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Notable Visitor In Salem

Dr. Wallace Buttrick Secretary Board of Education Having Charge of Rockefeller Donations Visits Us

Dr. Wallace Buttrick, secretary Board of Education, was in the city yesterday, the guest of Willamette University and Mr. L. R. Alderman, state superintendent of public instruction. He visited the university in the forenoon, talking with President Homan and Mr. R. A. Booth, who had come from Eugene to see him.

Dr. Buttrick seemed very well satisfied with conditions as he found them in the university. In the afternoon he visited in company with Mr. Alderman some of the agricultural work carried on by the public school children. Their business carried them over into Polk county, where the superintendent of schools of that county joined them.

A hastily arranged banquet was given in his honor at the Marion Hotel at 6 o'clock. It had been expected that Mr. Buttrick would return to have a conference with President Homan at 5 o'clock. But such troubles as are common to automobile wheels caused them to be delayed in their return until just in time to sit down to the banquet.

The following, who are mostly trustees of Willamette University, were present: President Fletcher Homan, Vice-President E. H. Todd, Mr. R. A. Booth of Eugene, Superintendent L. R. Alderman, Mayor B. L. Steves, I. H. Van Winkle, Dr. R. A. Averson, Mr. C. P. Bishop, Mr. A. A. Lee, Mr. Miles, Mr. Dixon of Eugene, Mr. Derry of Eugene, Mr. Paul Wallace, Mr. Joe Albert, A. F. Hofer, the superintendent of Polk county schools and representatives of the Statesman and Journal.

It was necessary that Mr. Buttrick should catch the Shasta Limited, so the hour of the banquet was necessarily limited. The guest of honor, Mr. Buttrick, was the only one who spoke in a formal manner. After he had departed, Mr. Alderman spoke informally to those remaining relative to public school work in the state.

The address of Dr. Buttrick revealed the fact that the board has made thorough and wide investigation relative to the educational problems of the South; large sums of money have been expended in providing practical instruction for the children and the farmers of this section of our country. He stated at the very beginning that this was a corporation without a policy, also that Mr. Rockefeller in giving this money, had left it to the board as it is now constituted and its successors, to define policies as exigencies arose. Hence there is no outlined policy for the years to come; they are ready to meet the demands of each succeeding generation as it may seem best.

Mr. Buttrick expressed himself as believing heartily in the training of children by practical methods to engage in different vocations. The theoretical instruction which is necessary to bring these vocations to highest efficiency should be given in later years, and this theoretical instruction is very important in its time and place.

Of course, there was considerable interest and expectation relative to the Willamette University through this board. Mr. Buttrick said nothing whatever as to the possibility of Willamette receiving a donation. He said some very pointed things relative to the board's attitude in general. He said that it was not the policy at present to assist schools where there were weak technical schools existing as a part of the institution. His comparison of them to tails hanging onto the college was quite expressive as to his conception relative to educational institutions of high standing.

He made it quite clear that he was not opposed to technical schools which were able to do high class work, and were well equipped, but these schools should be so well endowed and equipped that only the strongest of men should be produced.

Mr. Buttrick was accompanied to the station by Dr. Homan and Mr. Paul Wallace, and gave some encouraging

Shasta Limited
in Cincinnati.
Cincinnati, Ill.—Fire which destroyed the Gibson hotel, Rensselaer-Latham department store, and the W. L. Douglas shoe company—is estimated today to have caused a loss of \$700,000. More than 100 offices in the 17-story Union Trust building also were ruined. While no fatalities are reported, it is feared several perished in the flames.

Chaplain Discusses the Prison

A segregation of prisoners is one of the recommendations made by Philip E. Bauer, protestant chaplain of the state penitentiary, in his biennial report which was made public today. It is the opinion of Chaplain Bauer that young prisoners who are not hardened criminals or of the criminal type should not be directly associated with those who are distinctly criminal.

Under present conditions at the prison the report states there is no segregation, even at the dinner tables, while it sometimes happens that hardened criminals and those who are not of the criminal type even occupy the same cells.

As a means to the end of arriving at plans for the mutual benefit of all who are concerned in the government of the prison and also of the prisoners themselves, Chaplain Bauer calls attention to the need of conferences of the officials and guards at the prison. On some occasions he would call in committees of the prisoners themselves.

More Land Needed.
"After a visit last fall to ten of the leading penal institutions of our land I am convinced that we are suffering much because of lack of equipment," says Chaplain Bauer. "The first and big thing that we need, and we trust that the legislature can be prevailed upon to see this need, is more land for our farm. In this agriculture and fruit section of a prolific farming state, we ought to have a farm large enough to keep an adequate herd of cows for milk and to supply our institution with fruit and farm products. The prison of Missisquoi, besides earning its keep, turns over to the state \$500,000 annually, the revenue of its large farm.

"We should also have a better library. Cities and colleges are multiplying libraries by the hundreds, and in none of them are books used as they are here. The value of a book lies in the number of its readers, and its impression upon the reader, so books have a great value in our library. Surely he ought to have \$500 a year for four years to replenish and rebound our books. If we had means to establish a small bookbindery here in the prison, we could save our own books and do some needed work for the other institutions.

Graduated Compensation.
"One thing which would undoubtedly work for good in our prison would be graduated compensation for all men, beginning, say at the expiration of one-half of their minimum sentence, providing also that they work industriously and need no disciplining. This pay may not be much, but enough so that men with families could send a little home, and it would be the part of wisdom to favor the men with families dependent upon them. This would also obviate the difficulty that often confronts men who go out of our prison gates with little or no money, and for this reason are soon led back to a life of crime."

Work and Education.
Chaplain Bauer is a strong endorser of the governor's plan of providing plenty of work for the men to do. He tells at some length of what is being accomplished in an industrial way at the prison. With work he also endorses plenty of recreation, "wholesome play," the chaplain terms it. He shows that while the need of recreation is being supplied, discipline is not being overlooked.

Educationally the needs of the men

expressions relative to his estimation of Willamette University, and his kindly treatment at the hands of the citizens of Salem.

Gruesome Humor in Situation

Governor's Office Flooded With Petitions and Letters in Favor of Condemned Men--Convicts Try to Help

People at the state house are diligently trying to interpret the cheerful mood of Governor West during the last two days as applied to the hangings scheduled for Friday at the state penitentiary. The executive is good-humoredly answering all questions put to him, and is answering every communication on the subject that comes to his office. One stenographer this morning replied to 125 letters bearing on the case of John M. Taylor. The stenographers say it is getting on their nerves.

Some have been heard to remark that they attributed the governor's demeanor to the probable fact that he has decided to commute the sentence of every one of the condemned men, and that he is replying to letters and questions merely by saying that he is "giving the cases consideration," only because that method of reply promises more peace of mind than any other.

Is Grimly Humorous.
Others have ventured the conjecture that the affair has been getting on the nerves of the governor, and that he is forcing himself to look on the somewhat grimly humorous side of the thing, as far as possible, for there is a certain amount of humor to be gleaned from the divers varieties of letters and copied poems that are flooding the executive office daily.

Governor West would give out no extended interview today, but had the following to say about the report that he expected to be away on a hunting trip on Friday:

He Will Escort 'Em.
"Referring to the useless discussion now being carried on through the press as to my being absent from the state on a hunting trip at the time of the executions at the prison next Friday, I want to say in this connection that I have never had any intention of being away on this date. On the other hand, I intend to be here, in order that my services may be available should certain prominent individuals, who are clamoring for the lives of these men, desire to have me take them on a personally conducted tour to the penitentiary on this date, to view this gruesome spectacle."

Convicts Assist.
Letters and subscriptions from all sources are coming to the governor to assist in the effort to save the men from the gallows. One petition is from the penitentiary, and is signed by 36 convicts. It encloses \$73.50, to be used in paying the expenses of the effort to have the sentences commuted.

From Mrs. Mary Pfeiffer, mother of Jack Roberts, comes a letter asking that a photo of her son, in citizen's clothing, be taken before he is hanged. Governor West has contributed \$5, and asks Rev. Clarence True Wilson, of Portland, to contribute a like amount, to pay the expenses of Mrs. Pfeiffer on a trip to visit her son.

Tomorrow a delegation from Portland will visit the governor and attempt to induce him to commute the sentence of the now doomed men. Dorr E. Kinsley, of Portland, who offered to prove an alibi in behalf of Roberts, and who was to appear before the executive, has not yet been to Salem.

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[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE]
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 11.—After examination on Monday for insanity before Superior Judge Harris, Gordon Skinner, a tailor, was so elated at being declared sane, that he went to the Seventh street bridge early this morning, slashed his throat and other parts of his body with a razor and then jumped into the bay to drown. The water was hardly up to his knees and, bleeding terribly from the wounds inflicted Skinner set up a series of yells. His cries were heard by a woman, who notified the police. Captain Beck and Sergeant Byrne responded in the police automobile. Beck waded into the water and pulled Skinner out. He was rushed to the receiving hospital, but died soon after.

Let's Have a Commercial Club for all of Salem

The Capital Journal stands for the best interests of Salem—for the best interests of the community and for the best interests of all Oregon. The new owners of The Capital Journal personally stand for the future development of Salem and the welfare of its people. The policy of The Capital Journal is for Salem first and always. Neither The Capital Journal nor the owners of The Capital Journal have any axes to grind. We are not prompted by any selfish motive but, inasmuch as we have come here to live, have invested money in this city, and expect to invest much more, the new owners put to him, and is answering every communication on the subject that comes to his office. One stenographer this morning replied to 125 letters bearing on the case of John M. Taylor. The stenographers say it is getting on their nerves.

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The Wireless Record.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—All records for long distance wireless communication are broken today, following the transmission of messages between S. J. Mahlum, district wireless operator at Honolulu, and C. P. E. Kelly, chief engineer of the Pacific system at Arlington station, near Washington, D. C.

The distance in a low line is 5600 miles, and the feat is considered more remarkable because about half the distance is over land.

A Seattle Girl Dies from Burns

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 11.—Lillian Whaley, the 14-year-old daughter of Robert Whaley, president resident of Bessie Arts Village, on Lake Washington, whose home was destroyed on Wednesday of last week, died today from the burns she received.

Whaley, his wife and four children all were caught in the burning house and were burned in making their escape.

The suspicion that the Whaley home was fired by incendiaries has been practically confirmed by an investigation made quietly by the sheriff's office.

The fire started at about 2 o'clock in the morning when the family were asleep. It was stated at the sheriff's office today that an arrest may be expected within a day or two and that the authorities already have a strong case against the suspect.

But the man who borrows trouble is never asked to pay back.

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Employer Banquets Employees

Meyers Bros. Entertain Their Employees at the Marion Hotel With Regular "Family Reunion" Dinner

There are few social functions so thoroughly enjoyable as those where employer and employes are brought together, with this distinction cut out. Where they meet on a broad plane of equality as friends and associates. Brought in close contact daily with employes and each other, bound together by the common tie of being members of the same family.

Such a family gathering was that last night at 6:30 when the Meyers Bros., their of Salem's big department store, gave their annual banquet to their employes at the Marion Hotel.

Promptly at 6:30 the big stairs in the Marion burst into bloom, as a torrent of bright-eyed, peachy-cheeked girls, graceful as so many young fawns, and each an advertisement of Oregon's wonderful climate, came pouring, as though Flora herself had emptied her choicest basket of spring flowers a living stream, to cataract down. The Waite fountain at its best was not in it with them. And here and

Women Not Eligible as Jurors

That women are not eligible to serve on juries, despite the equal suffrage amendment is the opinion of the office of the attorney-general, as framed by second Assistant M. K. DeLong. The opinion goes out in reply to a letter of inquiry coming from Deputy District Attorney J. D. Venator, of Lakeview.

The opinion quoted Lord's Oregon Laws as follows:

"A person is not competent to act as a juror unless he be . . ."

"2. A male inhabitant of the county in which he is returned, and who has been an inhabitant thereof for the year next preceding the time he is drawn or called," etc.

Continuing the opinion says: "The recent amendment to the constitution did not change the status of women as far as citizenship is concerned. They were already citizens. It only made them qualified electors, and did not in any way change their condition as far as jury service is concerned."

"It is the opinion of this office that until further legislation, women would not be entitled to serve on juries, in this state."

WALKED ACROSS CONTINENT TOOK HIM 132 DAYS
[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE]
New York, Dec. 11.—Bound for Italy, to visit relatives, Charles Seife, 37, aged 18 years, of San Rafael, Cal., is here today, after walking across the continent, covering 3333 miles in 132 days.

Seife is a vegetarian, and subsisted on nothing but bread, cheese, fruit and water during his long walk. He carried a pack weighing 20 pounds.

CONGRESS MAY ADJOURN WEEK FROM TOMORROW
[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE]
Washington, Dec. 11.—The house today passed a concurrent resolution introduced by Democratic House Leader Oscar Underwood, proposing an adjournment from December 19 to January 2. The resolution will not become effective until the senate concurs.

For The Man Who Wants a Smart New Winter Suit, This is News

MANY a man finds his winter suits looking a little rusty. That is why this announcement will probably bring hundreds of you to see the handsome suits now being offered.

Bishop's Ready-Tailored Suits \$12.50 to \$25

Here are clothes fit for any man. They are especially made after our own specifications. They have all been carefully selected, and there is a wide variety of mixtures by selection, and plenty of black and fancy blues.

These are suits we are proud to show at \$12.50 to \$25.00 and you will feel just as proud to wear them.

This is Overcoat Weather

We offer in its broadest sense a range of styles in overcoats comprehending the possibilities of all-out expression of individual taste in the matter of overcoats for men, \$10 to \$25.

If It's Worn by Men or Boys, We Have It

Salem Woolen Mills Store

TWO WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS



Two little Santa Clauses swiftly on the run!
One got a "week" back and then there was one.

GOING! GOING! GONE!!!

Your Christmas Chances Will Be Gone, Too, If You Don't Get Busy.

SHOP NOW!