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THE MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 15.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 75c; Bluestem, 81c; Valley, 80c.
Cattle—Best steers, \$4.50; Medium, \$4; Cows, \$3.50@3.75.
San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Cash wheat, \$1.38 1/2.
Chicago, Feb. 15.—May wheat open at 96 1/2c; closed, 97 1/2c.
Barley, 48@58c.
Flax, 1.11 1/2; Northwestern, \$1.18.
Wheat—70c.
Oats—23c per bushel.
Hay—\$19.50 per ton.
Hay—Cheat, \$11; clover, \$10@11; oats, \$9; timothy, \$13@14.
Flour—\$3.50 to \$3.65 per bbl. (whole sale).
Mill feed—\$21.50; shorts, \$22.50.
Butter—Country, 20 to 25c (buying). Creamery, 30c.
Eggs—22 cents.
Chickens—8 to 10 cents.
Ducks—10 cents.
Turkeys—12 1/2 to 15 cents.
Hogs—Live weight, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c.
Beef—Steers, 1350 to 1250 lbs., 3c; under 1050, 3 1/2; to 3 3/4c; grass-fed steers 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c; stall-fed cows and heifers, 2 cent.
Mutton—Sheep, 2 1/2; choice wethers, 2 3/4 cents.
Veal—6@7 cents, dressed.
Hops—22 to 28 cents.
Potatoes—22 to 35 cents per bushel.
Prunes—2 1/2c basis.

PERSONALS.

Chester G. Murphy spent Sunday with his parents in this city.
Dr. Mark S. Skiff returned last evening from a business visit to Portland.
Attorney L. H. McMahan went to Silverton yesterday afternoon on legal business.
H. J. Bigger returned last night from an over Sunday visit in Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Siegmund went to Gervais yesterday afternoon for a short visit.
Justice of the Peace W. H. Queener is in the city for a short visit and remained over night.
The Misses Jennie and Myna Goode have returned from an extended visit to San Francisco.
Mrs. W. H. Chatten of Portland, is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Collins.
Miss Edna Parrish of Dallas College, has been visiting friends in Salem during the past few days.
Hon. E. P. McCornack was at Portland visitor yesterday, returning home on last evening's local train.
Sanderson Reed, the Portland attorney, was in the city on legal business yesterday, returning to Portland on the afternoon train.
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hamilton returned to Portland yesterday afternoon, after a few days' visit with their son, Laud, in this city.
Miss Ilma Byrne returned last night from Arlington, where she has been acting as organist during the revival meetings there.
Russell Catlin and J. R. Linn, the hop dealers, transacted business in Portland yesterday and returned home on the 6-19 train last evening.
Rev. W. R. Winans returned yesterday afternoon from Divide, near Cottage Grove, where he looked after the interests of the M. E. Sunday school.
H. F. Wynne and wife, of Cottage Grove, spent Sunday in Salem. Mr. Wynne is a hardware merchant in Cottage Grove. Mrs. Wynne was formerly Miss Veatch, of this city.
Mr. and Mrs. George Reid, formerly of this city but now of Portland, returned to Portland yesterday afternoon, after a week's visit with relatives and friends in this city.

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THE BASIS OF IT

THE CHARGES OF ATTORNEY McMAHAN AGAINST THE PENITENTIARY MANAGEMENT

A Number of Minor Matters Mentioned That Are Not in the Complaint of the Suit That Has Been Filed in Department No. 2 of the Circuit Court.

(The following communication is the basis of the suit against the superintendent and warden of the penitentiary, asking for a restraining order, mentioned in the Sunday Statesman. The communication below was recently sent to Governor Chamberlain by L. H. McMahan, and at the same time, Mr. McMahan demanded that the superintendent and warden be dismissed, the omission to do which would be followed by the suit which has been brought.)

The legislature of 1903, in a non-partisan spirit, which redounds to the credit of the Republican majority, authorized you to contract for and hire the convict labor at a price not less than thirty-five cents a day and out of the money thus obtained create what is now designated, "penitentiary betterment fund." The fund thus created is to be used under your personal supervision "in making improvements upon, adding to the buildings, and other improvements as needed from time to time." The emergency clause provides that "in as much as the safe keeping and custody of the prisoners within the penitentiary depends upon the keeping in repair of the prison and its appliances, which are now in many places in a state of decay, and the peace and safety of the public depends upon the safe detention of said prisoners, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

The law is not unambiguous. It plainly states for what purpose the betterment fund is to be used and it limits your supervision and authority over its use to such improvements on and additions to the prison and its appliances as are necessary to the safe keeping of the convicts. It is a special fund, created for a special purpose, and any encroachment upon that fund for any other purpose than that so clearly stated in the act is in morals a betrayal of trust and in law malfeasance in office. Yet the records in the office of the Secretary of State disclose the fact that the Superintendent James and Warden Curtiss have paid out of that special fund approximately \$1850 for velvet carpets, forty-dollar davenport, eight-dollar rocking chairs, fifty-eight-dollar china closets, twelve-dollar pig-lows, blankets, sheets, towels, rugs, after dinner coffee sets, and, in short, such comfortable and luxurious furnishings as only the extremely wealthy can afford, not omitting such small things as dollies and finger bowls!

Further investigation has disclosed the fact that these things are now used by Superintendent James and Warden Curtiss in private residences they have established in buildings belonging to the state and that their families, who are in no wise employed by the state, are using these comforts and luxuries in every day unofficial service.

Section 3664 of the code provides that, "The salary of the superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary shall be \$1500 per annum, to be paid quarterly, the salary of the other state officers as paid."

Section 3665 provides that "The salary of the warden shall be \$1200 per annum paid quarterly."

Section 3666, "The assistant warden shall receive an annual salary of \$900 payable quarterly."

Notwithstanding the plain provisions of the law regarding the salaries of the superintendent and warden, and the fact that where the legislature fixes a definite salary it by implication prohibits all other forms of compensation, the superintendent and his warden, Mr. Curtiss, supply their families with groceries, meats and provisions at the expense of the tax payers, paying therefor out of the general fund. I have diligently searched the code, and I find no more warrant of law for the superintendent and warden to support their private families than I do for the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Supreme Judges, or the elevator man at the State House. And the records show that not only do our tax payers pay for the ordinary necessities consumed by these unofficial persons, their visiting friends and relatives, but they are also charged with all the luxuries obtainable in the way of berries, lemons, oranges, bananas, olives, powdered sugar, chocolate, port-house steaks, etc. It is a fact, however, that while this rule obtains in the case of Superintendent James and Warden Curtiss it is not followed by the assistant warden, the commissary, the farmer, or any other officer, who on meagre salaries pay house rent and grocery bills.

Not only do these officials' families use convicts to cook and scrub, sweep, make beds and attend to the toilet, but they use one for a coachman to convey them with state teams upon their rounds of social duties, both night and day. Even the son of Mr. James has been at liberty to take the state team and with girls go for midnight drives.

These officials and their families appear to believe that the penitentiary is maintained mainly for their profit and indulgence, for not only have they indulged in the extravagances heretofore enumerated, but the cream from the state and stored for by the convicts, is taken for the use of these predatory families, while skim milk is the portion of the guards, the inferior officials and the patients in the hospital!

The state hens yield up their eggs practically for the exclusive benefit of these families—at least one dozen a day for the superintendent and warden being a standing order; and the guards get eggs only by paying for them. These illustrations are not exceptions to the general rule, for you will find by investigating the records in the office of the Secretary of State that the state has furnished the convicts 10 cents a pound; that furnished the guards 15 cents a pound; and that sent out for the use of the superintendent and Warden Curtiss 40 cents a pound.

When Governor Penney first assumed the duties of his office he appointed Hon. Robert Clow, superintendent, and Mr. Clow shortly after his appointment took three state teams and six convicts to his Polk county farm, and used them for the purpose of removing his household goods and hay to Salem. For this, Governor Penney removed Mr. Clow from office and appointed Hon. George S. Downing, superintendent. Mr. Downing remained in that office until Governor Lord appointed Hon. A. N. Gilbert superintendent, and you can learn that neither of these gentlemen supported their families at the expense of the state, used convicts for servants, or claimed to have any right so to do. It remained for Mr. James to be the first Democratic superintendent to thus assume that there are no limits which official conduct cannot be allowed to transgress.

On November 9, 1902, Mannie Howard was committed to the penitentiary for a term of five years. He came from Baker county, the home county of Mr. James, and I am informed that Mr. James, Mannie Howard and Howard's mother were acquainted previous to Howard's conviction. Some time after Mr. James was appointed superintendent, Mrs. Howard visited Mr. James and his family. The valuable gold scarf pin Mr. Curtiss wears was presented at that time to him by Mrs. Howard, who also presented to Mr. James a pair of valuable portiers. As to what other presents, if any, Mrs. Howard (who is reputed wealthy), made I am not advised, but I do know that in less than one year after his commitment, and shortly after Mrs. Howard's visit, Howard was taken out of the shop and made a drunk in the chapel. Within less than one year after his commitment Howard was put on double time and this month was given the highly desirable position of coachman to the officials and their families! This, too, notwithstanding the fact that less than two months ago Mr. James stated to me that their rule was no convict could be put on double time until he had creditably served out half of his time.

I do not know that the gifts made by Mrs. Howard to the superintendent and his warden effected the unusual change in the prison status of Mrs. Howard's unfortunate son. I do know, however, that officials who would through weakness or cupidity allow themselves to be placed in a situation so compromising are not proper or competent men to occupy the positions these men occupy. We have here a fact, so suggestive by inference, that no explanation suffices. Does this administration dare challenge public criticism upon such conduct? The distressed and loving mother with her offerings in behalf of an erring son, who will condemn her? But what will the public say of those who accepted her offerings? With the mother there could have been but one object in view. To accept the presents and not respond to her desires would be morally unthinkable, to grant her wish would be a penal offense. Doubly wrong was the conduct of Mr. Curtiss in accepting this gift, for even the excuse of former friendly acquaintance with Mrs. Howard did not pave the way for it.

To accept the consent of Superintendent James, Mr. Wilson, who is bookkeeper at the penitentiary, keeps two horses for his private use. A convict is used to regularly exercise Mr. Wilson's favorite trotter, to groom him, to harness and hitch him up at the instance of Mr. Wilson, and to wash and blink the harness and to see that the horses consume regularly a sufficient amount of state hay and oats to keep them in good condition.

During the fall months Mr. Wilson and Mr. Curtiss drove a state team to a wagon owned by Guard Savage on a trip to the Siletz, where they went to examine some timber claims which they and Mrs. James, the superintendent's wife, subsequently jumped.

For reasons that can be disclosed by careful investigation the team used by Mr. Yilson and Mr. Curtiss on this trip ran away and badly smashed the wagon. This wagon was repaired by convicts, no account of this expense or the absence of these officials was entered against their salaries.

The legislature of 1903, provided that you could "if you deemed it advisable," appoint a matron at the penitentiary. The object of that act was to prevent a possible repetition of the scandal which occurred at the penitentiary last year, by removing the two women convicts entirely from the control of the officers and guards. Miss James, the superintendent's daughter, was appointed matron, but she neither carries the keys to the cells, unlocks or locks the women out of or into their cells, or escorts them from their cells to and from the day room. Practically

she simply takes the prisoners for a daily walk and draws her salary of \$40 a month.
Time and space prevent a more extended review of the maladministration existing at the penitentiary. I have not exhausted my complaint, and, in fact, I am but directing your attention to some of those things of which I presume you have no knowledge. That Mr. James' son was given the profitable and responsible position of guard, although less than seventeen years old; that although he is not now so employed he has free, unguarded egress and ingress to the prison; all of these things and more of a kindred character I presume you know.

IS COMING HOME

COUNTY JUDGE SCOTT IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SALEM ALMOST DAILY.

Is Stopping Along the Road to Pick Up Information Concerning the Construction of Good Roads For the Benefit of the People of Marion County—Costs County Nothing.

County Judge John H. Scott, president of the State Good Roads Association, who has been in Washington, D. C., in the interest of the Brownlow Good Roads bill, which is now pending before Congress, is now on his way home and is expected to arrive almost any day. He writes a friend in this city from some point in Illinois, under date of February 11, to the effect that he was then on his way home, and after making two more short stops, he would then proceed direct to Salem. As to the result of his observations his own language, contained in the letter to his friend, is better understood. He says:

"I have seen a number of rock crushing plants at work and have had the pleasure of interviewing a number of men upon the subject of road building who have spent much time in the construction of macadam roads, and macadam streets. Have seen some of as fine macadam roads as there are in the country, and have learned much about road construction that will be of interest and benefit to the people of our state and county.

"Inasmuch as I am in the section of the country where the best information upon the subject of road construction can be had, I thought it better to spend a few days in looking around, rather than hurry home without it, especially when I am doing it without any expense to the county.

"I have been paying especial attention to street improvement in the various cities in which I have stopped, with a view of trying to ascertain what is the best pavement for the citizens of Salem to put down."
County Judge Scott has been making an especial study of the question of good road building and his great store of information will stand the people of not only this county but the state at large in good stead, in his position as county judge and president of the State Good Roads Association.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe it all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by D. J. Fry, druggist. Price 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottles free.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

BOEN.

BARNETT—At the family home, Salem, Oregon, Monday, February 15, 1904, at 6 o'clock a. m., to Mr. and Mrs. Lauren H. Barnett, a girl.

GEER—In Portland, Oregon, February 12, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Geer, a daughter, weight ten pounds.

For several years Mr. Geer and wife lived in Honolulu but a year ago returned to the United States and at once engaged in a regular Roosevelt campaign. Ralph's many friends will be pleased to hear of his good fortune which has finally overtaken him and his estimable wife.

DIED.

CAMPBELL—At the home of his brother, D. F. Campbell, No. 250 Mill street, Salem, Oregon, Monday, February 15, 1904, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., D. R. Campbell, aged 64, of inflammation of the bladder.

Deceased was a native of Missouri, from which state he removed to Oregon with his parents in 1846, the family locating on a farm in the Waldo Hills east of this city. With the exception of a short time spent in the state of Washington, he lived on his father's farm continuously up to about three years ago when he came to Salem where he has since resided.
Four sisters and one brother survive the deceased: Mrs. S. J. Denny and Mrs. E. E. McKinney, of Sublimity; Mrs. J. H. Bridges, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Ira Woodin, of Seattle, Wash., and D. F. Campbell, of this city. Besides his relatives, Mr. Campbell had a wide circle of friends who will be deeply grieved at the sad news of his death.
The funeral will be held at noon tomorrow, at the Condit cemetery, east of Salem, where the remains will be laid in their last resting place. The funeral procession will leave the home of D. F. Campbell at 8 o'clock a. m.

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Ladies 45c Derby ribbed, heavy fleeced underwear, price..... 23c
Ladies' 25c fast black, heavy fleeced stockings, price..... 15c
Ladies' 20c heavy, fast black cotton stockings, price..... 10c
Men's 45c heavy fleeced Derby ribbed underwear..... 25c
Full size blankets..... 19c
Infant's 15c wool hose..... 8c
Ladies' \$1.50 wool waists..... 98c
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