Deer season opens Sept. 10 and will remain open until October 20, Marion J. Barnes, district game warden, announced today.

"Conflicting reports have led to confusion concerning the opening day of the season," Mr. Barnes said today, "and I desire to make this official announcement to clear up any misconceptions sportsmen might have." According to reports received from forest rangers and campers, the hunting season will be just as successful this year as last.



Noted Cartoonist On Fishing Trip

"Tige" Reynolds, cartoonist for The Oregonian, and E. H. Whitney, first assistant superintendent of the Portland public schools, stopped in the city over night, enroute toward Rogue river from central Oregon, where they have been enjoying an extended fishing trip to the various lakes throughout this section. They will whip the Rogue for steelheads for several days before returning to Portland.

"We made some real catches in a few of the lakes, while others were not so good," remarked the noted cartoonist during a visit to The Herald office.

KIWANINIANS INSPECTED

Kiwanis club underwent inspection this noon, at its weekly luncheon.

John M. Thorne of Roseburg, regional director of the Kiwanis club, was a visitor of the local civic club for the purpose of inspecting the progress of the club. A feature of the luncheon was a talk by E. S. Veatch, in the abstract business.

MOVED TO VALLEY

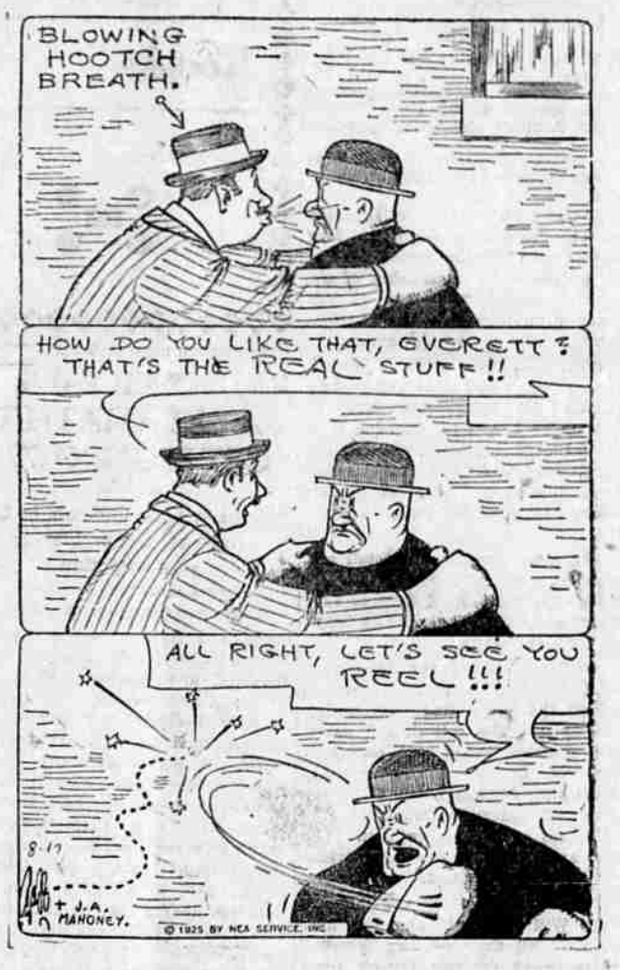
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McKimmon, who have been residents of Klamath Falls for some time, moved to Medford today, where they will reside permanently.

Home cooked chicken dinner at Pinehurst Inn, every Sunday, from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. 26-22*

FOSTER VISITS

Joe Foster paid the city one of his frequent visits today from his home at Roung Lake.

EVERETT TRUE By CONDO



DISCIPLINE AT PRISON IS BAD

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anded by Warden Dalrymple for firing over the heads of two convicts who had refused to obey orders.

Davison said the two convicts were attempting a criminal attack upon a one legged youth, a fellow prisoner, in a corner of "The Island," and refused to desist when he called to them. When a second order was disobeyed he fired over their heads.

Rules Too Lax

"The warden told me I had done wrong, and if any guard was not satisfied with the way the prison was run he could quit. He said he didn't want to get the convicts angry, as they might burn the flax in the yard."

Davison said he had 18 years of prison experience and the discipline at the penitentiary here is the slackest he has ever seen.

The penitentiary is a dangerous place for employes, a menace to the locality in general and another break is imminent is the opinion of Paul S. Frye, who appeared before the jury Wednesday afternoon. Frye has been chapel guard for nearly three years. He admitted that printed rules demanded enforcement and that the officials had never interfered with their administration. Guards, he said, were under the impression that they were supposed to get by as easy as possible without causing trouble and that they never made any complaint to the warden or deputy until there was a flagrant violation of the rules.

Convicts Obedient

Discipline in the yard is good and while there has been occasional trouble the men in general did what they were told to do, Asa Fisher, yard captain testified.

I. S. Hubbard, guard at post No. 7, the night of the break, said that he saw Kelly and Willos with hands raised and was not sure that there was a general break. He refused to fire at men in this position and because he and Guard McKinley knew there were other guards in the turnkey's office, also refused to fire at random.

Discipline is as good as it ever was, William Fisher, chapel guard and farm boss, declared.

NEW DRY CHIEFS WILL BE NAMED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. — The names of the 24 federal prohibition administrators who will take over enforcement of the national dry laws September 1, are expected to be made public tomorrow.

Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, will confer with Secretary Mellon during the day and it is expected the new dry personnel list will be presented for the secretary's approval. Under each administrator there will be an administrative assistant as well as a group head in each judicial district wherever practicable, who will be stationed in the same city as the United States attorney and cooperate with him. Their names will not be announced with those of the administrators since the latter will be given a free hand in choosing their own subordinate staffs.

WILLS COMING HOME

PARIS, Aug. 20.(AP)—Harry Wills, American negro heavyweight pugilist, will sail for New York, Aug. 29, according to his present plans. He arrived in Paris today after several weeks in Germany.

HAS OPERATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (AP)—Marguerite Clark, a screen and stage favorite a few years ago, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Fear Lives Lost in Hotel Blaze

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Aug. 20. —(AP)—Loss of life was feared in a fire which swept the Landon hotel today. More than a hundred guests were registered last night and it was believed at least fifty were in the hotel when the fire broke out. Only one person, Mrs. R. F. Senor of San Antonio, was known to have been removed at 2 o'clock. She was taken to a hospital in a critical condition. The fire spread rapidly to the Lyric theatre.

FURTHER PLANS

The entertainment committee of the Business Women's club gathered at the Club cafe last evening to further plans for the entertainment of the Medford club on Sunday when the local girls will be hostesses at a noon luncheon at the Hotel White Pelican.

CONVICT BREAK AT SAN QUENTIN QUICKLY HALTED

One Prison Employe Dead and Another Badly Hurt in Rioting

MEN ARE RECAPTURED

Commandeer Tug But Are Taken When They Run Into Shrimp Bank

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Aug. 20. (AP.)—One San Quentin prison employe is dead and a murder charge hangs over six convicts today as the result of an escape by the prisoners from a water front gang in a tugboat yesterday under the fire of machine guns, only to be captured after a spectacular chase in which police boats, posses, and an airplane participated.

B. O. Miller, civilian shipping clerk at the prison, died at the Cottage hospital at Richmond early this morning. During the break he was beaten with bricks which the prisoners were loading on a barge and was then taken on the tug commandeered by the convicts presumably as a shield against machine gun fire from the tower station.

The guard in charge of the gang, was reported near death, having suffered a fractured skull at the hands of the six men who hammered him with bricks and stones.

As soon as the tug put out from land the police at San Francisco, Oakland and other points were notified. Lieutenant W. R. Sweley, piloting an airplane from Crissey field, circled over the bay and directed the pursuit from the air. After a chase across the bay the prisoners' boat was trapped in a shrimp swamp at Malate point, on the Contra Costa county shore, where armed posses captured them without hardly a struggle.

Paul Luce, one of the convicts, was shot through the arm after the tug left land. All six men were placed in solitary confinement and were being questioned today by prison authorities.

Tardiness Loses Woman Small Sum

Punctuality probably saved Grovener Minard $122.75.

Tardiness undoubtedly lost Mrs. E. D. Langford that amount.

Mrs. Langord was the plaintiff and Minard the defendant in a suit to recover $122.75.

The case was set for this morning at 10 o'clock and at that time Minard was on hand with his lawyer.

Mrs. Langford was conspicuous by her absence. The hand of the clock pulled itself three quarters of the way around the face of the clock. At 10:45 a. m. Acting Justice of the Peace Kendall said:

"Case is dismissed for want of appearance on the part of the plaintiff."

The hour hand pointed at 11 when Mrs. Langford and her attorney appeared in justice court.

"You are just 60 minutes too late," Kendall remarked "No, I won't grant a motion to reopen the case."

FORMER PASTOR HERE

Rev. C. G. Morris and family, now residing in Toledo, Oregon, are among the prominent visitors here today, greeting old friends. Rev. Morris, who was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Fort Klamath, is well known here where he has many friends. He is surprised and very much pleased to see this community thriving as it is and sees great possibilities for Klamath Falls.

BUSINESS CALLER

Leland Casey is spending the day here from Prineville on business matters.

Asphalt Poured Tomorrow

The final stage of the paving project on the 23 blocks bounded by Fourth, Eleventh, Oak, and Klamath avenue will be initiated tomorrow morning when the first asphalt will be poured on the streets, E. B. Henry, city engineer, announced today.

During the past week, the work has been confined to preparing the streets for the asphalt. Every care was taken by the Warren Construction company to have the streets level and solid for the so-called "black stuff," which will be poured tomorrow.

Within a month or five weeks, automobile traffic will be utilizing the newly paved streets.