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tract hanging over the prisoner's head throughout life.

Next compare the number of paroles granted by the Pardon Board of Florida. We find, from the report of the Illinois State prison at Joliet:

Statement showing a comparison of commitments of convicts to the Illinois State Penitentiary for the year 1894-95, under the definite sentence law, and six years under the indeterminate sentence law:

RECOMMITMENTS.

From July 1, 1894, to July 1, 1895: Second term, 113; third term, 36; fourth term, 13; fifth term, 5; sixth term, 2. Total, 169. Per cent, 17.58.

Total number convicts received, 961. Daily count, July 1, 1895, 1,677.

From July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1897: Second term, 54; third term, 23; fourth term, 6; fifth term, 2. Total, 85. Per cent, 14.88.

Total number convicts received, 571. Daily count, July 1, 1897, 1,337.

From July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898: Total number convicts received, 536. Daily count, July 1, 1898, 1,403.

cent, 12.34.

term, 4; fifth term, 1. Total, 66. Per cent, 53; third term, 8; fourth term, 1,899, to October 1, 1900: Second term, 34; third term, 9; fourth term, 3. Total, 46. Per cent, 10.58.

Total number convicts received, 434. Daily count, October 1, 1900, 1,257.

From October 1, 1900, to October 1, 1901: Second term, 35; third term, 4; fourth term, 4. Total, 43. Per cent, 9.90.

Total number convicts received, 434. Daily count, October 1, 1901, 1,263.

From October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902: Second term, 50; third term, 7; fourth term, 2; sixth term, 3. Total, 62. Per cent, 15.12.

Total number convicts received, 410. Daily count, October 1, 1902, 1,227.

From October 1, 1902, to October 1, 1903: Second term, 27; third term, 9; fourth term, 3. Total, 39. Per cent, 9.19.

Total number convicts received, 424. Daily count, October 1, 1903, 1,245.

From October 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904: Second term, 40; third term, 1; fourth term, 6; fifth term, 1. Total, 48. Per cent, 8.92.

Total number convicts received, 538. Daily count, October 1, 1904, 1,415.

By carefully reading the above figures you will find that the per cent of the prisoners sentenced for second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth terms, before the parole system was inaugurated in 1895 in Illinois, was much greater than the per cent for second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth terms in 1904 under the parole system, which demonstrates what all law-makers aim to bring about: First, reformation; second, a reduction in the number of criminals committed. In other words, the figures show that many persons were reformed under the parole system, and must have become good citizens, as they were not again sentenced in anything like the same number, as convicts were retired and convicted, under the old system.

Next, compare the number of pardons granted at Joliet prison with the number of pardons granted by the Board of Pardons of Florida.

We find from the report of the Illinois State prison, at Joliet:

First—That they had at the end of the year, September 30, 1904, 1,415 prisoners.

Second—During the year the board paroled 344.

Third—That those released by expiration of sentence were 77.

Fourth—That in Florida we had, in 1904, about 1,200.

Fifth—That conditional pardons were granted to 38.

Sixth—That there were released by expiration of sentence 266.

I submit, above, table 8 of the report of the Joliet prison, report of 1894-95, just as it is in the report, which table demonstrates very clearly that the number of prisoners sentenced for second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth terms grows less under the system adopted in that State, under the parole system adopted in 1895.

Reformation is desired. Can we brutalize people into being good, or can we best accomplish the desired effect by doing as others do who succeed in making substantial reforms? Unless there is hope of reforming a criminal, nothing less than killing him will rid us of him, and that ideal no one would dare advance.

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