

CONVICT LABOR NOT AVAILABLE OUTSIDE PRISON

If the farmers of Oregon desire to continue the production of flax the penitentiary stands ready to purchase the crop delivered at the prison flax plant, but there will be no further contracts entered into involving the use of convict labor outside of the prison walls. This decision, prompted by the experience of the past season, was voiced by Warden B. E. Steiner at the meeting of the state board of control, Wednesday afternoon, and is approved by Governor Olcott, who, under the state law, is directly responsible for the policy of this institution.

At the September meeting of the board of control Warden Steiner presented a letter voicing his opposition to the use of convict labor in the harvesting of flax or in any other work involving the use of convicts outside the prison walls. This opposition is based on the difficulty experienced in securing sufficient labor to carry out these contracts without resorting to the use of "hardboils" and the necessity for maintaining heavy gun guards in order to prevent escapes.

Warden Steiner in his letter to the board calls attention to the fact that so far not a single farmer had entered into a contract with the state for the production of flax on the new terms which include delivery at the prison plant at a price of \$35 a ton for the first class product, \$25 a ton for second class, pulled by hand, and \$15 a ton for flax cut by mower regardless of length.

"It has been demonstrated beyond question that Oregon can grow flax of the very finest quality, also that our climate is favorable for its manufacture," Warden Steiner declares.

"It is now time for this industry to stand on its own bottom. Flax must be cared for at the same time that our varied fruits, vegetables, grain, hay, hops and other crops must be harvested. Everyone knows what scarcity of help and high prices exist. The penitentiary has performed its function in the flax demonstration."

Warden Steiner's letter concludes with a recommendation that other industries be established at the prison to provide employment for the convicts in the event the flax plant is compelled to close down because of a lack of raw material which now seems highly probable.

"They are willing to work if encouraged and thereby assist in their maintenance," he declares. "It is proper that these men be taught to learn trades and to save some money so that when they again enter the world, they do not do so with empty pockets, without a trade and with a mind poisoned against society. The state has its duty to perform regardless of what the convict has done or may do."

"An immediate effort should be made to install some industry which will afford the inmates of the prison labor so that the men can be kept from idleness and at the same time produce some profit to the state. I have in mind several industries which I think could be profitably installed, but before making a final report in this regard I would advise an investigation of the most successful prisons in the United States so that we could get the benefit of their experience and actual results."

Warden Steiner will leave within a few days for a tour of the middlewest, south and east, upon instruction of the state board of control, with a view to studying industrial plants in various state prisons. His tour will include Columbus, Ohio; Jackson, Mich.; Joliet, Ill.; Stillwater, Minn.; Jefferson, Ind.; and possibly to New York where he would inspect the famous Sing Sing prison.

Protection From Robin Robbers Asked of Olcott

Must a man in Oregon sit helplessly by while the robins strip his Mountain Ash trees of their berries? That's what Chas. Williams, a doctor of McMinnville wants to know of Governor Olcott.

Last year, Dr. Williams, writes, the authorities at McMinnville fined him \$25 when he attempted to defend his property from the assaults of the robin horde.

Now, in order to prevent a repetition of this official interference, he wants the governor to issue him a permit to kill robins.

The request has been turned over to Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, for his consideration.

Canyon City Man Named As Grant District Attorney

The appointment of A. D. Leedy of Canyon City to succeed Phil Ashford of the same place as district attorney for Grant county, was announced by Governor Olcott this morning. Ashford has submitted his resignation to take effect November 1.

Lost Aviators Found In Graves Over Mexican Line

Nogales, Ariz., Oct. 2.—The bodies of Lieutenants Connelly and Waterhouse, lost army aviators, missing for weeks following a flight over the Mexican border, were found buried near Bahia De Los Angeles, Lower California, on September 21 by Joseph Allen Richards, an American, who reported details to war and state departments here today.

INCORPORATIONS.

Increased activities in the mining industry in eastern Oregon is indicated by the increase in capital stock of the Cornucopia Mining company from \$800,000 to \$1,500,000, a certificate covering which was filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman, Wednesday. The company is located in Cornucopia, Baker county.

Articles of incorporation were filed Wednesday, as follows:

Self-Tebbaugh Co., Portland; \$5000; George M. Self, Edw. C. Ashbaugh and W. J. Patterson.
Lane-Miles Standish Co., Portland; \$10,000; Alan Lane, Miles Standish and W. J. Piepenbrink.
Champion Manufacturing Co., Portland; \$50,000; W. L. Freeman, Fred Plympton and H. D. Story.

GOLD BEACH DOCTOR URGES RELEASE OF GEORGE CHENOWETH

A plea for the early release of George Chenoweth from the state hospital for the insane is made by Dr. F. J. Schliemann of Gold Beach, in a letter received by Attorney General Brown who declares himself to be with out any jurisdiction in the matter. Chenoweth, a member of the last state legislature, was acquitted of a manslaughter charge on the grounds of insanity and committed to the state institution by the circuit court of Curry county. He is now detained in the receiving ward of the state hospital where he is kept under close scrutiny by officials to determine whether or not his mental condition will justify his detention in the institution.

"The character of the man is well shown when the prosecution in an inquiry brought out his statement that he did not agree with his counsel that he was insane," the letter reads.

Dr. Schliemann declares that he has examined insane people for 40 years past and is unable to detect any symptoms of insanity in Chenoweth.

"I regard him as absolutely honest, absolutely upright in thought and action; a man that would not tell a lie on the witness stand even to save his own life," he continues. The letter concludes with the declaration that detention in the hospital would "simply be injuring him without helping anyone."

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BLIGN THEATRE

ANITA STEWART "A MIDNIGHT ROMANCE"

Mystery Story Made By Women For Women

Three women are responsible for the production based on a woman's nine emotions to be presented at the Liberty theater starting today. It is called "A Midnight Romance," and stars Anita Stewart, who scored such a sensational triumph in her characterization of Amy Forrester in "Virtuous Wives." The story is a fast moving tale of mystery and romance, in which Marie Alexander, a victim of abuse as a hotel maid by day, and sought and loved by night as a beautiful vision in charming gowns, completely baffles the man whose heart she has won, and successfully upsets a thrilling blackmail plot of which he is the intended victim. At this point she disappears and when she again is found by the young society man who had known her only as a phantom of the beach and gardens at midnight, it is under circumstances and in surroundings more bewildering and perplexing than even his wildest surmises had imagined. (Adv)

Court News

J. Brownstein, who has been acting as administrator of the estate of Louis Silverman, was granted relief from obligation Thursday through an order of County Judge Bushey. Brownstein claiming that old age incapacitates his successful handling of the estate, entered his application for resignation Wednesday. Mrs. Celia Silverman will act as future administrator.

Although an estate of more than \$2,000 was left by Nannie Cleaver who died here in 1916, Grace C. Mickelson and Edith Kane, heirs, have found it necessary to pay out \$504.83 of their own money to relieve incumbrances, according to a final report of the estate filed in the court house Thursday. The report was filed by Ludwig Mickelson, administrator. November

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ber was the date set for hearing objections to the report.

About 400 hunting licenses have been sold in Salem since the opening of the hunting season in the state October 1, according to reports made to the county clerk's office. More than 300 licenses had been sold up to Thursday by agents throughout the city. And 25 licenses had been sold up to Thursday noon at the county clerk's office.

A marriage license was issued Thursday to Harvey Walker, 52, a farmer, residing on route 7, Salem, and Nettie H. Fairchild, 42, of this city.

A certificate of assumed name has been filed with the county clerk by A. D. Spier of 357 North Commercial street and W. F. Glover of 241 North Commercial street. They will transact business under the name of "Liberty Exchange."

Dorothy Wilkins, born July 1, 1915 has by an order of the county court, been legally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William F. Brown. She has no parents living and has been with the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland. The adoption was upon the petition of Mr. and Mrs. Browning. The legal name of the little girl now is Jannette Dorothy Browning.

Aliens Barred From State Jobs By New Order

No person who is not a citizen of the United States or who has not at least filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen will hereafter be employed at any of the state institutions in Oregon. Orders to this effect were issued to all institution and department heads Wednesday by the state board of control.

A Canadian employed as a janitor at the tuberculosis hospital is said to be the only employe to be affected by the order at this time.

John Robert Medley, Civil war veteran and resident of Oregon since 1850 is dead at Cottage Grove, aged 75.

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