

ILLINOIS TO PUNISH HOLDUPS

Death Penalty to Be Extended to Gun Men and Robbers

Springfield, Ill., special: Death on the gallows is to be the penalty for burglary and highway robbery, if the law-abiding elements in the Illinois legislature prove strong enough to push the measure through. The alarming reign of crime in Chicago, which, despite the recent addition of 1200 policemen, is apparently constantly increasing, has moved Representative Church to frame a bill extending capital punishment to hold-ups and burglars.

The country members are in favor of the most drastic law. Criminals drift out from Chicago and raid the smaller cities, get back to the city, and are never molested. Legislators from counties in which the criminal element is proving too much for the police are volunteering to stand sponsor, and the measure will be placed in the hands of one of these.

Crime Carnivals in Many Cities.

In several cities outside of Chicago—for instance, Galena, Peoria and Joliet—the existence of "crime carnivals" has been reported during the winter, and among residents there is said to be much talk in favor of driving the desperate element out of the state by dangling the noose in front of them by the statutory penalty for housebreaking and highway robbery. This talk is filtering down through the legislature, and the prospects are that when the bill is presented and comes before the judiciary committee there will be an earnest fight in its support.

A bill providing no sweeping a punishment for the crimes specified is expected to arouse general public interest, and by the time the bill is either reported out or shelved in committee it is supposed that the popular voice will have been heard on the proposition, at any rate. It is also pointed out that if the bill does not become an act, at any rate it may perhaps act as a wedge for other legislation that will strengthen the present laws for the protection of society from the criminal class.

Mr. Church says:

Reasons for Death Penalty.

"In my district the citizens are absolutely terrorized, and that condition prevails throughout Chicago. Prominent citizens protested against the holding of night sessions of the charter convention. They feared to go to the city hall at night.

"The police seemed powerless to prevent crime. A woman cannot come down town, even in daylight, without danger of being held up, and the hold-up men are so desperate that they seem always ready to kill if their victim puts up a struggle. The same way with a burglar. Look at the accounts of hold-ups, shootings and assaults committed nightly by the footpads, and then remember that they form only a small part of what is going on in Chicago.

"Many persons have urged the death penalty idea on me, arguing that, when a man breaks into another man's house or holds up another man on the street, it amounts to almost proof that he is desperate enough to kill his victim when the latter makes a struggle. These things and burglars go out armed, and do not hesitate to kill."

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WOULD EXTEND ROAD.

King's Valley People Want Airline Road to Connect With C. & E.

Albany Herald, February 5th: A public mass meeting is about to be held at Kings Valley, to discuss plans with President Joseph Hirschberg, of the Airline railroad, for extending the line from Airline through Kings Valley and Hoskins, to connect at Blodgett with the Corvallis & Eastern. It is the purpose of this meeting to determine what support in the way of traffic will be given the line and to make definite plans for the extension. The prime leaders in the movement are H. Seifert, J. P. Logan, A. C. Miller and C. A. Frantz, all prominent citizens and business men of that section. It is through their efforts that the railroad authorities have become sufficiently interested to ask for a public meeting, and it is confidently thought that the meeting will result in an early extension of the road.

The gap from Airline to Blodgett is only about 14 miles in length, and the line would open up one of the richest little valleys in the state. At present it is a very difficult matter to get freight in and out of the valley, and on account of the roundabout route of the mails it takes about three days to get mail from Portland. There are now in the valley three tie mills, besides a large sawmill owned by C. A. Frantz, at Hoskins, and a flourishing mill owned by J. P. Logan, at Kings Valley, and if they should succeed in getting a railroad there would be other tie mills and sawmills put in, as there is lots of fine timber only waiting for an outlet to be sawed up and shipped. Much of the product from this section would come to Albany and be shipped hence to other points.

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Appointive Power Not Yet Decided Upon—Committee Going Over Chapin Measure Section By Section

Oregon is to have a railroad commission and a code of laws providing for the regulation of railroad and transportation, furnishing of cars and regulation of freight rates. That much has been definitely decided upon and the joint committee on railroads, at last night's meeting, started in, with Chapin's bill, house bill No. 2, as a basis, to draft the law which shall govern the commission as well as outline its duties in the regulation of railroad traffic within the state.

It has been decided to have a commission composed of three members, but the question of whether or not they shall be appointed by the governor has not been definitely settled. Each of the commissioners is to receive a salary of \$5000 annually, the clerk is to receive an annual salary of \$2500, and the staff of stenographers has been cut to one who shall receive an annual compensation of \$1500. The bill is being gone over section by section and, up to the time of adjournment last evening there was not a single section of the 20 that had been passed upon that was not amended in some slight degree.

Section 10, providing that the commission may confer by correspondence or by attending conventions, or otherwise, with the railroad commissioners of other states, and with the interstate commerce commission, on any matters pertaining to railroads, has been eliminated altogether. There are 63 sections to the bill as it stands at present and the committee thinks it will require several meetings in order to go through the thing and get everything satisfactorily arranged.

The court of appeals has denied a new trial to Henry Meldrum, former surveyor general of Oregon and he will have to serve three years in the federal prison at McNeil's Island.

Lecture on Old Rome.

Prof. Dunn, of the State University, at Eugene, will give an illustrated lecture to the students of the high school in their assembly hall this evening on the most interesting subject, "The Passing of Old Rome." He will also meet them this afternoon, and make a little talk at the 1 o'clock assembly.

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STATE STREET

AFTER HOLDUP CRIME

Bill to Apply Death Penalty Meet, With Much Favor

The bill before the legislature to make the crime of hold-up punishable with death is meeting with much favor throughout the state. A valley paper published at Corvallis, the Gazette, has the following able editorial:

It is possible to allow crime to go unpunished, but it is not wise to do so. In fact, crime is allowed too much license. Too frequently the perpetrator of the greatest crimes go free on some pretext or other—more or less according to the depth of his pocketbook. It is asking too much of frail humanity to expect a person to "love an enemy," but it should be perfectly reasonable to expect that those who commit crime should pay the penalty.

There always have been and always will be those who oppose capital punishment, from theoretical ideas, wholly at variance with the working affairs of earth. They can never go back to the awfulness of the crimes committed, the cold-bloodedness of the deed, the fact that the perpetrator was not compelled to the act, but did it in a spirit of lawlessness and with utter disregard for the rights of others or for human life. The protection of the individual, of the home, of society demands that there be punishment to fit the crime. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." To allow a criminal to go unpunished is a serious offense against society in general, and should be generally so regarded.

The man who masks his face and conceals himself along some highway to hold-up and rob any chance passerby has already made up his mind that, if necessary to protect himself, or accomplish his purpose, he will kill his victim. Before going on the highway he must have concluded that if, in his judgment, it becomes necessary he will take human life. He is a murderer at heart, and a menace to society and the welfare of his state and government.

Who can think seriously that if there was a law against hold-ups in general, and the penalty provided by the law was death, regardless of the fact that the highway man may not have taken life, there would be so many hold-ups? If death was certain to follow the capture and con-

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viction of the highwayman there would be fewer "gentlemen of the road." Remember, no man is compelled to rob another on the highway or elsewhere. It is not pleasant to consider, or to advocate capital punishment for any crime, but duty, the protection of the innocent, the consideration of society, and various other phases of the question make for the advocacy of drastic measures. The people generally would be better off if there were even more severe laws and absolute assurance of strict enforcement. No man is obliged to commit a crime, and the innocent would have nothing to fear in the passage of severe criminal laws.

Don't Be Too Late.

Last week of meetings in Presbyterian church. Don't forget to be Mr. Steele. He is doing the best work here, and all are receiving blessing who attend. The meetings close next Sunday evening. Attendance continues good. No collections are being taken, but Sunday school a free will offering will be given the evangelists.

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