

# BOX BUTTE HAS CONTRIBUTED 14 INMATES TO PEN

## WARDEN FENTON ISSUES HIS ANNUAL REPORT.

Out of 577 Prisons in State Institution, Only One for Violating the Prohibition Law.

Fourteen of the 577 inmates in the state penitentiary were sentenced from Box Butte county, according to figures furnished in Warden Fenton's annual report. This does not mean that Box Butte county has experienced any great wave of crime, for most of the men who have gone to the state prison from this city are not residents of the county, but floaters who happened to be caught here. It's really a good advertisement for the police authorities, and not at all a black eye for the county's population.

Mr. Fenton's report furnishes a few surprises, among them the small number of women in the state's penal institution. There are but five, and one of these, Evelyn McElhaney comes from Alliance. Another peculiar fact in the report is that out of 577 inmates, but one is there for a violation of the prohibition laws. Most of them are just plain thieves. A few of the statistics follow:

Of the 577 men and women there the last of the year 320 were convicted of crimes of violence in which robbery was the motive. This includes all of the men sent up for burglary, grand larceny, hog and horse stealing, attempt to rob and the like. If auto thieves were included the total would be 377. Auto thievery is not apparently a remunerative business, as there are fifty-seven men in the Nebraska prison for this offense. The forgers have greatly increased in number in recent years. At the present time there are 89 in the penitentiary convicted of issuing forged or valueless checks. There are 41 men who were convicted of rape or assault to commit rape and 30 for murder. Five bigamists are also quartered there. Add the number of these offenders together and it leaves only thirty-seven to be distributed among the other crimes.

All of the five women are first offenders. The other are divided as follows: First offense, 499; second 61; third, 24; fourth, 1; fifth, 1; industrial school, 6.

Douglas county furnishes nearly a third of the total number, 188. Other counties contribute as follows: Lancaster, 42; Dawes, 22; Hall, 31; Lincoln, 21; Box Butte, 14; Dodge, 18; Scottsbluff, 17; Sheridan, 21. It will be noted that most of these counties contain railroad centers, and the criminals are largely floaters who follow railroad tracks.

The great increase in crime has been within the last two years, since the war and is generally ascribed to the unsettled conditions and the demoralization of old-time standards. The number of men anxious to live without working and not caring in the least how they got the money has kept the police busy and the prison full.

At the beginning of 1910 there were 292 persons in the state penitentiary two of them women, at the end of 1920, two years later there were 577 prisoners, five of them women. During the two years 518 persons were received and if none had been paroled the present population would be close to 1,000. In the two years the sentences of but twenty-nine expired, ten were released by court order, ten died, three were pardoned and 326 released by the operation of the parole law, or furloughed. The paroles were granted to men who had finished the minimum number of years in the indeterminate sentence given them for their offenses, the furloughs to men who were in but a brief time.

The greatest number of prisoners are those between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five, 168; between six and eighteen, 28; eighteen to twenty-one, 102, showing that more than half of the prisoners are under 25 years of age. Between twenty-five and thirty, there are 99; from thirty to thirty-five, 57; from thirty-five to forty, 47; from forty to forty-five, 36; forty-five to fifty, 15; fifty to fifty-five, 10; fifty-five to sixty, 4; sixty to sixty-five, 2; sixty-five to seventy, 3; over 70, 1.

Of the prisoners 489 are white, 74 are negroes and twelve Indians; 399 claim to be Protestants, 134 Catholics, 2 Hebrews, and 4 Greeks. There is not a college graduate in the list. Twenty-

five had no education at all, seventeen got no further than the primary grades, six went through high school, and 438 quit somewhere in the grades. Single men are the more numerous, 362; married, 190; widowed, 19 and divorced 1. Of the five women one is single, three married and one divorced. No widow is on the list.

Common laborers from the bulk of the prisoners, 147, with 100 who list themselves as farmers or farm hands; there was no banker there, but there are two now. No newspaper men were in the list and only one printer. Of the trades, the following were listed in excess of nine in number: Machinists, 26; auto mechanics, 20; cooks, 29; chauffeurs, 18; fireman, 13; barbers, 11; blacksmith, 11; clerks, 15; electricians, 12; painters, 11; salesmen, 13; waiters, 10. Forty-one only are diseased.

## Gering Red Cross Will Aid the Ex-Soldiers During Land Drawing

The American Red Cross, with headquarters at Gering, has made arrangements to make out all necessary papers for filing on the new lands to be opened in the Goshen hole country this fall, at practically no expense to former service men, and rooms will be provided at Gering at nominal expense for the men who come out to look over the land and make filings, says the Scottsbluff News.

Miss M. M. Enes, secretary of the Red Cross, has issued the following statement relative to the preparations to care for the soldiers:

"In the land opening for ex-service men of the North Platte Irrigation project, September 9, it is planned to make Gering, Neb., the headquarters on the Union Pacific. Special trains will run from Gering to Lyman in the morning and return in the evening. Ex-service men who wish to can make Gering their headquarters, and have all matters relative to filing, attended to at Gering. It is planned to have automobiles available at Lyman for any one who desires to look over the land. The American Red Cross at Gering will be prepared to make out all necessary papers for filing on the land at practically no expense to the boys. The papers will be prepared, as the affidavits and the copying of discharges. Rooms will be provided at Gering at nominal expense.

"Will you kindly announce these facts through the columns of your paper, that the matter may be given publicity and the boys be spared the heavy expenses of previous experiences.

"Advice will be given by mail for those who desire to file by mail."

## Presbyterians Win Fifth Straight Game By Cleaning Baptists

The Presbyterian Sunday School baseball team preserved their no-defeat record Thursday evening by taking one from the Baptists, 10 to 1, at the fair grounds. This makes the fifth game the Presbyterians have won, with not a single game lost during the season. Only three innings were played Thursday, due to the fact that the diamond was in use by the Alliance Monarchs and their colored opponents until rather late.

The results:

Presbyterians—	ab	r	h	po
P. Thompson, c	3	2	1	1
R. Laing, 1b	3	1	0	2
W. Threlkeld, ss	3	1	1	1
F. Mounts, lf	2	1	0	0
A. Miller, 2b	2	1	0	1
J. Cantlin, rf	2	1	0	1
C. Shreve, cf	2	1	0	1
W. Eberly, p	2	2	0	0
G. Baker, 2b	2	0	0	2
Totals	21	10	2	9

Baptists—	ab	r	h	po
F. Campbell, p	2	0	0	1
C. Cross, 1b	2	0	0	1
F. Gross, rf	2	0	0	2
J. Reynolds, 3b	1	0	0	1
F. Hacker, lf	1	0	0	1
E. Wright, 2b	1	0	1	1
K. Robbins, c	1	0	0	1
C. Romig, ss	1	0	0	1
W. Robbins, cf	1	1	1	0
Totals	12	1	2	9

By innings:

Presbyterians	8	0	2	—10
Baptists	0	0	1	—1

"If you want to be really popular with men," says Mr. Arthur Pendenys, "become a widow." This, of course, may be all right, but few husbands can really learn to love a wife who makes a practice of this sort of thing.—Punch.

## Herald Traveler Has Completed Trip Over Box Butte County

John O. Bayne of Aurora, who for the past three months has been making a trip over Box Butte county in the interests of The Herald, writing up the farms which he visited and securing a big number of new readers for this newspaper, finished up his work Thursday evening of last week. There were two or three scattered sections in the county which he did not visit, due to bad roads and the fact that there would be very few people to see even if he drove thirty-five or forty miles to see them.

Friday Mr. Bayne made a visit to two or three places that he had not touched in previous trips. Herewith we present the last installment of his travels, for this year, at least. We hope to get him up to Alliance for another trip within a year or two. He has promised to write us a story of his impressions of Box Butte county, which should be here for the Friday issue of The Herald. In the meantime, read the story of his latest travels:

The Pebble Creek ranch is located just over the line in Dawes county. It is owned by W. G. Gooden, but is leased on shares. The ranch consists of 4400 acres. They have sixty acres of wheat, one hundred of rye, sixty of corn, one hundred and thirty of alfalfa, two hundred and forty grade cows and fifty-seven registered Hereford cows and three hundred registered Hampshire hogs. The herd of hogs is headed by a grandson of Dekol King 160th, international grand champion. Practically all the sows are sired by Blythdale Jim. The Herefords are of the best families, such as the Domino and Beau Mischief and Bright Stanway strains. The herd is headed by a son of Young Anxiety 4th and out of a Bright Stanway dam, the Mischief by Mischief's Return, and out of a Bright Stanway dam. They also have the best strain of black Langshan chickens, Mammoth Bronze Turkeys and Embden Geese. This is one of the best improved ranches in western Nebraska. The house is new, with eight rooms and bath and all modern. It is made of hollow tile and finished with stucco. The barn is new and is thirty by one hundred feet, with mow room for over two hundred tons of hay. They have two modern hog houses with sunshine windows, a double granary and a new chicken house that cost one hundred dollars, built of hollow tile, twenty by forty feet, on the University of Nebraska pattern. It is the intention of the owner to displace the grade cattle with all registered Herefords as fast as possible and to have one of the best herds in the state.

The Hemingford Implement company started in business last spring and did \$65,000 business the first year. This year the business will amount to from \$75,000 to \$80,000. This is because of the honest dealing and good management, and the kind of implements handled. They have the complete International line, also the Avery threshing machines and trucks, and they operate a complete garage and repair shop for autos and trucks.

## PERSONALS

Miss Mary Rokahr, at one time the home demonstrator for Box Butte county, spent last Wednesday in Alliance, being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Laing.

Dan Hoppis last week disposed of his residence property at 819 Toluca to Fred G. Leavitt of near Hemingford, a former Alliance resident. Mr. Hoppis plans to take up farming as an occupation on the coming year.

Mrs. Williams of Hot Springs is visiting with her daughters, Mrs. Frank Buechsenstein and Mrs. Bert Duncan.

## R-R-REVENGE!

Indignant Arizonian (to busy boot-legger): "Hey, I've just been bitten by a rattler. Gimme a quart of your cheapest stuff."

Busy B: "Better take some of the high-priced stuff, pardner."

I. A.: "Not on your life. This is for the rattler."—American Legion Weekly.

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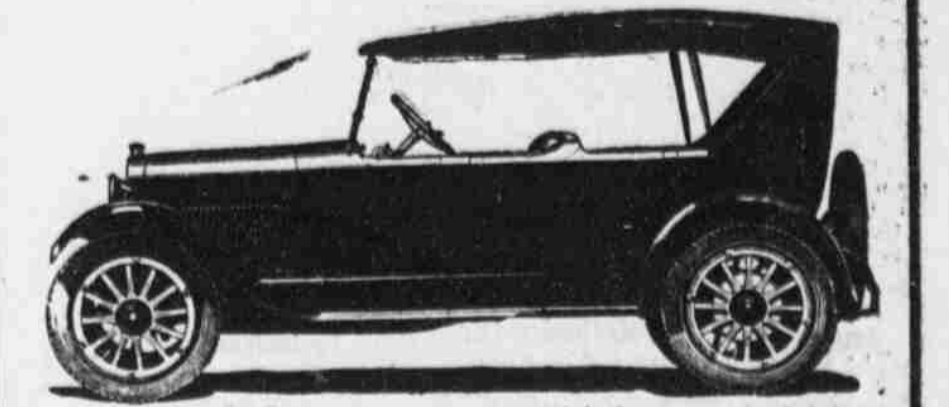
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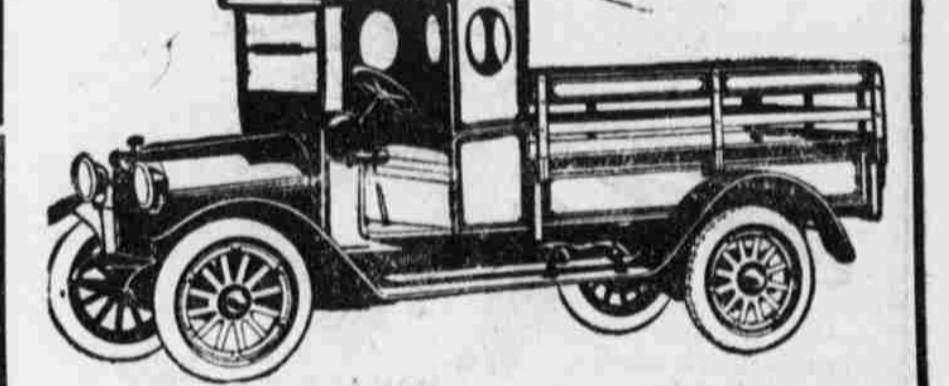
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