

## Light on Pen Trouble

Fremont County Man Writes About Cause of the Troubles.

Actions of Gibson and Bagley Upheld and Perrin Condemned for Numerous Acts—Part That Politics Played.

Boise, Nov. 30.—Noticing in your issue of the 24th inst., an article headed "Row at the Penitentiary," in which you say that "the truth of the affair is hard to arrive at," "because the Boise papers do not agree," and being "on the spot," so to speak, and familiar with the facts, I would like, through the columns of your valuable paper, to enlighten the good people of Fremont County, on the situation.

As to the Boise papers, the Statesman from the very inception of the trouble, has colored things to suit Governor Morrison and Warden Perrin; while the Capital News has been fair to all concerned.

One cannot but be filled with regret that Mart Patrie, or Cal. Bingham (the efficient deputy, recently fired by Perrin) did not receive the appointment as Warden, two years ago, when he sees what a miserable failure the present incumbent is. He is good to the prisoners, mean to the employes, too dignified to counsel any one, but takes into his confidence convicts, and ignores the Board altogether in matters of administration or policy.

\$250 per month for some time passed from the State Treasury to his family, as a part of the penitentiary pay roll; his brother's daughter and a friend's son were boarded and lodged at the expense of the State, and from two to five relatives are all the time at the "Warden's Residence," not to mention Political Attachés, such as Mrs. Conklin.

In May, 1904, the chief clerk, C. R. Kelly, in checking up accounts with the First National Bank, discovered that about \$1300 had been withdrawn for which the books did not account. The checks were examined and it was seen that the Warden had issued checks to himself, for personal use, for that amount. When called down by the Clerk, the Warden acknowledged that he was a defaulter, and signed a statement, authorizing the adjustment of the bank account and the charge of the discrepancy to him personally.

Since this time the Warden has sold vegetables, fruit, wood, etc., to the amount of approximately \$2000, which at the time of Mr. Kelly's suspension had not been made of record. These facts being in possession of Mr. Kelly supplied a motive to the Warden for getting Kelly out of the way, before a day of reckoning arrived; but as the Peak-Chronicle observes "Politics is at the bottom of it," and I will now show you how this element entered into the proposition.

Before the Moscow convention those employes who did not get out and work for Morrison's re-nomination were called "disloyal" by the Warden, and he threatened to "make a scattering," and the Governor's sympathy with such a movement is shown by his remark that "those fellows out at the penitentiary, who did not work for my re-nomination should resign. Their bread and butter depends on me." Chief Clerk Kelly went as a delegate to the State Convention from Bear Lake county, wore a "Gooding" badge and voted, with his delegation for Gooding for governor; and on arriving back at the penitentiary was suspended from duty by the Warden, and in order that it would not appear too raw, he furnished the Board with charges, trumped up with the assistance of a convict, doing time for embezzlement.

Gov. Morrison asked that his friend, Charles S. Kingsley, partner to the governor's democratic legal advisor, Mr. Johnson, be sent to the penitentiary, not for having destroyed his father's will, as it is alleged, but to "expert" the books.

Another recommendation that Kingsley had was that when he retired from the office of county recorder, he carved out of his fee book a certain number of pages on which he had kept his records, and carried them home with him as a reminder of his past official life.

The other two members, not knowing Mr. Kingsley, and not dreaming that the Dear Governor would job them concurred in sending Kingsley out.

The Warden supplied the same embezzler above referred to, as assistant expert, and after thirty days of delay and scheming, a libelous report from Kingsley revealed the fact that a plot had been formed to make Kelly out a thief, and shield the real culprit.

The governor, the warden and the expert understood that whatever the report said would be final;

but there were two members of the prison board, who desired to see fair play, so they asked Mr. Kingsley to explain his report, before Mr. Kelly, and in the presence of three good bookkeepers, (Mr. Hiatt, of the Secretary's office, Mr. Merrill of the Auditor's office, and Mr. Coleman of the Treasurer's office.) Not having Price, the convict, whose report it really was, present Mr. Kingsley could not exactly tell how he arrived at certain conclusions; but would say "Well, there is the report, it explains itself," finally admitting that he had been looking through the wrong-colored glasses and that he was prejudiced.

Mr. Kelly showed every charge to be false, and demanded from the Board a clearance sheet, and after a delay of three months, at a meeting of the Board, at which we represent a majority of the members, Mr. Kelly was given his vindication, and the Warden ordered to reinstate him.

This the Warden defiantly refused to do and also refused to resign, and as a further proof that he would brook no interference from the board, he fired nearly all the Gooding men there were left at the penitentiary.

The Board then called a special meeting, at which Attorney General Bagley acted as chairman, and Secretary of State Gibson as secretary, and resolutions were passed declaring that an emergency existed and that the office of warden must be filled by another than Mr. Perrin, and appointing Mr. Ackley to fill the place.

Warden Perrin also defied this order, drawing a gun on the new appointee, and refusing the Board to their faces the keys, papers, books, etc.

It was then agreed to leave the matter to the Supreme court (or rather to the two members who were known to be in the city), but these two wished to wait the return of the third judge, who is on his way home from St. Louis, and there is where the matter stands today.

It is understood that the Warden was in communication with Governor Morrison, who was absent from the city in Texas at the time the action was taken by the Board, and that the latter advised the Warden to pay no attention to the Board, that the Board was illegal inasmuch as the Governor was absent, etc. The Governor also urges that an advantage was taken of him, in acting while he was away; but the facts are that the other two members wished the Governor to be present and had been trying to have a meeting on this matter for six weeks; but the Governor always had some excuse for delay, and had gone to Texas, without apprising them or asking that unfinished business be taken up before he left.

Messrs. Gibson and Bagley determined that justice should not be delayed any longer and that they would not be parties to a Black-mailing job, and consequently took action, which they had a perfect right to do, being a majority of a board of three.

The only question for the Supreme Court to decide is "Have two members of the Board a right to do business in the absence of the third?"

It is now alleged that the reason the Warden refused to reinstate Kelly, and also why he would not turn over to the new Warden is because he was still shy about \$1500 of prison funds; and was playing for a delay that he might make a dig, and it is known that he has borrowed, or raised from some source, in the last two days about \$1200.

There is no doubt but that the State has a strong case against the Warden for embezzlement, it is thought that Messrs. Gibson and Bagley, having been buncoed thus far are in a pretty good frame of mind to push it.

Yours for Justice,  
T. Daniels.

## Brinkerhoff Piano Sensation.

Kautz Fined \$10.

George Kautz of Marysville, who was charged by K. Sellers with shooting stock which broke into his field, was fined \$10 by Justice King, Wednesday. County Attorney Soule recommended a light sentence. The history of the case seems to be that Mr. Kautz lost his temper as the result of frequent depredations of stock and shot a number of them with fine shot, which did no permanent injury, on the 30th of July.

## CHANGE IN RIVERSIDE HOTEL.

House Under New Management and Seavices Being Improved.

The Riverside Hotel passed to new management Wednesday. Mr. Chas. H. Heritage, of Salt Lake, is the new proprietor, and Stewart Meyers manager. Mr. Heritage's business interests in Salt Lake demand most of his attention, and the management of the hotel will be completely turned over to Mr. Meyers, who is experienced in the hotel business.

The service and appointments of the hotel will be improved, with the intention of making it the best in this part of the state. A buffet will be established for the patrons of the house. The rates have been reduced to \$2 per day for commercial men, whose comfort will be carefully looked after, and board by the week reduced to \$6.

Since the death of Judge Antes, Mr. E. J. Warner has been conducting the house and giving patrons excellent service, but his other interests demand his attention, and he has for several weeks been negotiating with Mr. Heritage, whom he has known for several years, to take the house. There is no better hotel town in Idaho than St. Anthony and the new management will undoubtedly do a thriving business from the start.

## Haines Bros. Piano Sensation.

### Christmas Presents for Everybody.

The women of St. Katherine's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church will hold a handkerchief bazaar, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 6th and 7th, afternoon and evening, at the opera house at which will be found everything from a pin cushion to a table cloth, all made from handkerchiefs. This will be a rare opportunity to get dainty Christmas gifts very reasonably.

The Ladies Home Journal has sent out a booth to be put up and conducted in the interests of their publication.

Refreshments will be served in a very informal manner during the conduct of the bazaar, which will include sandwiches, cake, coffee, hot tamales, chilli beans and everything to tempt the appetite, for which the women of St. Katherine's are famous.

The bazaar will close with a cotillion Wednesday evening from nine till twelve. Everybody is asked to come and participate in this affair.

## Marshall & Wendell Piano Sensation.

### Andy Stone Sells Out.

Andy Stone, who for the past five years has conducted the Metropolitan Market, has sold out. The names of the new purchasers have not yet been ascertained, but we are informed that they are local people. Mr. Stone has gone up to take a look at the Alberta country with a view of locating there if it suits him. In the transaction St. Anthony loses one of her best and most enterprising citizens. "Honest" Andy will have the best wishes of the people of this community where ever he may go. The Peak-Chronicle joins with his many brothers and friends in wishing him God speed, and we hope that he will never find a better place than St. Anthony, and will soon return realizing it to be a fact that this is the best place of all.

**MARRIED.**—At the M. E. parsonage, Nov. 28th, Mr. Jonas Mosser of St. Anthony and Miss Cora A. Davidson of Lexington, Neb. For the past few months, Mr. Mosser has been employed by Miller Bros. Mrs. Mosser arrived the evening of her wedding, direct from Nebraska, where she has left a large circle of friends. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Mosser will make St. Anthony their home.

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1 First Prize	.....\$5,000.00
1 Second Prize	.....1,000.00
2 Prizes—\$500.00 each	.....1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00 "	.....1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00 "	.....1,000.00
50 Prizes—50.00 "	.....2,500.00
250 Prizes—20.00 "	.....5,000.00
1500 Prizes—5.00 "	.....7,500.00
<b>2139 PRIZES,</b>	<b>TOTAL, \$20,000.00</b>

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What will be the total Popular Vote cast for President (votes for all candidates combined) at the election November 3, 1904? In 1900, 2,123,000 people voted for President. For nearest correct estimates received in Woolson Spice Co.'s office, Toledo, Ohio, on or before Nov. 3, 1904, we will give first prize for the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

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2 Prizes—\$500.00 each	.....1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00 "	.....1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00 "	.....1,000.00
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