

USE CONVICTS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

W. Huyette Suggests an Idea Worthy of Consideration

Mr. William Huyette has a plan which he is taking up with Congressman Charles F. Booher of Missouri, for mobilizing the inmates of the penitentiaries throughout the United States for military duty in case the Mexican situation develops into war. The plan, he says, is original with him but since he has written to Congressman Booher he learned that a warden in a neighboring state had suggested the idea and had even gone so far as to get an expression from the convicts as to their attitude in the matter. It is somewhat surprising to learn that almost without exception they were ready to volunteer their services.

Of course it is not Mr. Huyette's idea to take the convicts indiscriminately but to have a careful report made out from the prison records as to the character of the individual and if his past deportment would justify giving him the opportunity, he would be allowed to fight for his country and be given an honorable discharge at the end of his term of enlistment, providing the service he had rendered his country might warrant the discharge.

There is no question but that there are thousands of criminals within the prison walls who, if put under military training, could fight as well as any other men. If they had the additional incentive of fighting for their liberty as well as for their country, there would be no good reason for deserting as they would have everything to gain by finishing their term of service. Probably one hundred thousand men would be a conservative estimate as to the number of prison recruits who could be put into fit condition for service—rather a fair sized army in itself.

The first question that naturally arises in one's mind is that of desertion. Everyone knows that death is the penalty for desertion from the army in time of war. But even with this severe penalty, desertion from the regular army has been known to occur. So that even if a few of the prison soldiers were to desert the great majority if given a chance to choose between being reinstated to full citizenship after the war or becoming a fugitive from justice would unquestionably choose the former course.

There is a disagreeable side to the question. It has always been considered an honor for one to be given an opportunity to fight for country. To allow criminals distinguished service would probably arouse some ill feeling among the regularly enlisted men, but after all, wouldn't convicts make just as good targets as any other class of men? In time of war the best physical specimens of manhood are sent to the front first and in case of a prolonged fight and a costly one in regard to the number of lives lost, these good men are taken away from the nation and the physically unfit are left.

Modern warfare has developed into such an efficient method of slaughter that men when turned into soldiers are looked upon as so much necessary material for the machine guns to consume. A convict is an expense to the state that takes care of him. He is of no good to anyone. Why not use him and in that way save a good man who would otherwise have to serve in his place.

Webster—Pirce

Miss Bertha A. Webster of Leland and Mr. J. W. Pirce of Newton Grove, Mont. were united in marriage June 17. The wedding took place at Great Falls, Mont.

Mr. Pirce was a prosperous farmer on Potlatch ridge for a number of years. Miss Webster is well known in this section of the country. They will reside on a homestead near Newton Grove.

CAPTURE CONVICTS FROM WHITEBIRD

Sheriff and Posse Run Down Davis and Smead

Lewiston, Idaho, July 2.—James E. Davis and George Smead, convicts, who four weeks ago escaped from the honor camp of convicts employed on the state highway near Whitebird, in Idaho county, were captured just after noon today by Sheriff Lydon and a posse in a small canyon near Arrow Junction.

Information reached the sheriff this forenoon that two persons supposed to be the convicts had been seen along the Clearwater river opposite Arrow Junction, and within a few minutes, with Deputies George Welker and John Gertje and Thomas Tabor, he was on the way to Spalding, where he picked up Constable Ben Davis and took up the search.

Just after noon Smead was discovered in the brush and was covered by the guns of the officers before he was aware of their presence and surrendered without offering any resistance. The weapons were with Smead and Davis who was a short distance off picking berries was soon located and captured without resistance. The men were brought to Lewiston and are now occupying cells in the county jail.

Deary Postoffice Robbed

Deary, Ida., June 30.—A robber broke into the postoffice last night and after breaking the combination from the safe got away with considerably more than \$100 in cash and stamps, and with 25 watches which had been placed in the safe by Dr. Frank, who runs a jewelry store in connection with the general store operated by Postmaster Fred Miller.

Deputy Sheriff J. J. Campbell answered the call for officers which came at 7:30 this morning, and went at once to the scene of the robbery. Up to a late hour this afternoon no clue had been found. It is thought that the robbery occurred some time after midnight.

An effort was made to get a brace of bloodhounds from the Washington state penitentiary, but the trainer being away on his vacation no one was found who could handle the dogs.

Indians no Right to Vote

Attorney George W. Tannahill of Lewiston is in receipt of a copy of a decision rendered by the United States supreme court, which decision is of especial interest to the people of Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties, holding as it does that because an Indian has been allotted land and trust patent issued to him he does not become a citizen of the United States. The decision was rendered in a liquor-selling case from South Dakota, the scope of the decision, however, generally dealing with the status of the Indian, and Mr. Tannahill states that the Nez Perce Indian has no right to vote.

LARGE CROWD AT ATWATER LAKE

Celebration a Great Success in Every Way

Owing to the cold, wet weather on the third of July the celebration at Atwater lake was held only on the Fourth. A large crowd attended and the ideal weather conditions in connection with the beautiful surroundings made the day a very pleasant one for those who spent their holiday there. It was a safe and sane place to hold a celebration and none of the accidents that usually occur on the Fourth happened during the day.

A ballyhoo band composed of six of the Kendrick boys played a number of selections during the morning program. N. E. Ware delivered a very interesting address. After dinner a boat race, a tub race and a swimming race took place. Don McCrea and Henry Meyers won the boat race and Don also won first in the tub race and swimming race.

A ball game between Bear Ridge and Kendrick resulted in a victory for Kendrick. It was agreed to play only five innings but at the end of the five innings the score stood 11 to 11, so an extra inning was played and Kendrick ran in two more scores. Prof. Best umpired the game.

The bowery dance which took place during the afternoon and evening was well attended. An orchestra from Kendrick furnished the music. A thousand watt electric light suspended at one end of the bowery and smaller lights at different parts of the grounds furnished plenty of light and made the lake shore look very attractive. Mr. Barnum's piano was taken up to the lake for the use of the orchestra.

No Liquor Limit

Olympia, Wash.—The state supreme court decided that it is not illegal for a person to have in his possession for personal use any amount of liquor providing it was obtained in a legal manner. The decision, which reversed the ruling of Superior Judge J. C. Ronald of the King county superior court, orders the dismissal of charges against William E. Boeing and John C. Eden, Seattle millionaires, accused of having more than the legal amount of liquor in their possession, and orders the return to them of several thousand dollars worth of wines and liquors seized by the sheriff in raids on Mr. Boeing's home and the Rainier club last winter.

The court ruled that the provision of the prohibition law limiting the amount of liquor one could have in his possession to two quarts of whiskey or twelve quarts of beer applied only to cases where the liquor was kept for the purpose of sale. The court said that it was obvious that the framers of the law, which was initiated by the people, did not intend the provision to apply to persons whose innocence of illegal traffic in liquor was to be presumed. Judge Fullerton dissented from the majority of the court, holding that the decision virtually annulled the prohibition law and would make it impossible to secure convictions of persons keeping liquor with illegal intent.

Mrs. Kohnerberger, pastor of the American ridge church, left for Pine Grove, Thursday, where she will conduct revival meetings.

Miss Alta Randall, of Texas ridge, went to Moscow Thursday, on a short visit.

ARMY OFFICERS ARE WELL PAID

Good Salaries Are Provided Under New Law

That good salaries go with good commissions, and those holding commissions in the Second Idaho regiment now at Camp Morrison will be well paid while they are on the border, is made quite apparent when the salary allowance provision of the new law, effective a short time ago, is consulted.

Colonel Edelblute of the Second Idaho, under the new law and from date of mobilization, started to receive a salary on a basis of \$4000 per annum. Lieutenant Colonel Philip H. Crow, appointed to succeed Lieutenant Colonel McCall, receives a salary of \$3000, while the majors of the three battalions receive \$3000 per annum. Captains are paid \$2400, first lieutenants, \$2000 and second lieutenants, \$1700. All other staff officers receive the same salaries as above according to their rank. Every mounted officer below the rank of major is allowed \$150 per annum for his mount.

The bandmaster or leader of the regimental band receives \$75 per month. The first sergeants are paid \$45 per month and other sergeants are paid \$40 per month. Corporals receive \$22 per month, first class privates receive \$18, and second class privates, \$15 per month. In addition the enlisted men are allowed \$140 per year for clothes, which can be purchased at cost. Commissioned officers must furnish their own clothes.

Both commissioned officers and enlisted men are supplied with the necessary regulation equipment. They are likewise furnished their meals and lodging, which is an item of some consideration.

In the event either commissioned officers or enlisted men see foreign service, such as crossing the Mexican border, immediately 20 per cent is added to their pay. The salary payroll of the Second Idaho regiment runs into the thousands of dollars per month under the new law.—Capital News.

Quake Is Felt At Stites

Stites, Idaho, July 1.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here last night. They were quite severe in force, but no particular damage has yet been discovered. The shocks were felt at 11:08 and 11:00 p. m. The shocks were felt at Clearwater and at Elk City. In the Clearwater country a herd of cattle was stampeded caused by the shock frightening them.

Walked Through Glass Door

Blinded by the glare of the sun on the canvas awning in front, George Cheaney, a rancher of Viola, mistook a plate glass window in Nelson's piano store in Moscow, for a door opening onto the sidewalk and walked through it, breaking the entire window into fragments. He had been in the store for several minutes awaiting the return of Mr. Nelson, and his eyes became so accustomed to the even light in the room that they were insensitive to the bright glare that flooded the front part of the store. Walking around a piano in the show window, which is on a level with the floor, he went through the glass. A large crowd gathered about the store amazed at the result of the unusual accident. Mr. Cheaney was only slightly injured by the falling glass.

Mrs. Tom Daugherty and son of Fairview will visit friends in Spokane for a few days.

Snake Makes Short Circuit

A snake lying across electric light wires 30 feet in the air caused a short circuit and put the entire town of Weiser in darkness Saturday night. Workmen who found the snake are of the opinion that it was dropped across the wires by a hawk. It was a large bull snake measuring six feet. When found it had been cooked to a frazzle.

BURGLARS BUSY AT GRANGEVILLE

Entered Two Places And An Attempt at a Third.

Grangeville, July 3.—Two burglaries were committed and one attempt at burglary was made here last evening. In one case the robber was successful in securing \$2.50 in cash while at another place he secured some stamps. The Gerry & Gordon pool hall was entered after the burglar had cut a hole in the panel of the rear door which enabled him to reach in and turn the lock. He secured \$2.50 from the cash register.

The F. L. Leonard feed store was entered and a few stamps were taken and an attempt was made to enter the City Bakery conducted by L. R. Proctor. Holes had been bored in the front door of the bakery preparatory to turning the lock but the burglar was evidently scared away before he had completed his work.

A fire was started at the Leonard feed store but this is believed to have been accidental. The alarm was turned in about 1 o'clock but damage to hay to the amount of \$100 was sustained before the fire could be controlled.

The officers believe the robbery is the work of local parties familiar with the stores and the habits of the nightwatchman.

Olson-Candee Wedding

None of the particulars of the Olson-Candee wedding could be obtained for last week's issue of the Gazette. Following is a brief account of their marriage: The ceremony was performed at Frisco, Idaho, at the home of the bride at 12:00 A. M., Wednesday. It was a quiet home wedding and none but relatives were present.

After dinner was served the bride and groom left for Wallace where they took the 2:00 o'clock train for Spokane. They spent two days there and returned to Kendrick Saturday afternoon. A big crowd met them at the train and they were escorted in a Ford by the Kendrick band to the Dunkle residence.

While Frank has lived in Kendrick less than a year he already has a host of friends. The fact that he has brought such a charming wife to Kendrick will make him even more popular here.

Sheriff's Office On Jump

The sheriff's office has been kept on the jump this week by criminals operating along the line of the W. I. & M. in the northern part of the county. So far no trace has been found of the thief who stole a team from the place of Fred Veowell near Potlatch Thursday night nor of the one who took a buggy and a set of harness from the barn of Claude Bowers of the same place, Friday night. The robbery of the postoffice at Deary is also another problem with which the sheriff's office is busy.

Finis May of Bovill spent the first of the week in Kendrick.

SOUTHWICK HELD BIG CELEBRATION

Splendid Program Arranged for the Entire Day

Probably one of the largest crowds that ever assembled at Southwick was present at the Fourth of July celebration. An unusually good program was arranged for the day, and the details were well carried out by the management. The lunch stands had to replenish their stock to feed the crowd as there were so many more people than anyone expected.

The ball game between Leland and Southwick was a one-sided contest from the start. Carl Carlson, for the visitors, was in excellent form and let the locals down with only two hits and struck out 19 men. Southwick scored all its runs in the seventh when a pass ball coupled with four successive errors netted them three runs. After this Carlson was invincible and retired the locals in order by strike-outs, while his team mates continued to pile up a lead. The final score was 11 to three.

The feature athletic event of the day was a wrestling match between A. O. Hartung, former heavy-middle-weight champion of western Canada, and Carl Carlson, the local all around athlete who spent the past year in Montana.

Carlson, after the strenuous exertion of pitching the ball game and winning the men's free for all 100-yard dash, was hardly in fit condition to undertake a wrestling match. However he succeeded in getting the first fall in 5 minutes and 40 seconds, by a three-quarter nelson. Hartinger's ring experience coupled with a skillful execution of a series of holds and excellent bits of wrestling law, enabled him to down Carlson in 7 minutes and 15 seconds for the first fall.

Excitement was at its height at the beginning of the third fall. The crowd cheered wildly for Carlson, the local favorite, but his worn out condition and the superior cunning and cleverness of his opponent made the outcome almost evident. Hartinger, after being floored twice, wriggled loose and with skillful maneuvering again downed Carlson by the use of the toe hold and body scissors. Hartinger was warned frequently in the third fall for using rough tactics. Time, 10 minutes and 43 seconds.

The match was refereed by "Big Bill" Green, formerly prominent in wrestling circles in the Inland Empire. The rules used were the Police Gazette and Greene's work was entirely satisfactory. Another match has been scheduled to take place sometime before August 15.

The horse race was an exciting event and was won by a close margin. Bill Greene's horse took first place and New Heath's second.

Wade Candler, Tom Bills and Lloyd Kirkendahl were the principals in the bucking contest. Some splendid riding was witnessed in this event. The purse was divided between the three.

Pete Stump and Vester Whiting won the three-legged race.

The usual bowery dance was very well attended.—Special Correspondent.

Filing of nomination papers by county candidates began last Wednesday giving prospective officeholders thirty days from that date in which to get their names on the official ballot. County auditor Estes has all the necessary blanks on hand for filing nominations.

Mr. Blum of Cameron who has been at Spokane during the past few days returned Thursday.