

MANAGEMENT OF STATE PRISON IS GREAT BENEFIT

Inmates Are Contented in Making Varied Line of Articles.

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Steady supply of skilled labor, at work every morning, guaranteeing a capacity output.

This is the principal advantage in cost of manufacture of prison-made goods over merchandise made by either union or non-union labor, according to Warden E. J. Fogarty of Indiana State prison at Michigan City.

A tour of the State prison, once inside the grounds, does not give the impression of a prison.

Factory buildings are large and airy, cleaner, probably than most factory buildings. They face on a "street," and to see the hundreds of men pour out at meal time appears exactly as the noon hour at many factories in the State.

Only the similarity in dress of the men is noticed. They wear "confederate" gray with blue shirts and appear a bit like mail carriers.

High Morale Prevails

There seems to be high morale among prisoners and they take more than passing interest in their work and turn out high grade merchandise.

The binder twine factory is now closed, due to inability to get raw sisal because of unsettled conditions in Mexico. This factory is one of the most profitable. The "Hoosier Twine Company" binder twine is shipped all over the State and Nation. It is not labeled prison made.

Besides supplying inmates with regulation "army last" shoes, the shoe factory sells its surplus output to Chicago firms. Probably the only State institution which takes advantage of prison-made shoes is the Marion national sanatorium. Workmanship in the shoes is high class and the best grade of leather used.

The tinware factory could supply every State institution and city or town in the State with necessary supplies at much cheaper cost than the same grade of article could be purchased on the open market, Fogarty declares.

Busy as Bees

Skilled stone cutters work in the monument shops, all chiseling being done by modern compressed air methods.

The shirt factories are probably the busiest in the institution, more than 400 men being employed. Latest type power machines are used in cutting and stitching. Few state institutions buy any shirts, the output going to the Reliable Man-

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Fogarty declared State labor of prisoners on highways and other State work with prisoners is not a success, and had proved more costly than under private contract.

Fogarty also declared the theory of prison exchange among States of prison-made articles was not practical nor feasible and would never be a success.

He declared the State benevolent institutions could buy from the State penal institutions at great savings, and if all would do so as required by law much of the output of prisoners to private consumers would be eliminated.

Fogarty declared he had fought successfully union labor bills in several sessions of Congress which sought to abolish prison labor.

There is no other method to successfully operate a prison and keep approximately 1,800 men occupied, except through the labor medium, according to Fogarty.

Living quarters of prisoners are immaculately clean. Beds are spotless and in cell-blocks walls of snow-white glazed tile. Fogarty is attempting to do away with all cell-blocks, preferring the dormitory system.

Bedbug Rewards

Lifers and long-term prisoners now occupy the blocks. A reward of \$25 is offered every prisoner who finds a bedbug.

Guards are not conspicuous about the buildings or grounds. For a guard to strike a prisoner or to mistreat him, except in self-defense, means straightway dismissal.

The large dining hall is spick and

span, with white glazed walls and the kitchen is a model of modern cookery.

"A man never goes out of our dining room hungry," Fogarty declared.

A modern surgical hospital complete with wards for various diseases is one of the prison show places. The power plant is operated by prisoners and all work done in this complete little city with high gray walls is done by prison labor at profit to the State.

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today as citizens to stand against the plan were ready to present their views. The hearing was scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Petition of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board urging busses be filed with the park board. Members of the Mapleton Civic Association were divided on the bus operation and delegations were expected to present both sides.

A. Smith Bowman, president of the Peoples Motor Coach Company, seeking the franchise on the boulevard, has statistics from other cities on bus operation. He has offered to give the city per centage of gross receipts. Robert I. Todd, president of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, has been asked to represent the car company, and to discuss plans of the company for bus lines as "feeders" to street ar-

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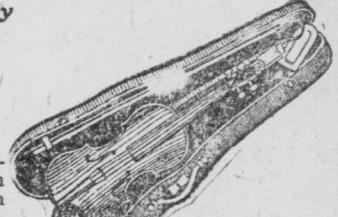
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