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GOV. TRUSTS CONVICTS.

Oregon's Executive Has The Humane and Modern Ideas About Prisoners.

In the "Interesting People" department of the January American Magazine appears an article about Governor Oswald West of Oregon, who likes to trust men. He let a life term murderer out of prison long enough to earn money to pay off a mortgage on his father-in-law's home, the money having been spent to hire lawyers to defend him. Following is an extract:

"Out in Oregon there is a governor who believes in men—even though they have sinned against society and have been committed to the keeping of the penal institutions of the State. Oswald West believes in men to such an extent that sixty-two per cent of the prisoners serving time in the Oregon State penitentiary are out on honor, as it is called. A considerable number of these are earning an honest living outside the prison walls, entirely independent of any prison discipline or oversight. The rest are 'trustees' working for the State at other public institutions, or building roads without being guarded, frequently one or two hundred miles away from the prison, and often in thinly settled portions of the country where escape would be comparatively easy. And yet fewer prisoners try to get away under this system than in the old days when the guards stood by armed with repeating Winchester's.

"One of Governor West's first experiences in trusting men was to release temporarily a murderer serving a life sentence, simply on his word of honor, in order that he might earn sufficient money to pay off the indebtedness on his father-in-law's home which had been mortgaged in order to raise money for his legal defense. About the middle of last January the man reappeared at the penitentiary after an absence of nearly a year. 'I'm back,' he said to the warden. 'The mortgage is paid.' "When the present executive of Oregon came into office the State penitentiary had a reputation that was anything but enviable. Discipline was administered through methods that had long been outlawed in many penal institutions.

"Over one third of the prisoners were unprovided with work of any kind. Guards with loaded rifles watched every foot of the prison property, and went with each group of prisoners that was sent outside the walls. Governor West has changed all this. He has put every able-bodied man to work. He has removed most of the guards. Over 200 of the 450 men now under sentence at the Salem institution are outside the wall daily with out guard of any kind, trusted to return at night and honor bound to do a fair day's work.

"When they betray his trust, as occasionally happens, he has been known to lead the posse that undertook their capture. One such escaped 'trustee,' whom he ran down after a hard chase, said to him as he took him into custody: 'Who are you, the sheriff?' 'No,' replied the executive, 'I'm the man to whom you lied.'"

If there is ever a cure for bald heads invented it will be by a man who doesn't need it.

Parcel Post Opportunities.

(Greensboro News.)

In Asheville the parcels post has reached such proportions that wagon service for delivery has already been mustered in. The new system has wondrous possibilities, for the producer, the consumer and the merchant alike. The producer now has a way of delivering his products directly to the consumer while the merchant can deliver his wares at the farmer's mail box. For the merchant to get the most out of his rural trade, he should advertise, and it is the merchant who advertises the most intelligently who will get the most customers. Quote the prices, so the farmer, and his wife, in sitting by their evening fireside, may see just what the merchant offers and at what price. Intelligent advertising will work just as effectively for the farmer, who cannot spare the time to come to town to peddle his eggs and butter and other products. By advertising his fresh, pure products, he can work up a nice mail order business. Oftentimes, it would be much cheaper for the farmer to pay a little postage than to lose a whole day from his farm work. In England where the parcels post has been established for years, farmers have become great users of advertising space.

As we said yesterday, the parcels post is now in the experimental stage but its success is assured and the individuals and the firms who quickly grasp its full significance will be the ones who will realize the most from it.

Brought Home, Again.

We wonder what the free traders are going to say about the efforts of Colonel Boyden and other Salisbury people to keep the protection on aluminum and save the \$10,000,000 plant now being erected at Whitney from being destroyed even in the completion of this industry is made possible in this country by a tariff of seven cents a pound. If this protection is removed, it is good bye to the big plant near Salisbury and all it promised for the development and prosperity of that section. The first Whitney development was killed by a money panic. It would be too bad to see the present and much larger development killed by a bit of tariff folly.—Charlotte Observer.

Preparing for New Orchards.

The Southern Fruit and Farm Company, with headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa, purchased several hundred acres of land on the road from Southern Pines to Carthage, about three miles from the former place, a year or two ago. A few weeks ago Mr. Nelson, the head of the company, made a visit to Southern Pines and made a contract with Charlie Williams to clear 70 acres of the land. It is the company's intention to set out peach trees on this land, although Mr. Nelson, while here, did not definitely contract for the several thousand trees that will be needed or for setting them out, although he did get figures and doubtless can close the contract quickly. This means that several farmers and orchardists will come to Southern Pines in the near future and become good citizens of this favored spot. The company clears the orchards and farms, plants the trees and carries them to bearing time before the purchasers take possession. Ex-

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

ADAKO

Rev. S. B. McCall instead of filling his regular appointment at Flemmings Chapel on the 3rd Sunday, will hereafter hold services on the 2nd Sunday.

Mr. M. C. Braswell has his new store house about completed and will soon be ready for business at his new stand.

Mr. Whitner, of Jonas' Ridge, has moved his family to Adako and will work here at the Blacksmith trade.

While on a business trip to Adako, Colonel Joe Lingle, of Hudson, traded for a fine pacing horse. Joe says he had thought of trading his automobile for a flying machine, but recently he has demonstrated the fact, that he can beat the birds flying, so he traded for the horse to pace his machine with, in order to slow his time down.

Uncle Billie Corpening, after a lingering sickness, passed away at his place near Adako. Uncle Billie was one of the old time darkies, and through his industry had accumulated quite a lot of property.

Now that the Legislature is in session what has become of the advocates of the dog law.

Road Committeemen, please get busy, lets have a rousing meeting on the 15th. No use keeping up a failure. N.

KELSY.

Christmas and New Year passed off quietly with us. No liquor, but good characters.

Miss Vera Coffey spent Christmas at home with her parents. She is teaching school at Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Coffey are sick with la grippe.

Prof. Collins is teaching instrumental music at Sands.

Messrs. James Coffey and Birch Berry, with others, left for West Virginia the 6th.

Mr. Arthur Dula, of Blowing Rock, spent last Sunday with relatives at Kelsy.

Was real glad to see the Kings Creek items appear in the last issue.

Mrs. Arthur Dula sold a cow last week for \$40.00. Pretty good price, but "old Jersey" is a good cow.

Mr. Blaine Coffey went to Boone on business today.

Well, if this rain and fog doesn't bring us a relaps of the grippe, I will write again soon. KATE.

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BOONE.

(Watauga Democrat.)

Rev. J. G. Pulliam, now engaged in New Mexico, with his daughter, Miss Mary Leslie Pulliam, now a teacher in the Virginia Intermont College at Bristol, Tenn., joined his wife and little son, Robert, at the home of his brother in law, Mr. L. N. Perkins, near the village last week, and the reunited family spent the holidays together in that ideal home.

The opening of the Spring term of the A. T. S. on Tuesday was most propitious. There were, we are told, many more students present than at any former opening in the history of the institution.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The Greensboro Chamber of merce has started a campaign to raise \$50,000 to advertise and boost the town.

A British and an American vessel collided in the Chesapeake Bay last Friday night during a severe gale and twenty persons were drowned.

A recent cold wave on the Pacific coast is said to have damaged orange and lemon crops of California to the extent of \$50,000,000.

Owing to the 15th of January being designated as inauguration day for Governor Crag, the date for the Forestry convention has been postponed until the 16.

Many importers and Manufacturers are besieging the Ways and Means committee of Congress pleading for their respective interests in the proposed tariff revision.

Maj. W. A. Graham and other Southern men have appeared before the Agricultural committee of Congress and asked the sum of \$750,000 to help eradicate the cattle tick in the South.

J. N. Heiskell, editor of the Arkansas Gazette, has been appointed by Governor Donaghey, of Arkansas, to fill out the unexpired time of the late Senator Davis, in the United States Senate.

The 32 men who were convicted of conspiracy to dynamite non-union shops and works, at Indianapolis last week and sentenced to the penitentiary have taken an appeal to the higher courts. They are trying to give bonds pending the appeal and it is thought they will succeed, the bonds amounting in all to over a million dollars.

In the little home of John Bishop, in Jackson county, a few days ago, three children were left alone. One child played with matches and set the house afire. The two oldest ran out, leaving a 6-months-old baby in bed in the burning building. A little girl of less than five years heard her baby brother's cry and she rushed back in to the house and saved him.—Ex

This week's issue of The Traction Weekly carries a statement saying that a contract has been let by the Southern Power Company for the construction of an interurban railway from Winston-Salem to Durham, by way of Greensboro, and a number of the smaller towns between that city and Greensboro, including Chapel Hill. The article further states that the work will be done in sections.

Mrs. J. H. VanNess, Jr., of Charlotte, was found dead in the bath room of her home last Saturday night, her death being produced in a very singular way. Her husband was away from home and after putting her six year old child to bed, she evidently went to the bath room to take a bath. The bath room is heated by a gas heater, which is connected to the gas pipe by a rubber tube. The lady being subject to fainting spells, evidently fainted and fell against this rubber tube with sufficient force to break it loose from the gas range, thus letting the gas escape which soon overcame and suffocated her. The body was cold when found and she had evidently been dead several hours.

Moonshiners Attack Officers.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 8.—Yesterday Sheriff T. W. Davis, S. K. Harkrader, United States deputy marshal, deputy Sheriff R. B. Schuyler and Warren Hayes went into the mountains in the western part of Surry County looking for an illicit still. A still was found in a cave, in the mountains, and several men were present. A pitched battle followed in which pistols, sticks and rocks played a prominent part. The officers finally secured the still and captured one man, named Todd.

The officers started for Dobson about 9 o'clock at night with the still and their prisoner when they were attacked later in the darkness, by a dozen men. Davis received a blow in the face that knocked two of his teeth out. Harkrader was struck in the forehead and knocked from his horse. While down, he was kicked in the side.

The handcuffs were taken from the prisoner's wrists and placed on Harkrader. They gave the keys to Davis and were told to go to Dobson. Soon after, Harkrader was unable to travel and he was taken to Emmet Isaac's home where he was attended by a physician.

Both Davis and Harkrader were badly bruised. The recovery of the latter is doubtful.

Officers were sent to Surry to investigate the affair.

Road Tax Facts.

Lenoir township has about one million dollars worth of property listed for taxation on the county tax books. A twenty cent tax on this sum will yield \$2,000. The township has approximately twenty miles of public roads to improve and keep up, this would mean \$100 per mile. Is there any man in the township who will bind himself to keep the roads of the township in good condition for \$100 per mile per year? This says nothing about making improvements re-grading etc which are absolutely necessary in many instances if we have good roads. The work of grading roads in this country will cost an average of a thousand dollars per mile to say nothing of the finishing and up keep.

Again Lenoir township has by far more property than any other township in the county, so if this is the condition in this township, how would it be for some of the others. The idea of a tax for building and keeping up roads is not feasible and will not work in a county like ours.

Public Building.

We note from press dispatches that Congressman Doughton has introduced a bill to appropriate \$60,000 for a public building in Lenoir. It is likely the bill will pass and with proper efforts Lenoir should have a nice Public Building within two years. It is absolutely necessary though for some work on the part our people. Those having eligible sites should remember too that Uncle Sam can not be misled and made to pay exorbitant prices for property. The Government is always willing and ready to pay a reasonable price for suitable property, but the experts who look the situation over and buy the land always familiarize themselves with conditions and prices and usually know what they are doing before they buy. Holding prices up will only delay the construction of the building.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Many Important Matters to be Considered. Met Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The biennial session of the North Carolina General Assembly met in the State House, at Raleigh, Wednesday, January 8.

The Senate is composed of 50 members, 47 of whom are Democrats and three Republicans. In the House of Representatives there are 120 members of the following political faith: 102 Democrats, 13 Republicans and five Progressives.

A number of important questions are to be considered by the Legislature which is of vital moment to the people of the Commonwealth.

First of all will be the act to raise revenue. As has been noted the State has been living beyond its income and some means will have to be provided to combat this.

Other matters to come up will be amending the child labor law, increasing the age limit at which children may work in the mills from 14 to 16 years and prohibiting the working of women and children in the mills at night. A system of factory inspection may also be established similar to the law now on the statute books of South Carolina. The mill men are divided on the question and it is difficult to hazard a prediction as to the outcome of this agitation.

The Legislature will be asked to increase the number of Superior Court Judges from 16, the present number, to 24, and place solicitors on a salary instead of a fee basis.

Another question that will engage the attention of the solons will be to change the law so that the Secretary of State, Superior Court Judges and county officers can take care of private local relief bills instead of taking up the time of the Legislature with them as is now the case.

The question of State-wide primary is certain to come up at this session and will most likely be adopted although there is some opposition to the measure.

The Legislature will also be asked to establish a board of pardons composed probably of the Council of State to take this responsibility from the shoulders of the Governor. A number of cities and towns will ask that they be allowed to vote on the question of establishing a commission form of government for their municipalities.

Two new counties are clamoring for establishment, one with High Point, and the other with Dunn, as the county seat.

United States Senator F. M. Simmons, having received a majority of the votes cast in the Democratic primary, at the November election, will be elected for the third time to succeed himself at Washington, for the full term beginning March 4, 1913.

An effort is to be made to have the Legislature pass a law prohibiting the killing of all song birds. A petition asking for such a law will soon be circulated in this county for signatures, and Messrs. M. Leshe, Davis and Charles S. Wallace, Carteret's legislative Representatives, will champion the bill. Ex.

Some people enjoy telling the truth only when it is more unpleasant than a lie would be.