

STATE INSTITUTION INMATES ARE MANY

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Largest Number in History of State Now in Public Welfare Charge; Crimes by Women Few

Penal, reformatory and corrective institutions under the direction of the Department of Public Welfare, at present hold 8,219 inmates. This is the greatest number in the history of the state and marks a gain of 1,013 for the last biennium.

On June 30, 1926 the same institutions housed 7,206 inmates, then regarded as a record for the state, as follows:

Illinois State Penitentiary	
Joliet	2,639
Woman's Prison (Joliet)	73
Southern Illinois Penitentiary (Menard)	1,668
Illinois State Reformatory (Pontiac)	1,411
St. Charles School for Boys (St. Charles)	784
Training School for Girls (Geneva)	443
State Farm (Vandalia)	181
	7,206

Gain of 1,013 Made

Present figures of the Department of Public Welfare show the population of the penal, reformatory and corrective institutions as follows:

Illinois State Penitentiary (Joliet)	3,075
Woman's Prison (Joliet)	81
Southern Illinois Penitentiary (Menard)	1,974
Illinois State Reformatory (Pontiac)	1,399
St. Charles School for Boys (St. Charles)	811
Training School for Girls (Geneva)	510
State Farm (Vandalia)	369
	8,219

Increase for the two years' period at Joliet is 436, with an additional 8 in the Woman's Prison. At the Southern Illinois Penitentiary the gain was 306; St. Charles, 27; Geneva, 67, and Vandalia, 181. The Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac alone shows a lower enrollment than on June 30, 1926. At this institution a decrease of twelve has resulted for the two year period.

Women Commit Few Crimes

Survey of the Department of Public Welfare shows that of the 8,219 inmates of the penal, reformatory and corrective institutions of the state, 7,628 are males, with but 519 females. Of the latter 81 are women convicted

of a penal offense and serving in the Woman's Prison at Joliet, while the remaining 510 are delinquent girls in the State Training School at Geneva.

Comparison of the number of males to the females, shows a ratio of an average of thirteen men in the penal, reformatory and corrective institutions of the state to one woman. If comparison is made only on those sentenced to the penal institutions it is found there are eighty times as many men as women convicted of penal offenses in the state of Illinois.

WOMEN LEAVE MACHINE TO TAKE UP POLITICS

Campaign Arguments Winning Battle Against Domestic Interests

Campaign arguments are winning a battle against the whirr of the sewing machine in the interest of thousands of women in the United States during this season which usually has been devoted to making commencement and wedding dresses.

Crystallization of women's interest in political affairs in all parts of the country is noted in the Woman's Home Companion, which sees changing conditions affecting women especially emphasized in this spring season of 1928. Whereas June heretofore has stood out as the month that women devote themselves to three such major interests as plans for commencements, weddings and outfitting the family for a summer vacation, all this seems to have been changed this year.

"For the politically minded woman," says the magazine, "this month brings first national conventions, then the beginning of the mid-summer activities of the presidential campaign. Women by the hundred thousand are organizing Republican and Democratic clubs. Leagues of women voters are planning booths or popular educa-

tional programs for the county and state fairs."

In order to stimulate this interest of women in national affairs the National Council of Women in the United States has opened an office at 370 Seventh avenue for the convenience of organization women who pass through New York City during the summer vacation months.

NEW HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Travelers over the old Spanish trail will be glad to hear that a highway bridge has recently been completed across Bay St. Louis, between the towns of Bay St. Louis and Henderson Point, Mississippi, says a bulletin issued by the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club. Although the distance between these two points is not quite two miles, yet, before the completion of the bridge, east and west traffic was obliged to follow a long detour around the bay or depend on ferries.

The Old Spanish trail, extending east and west across the continent, bears annually a heavy traffic burden. In the past the numerous streams and low-lying marshes bordering the Gulf of Mexico, have presented serious difficulties to the motorist.

Varying Summer Drinks

Instead of serving iced tea, coffee or lemonade all during the season, try Apricot Punch, Orange Mint Cup, Raspberry Shrub or Peach Punch for a change. A very tempting mocha beverage can be made with rich milk and eight teaspoons of strong cereal beverage to the glass. Iced cocoa made with rich milk is also wholesome, and beloved by children.

Babe Ruth says that no boy should smoke until he is twenty-one. If the same rule were made for girls it would be quite a hardship as no flapper passes the age of twenty any more until she is at least fifty.

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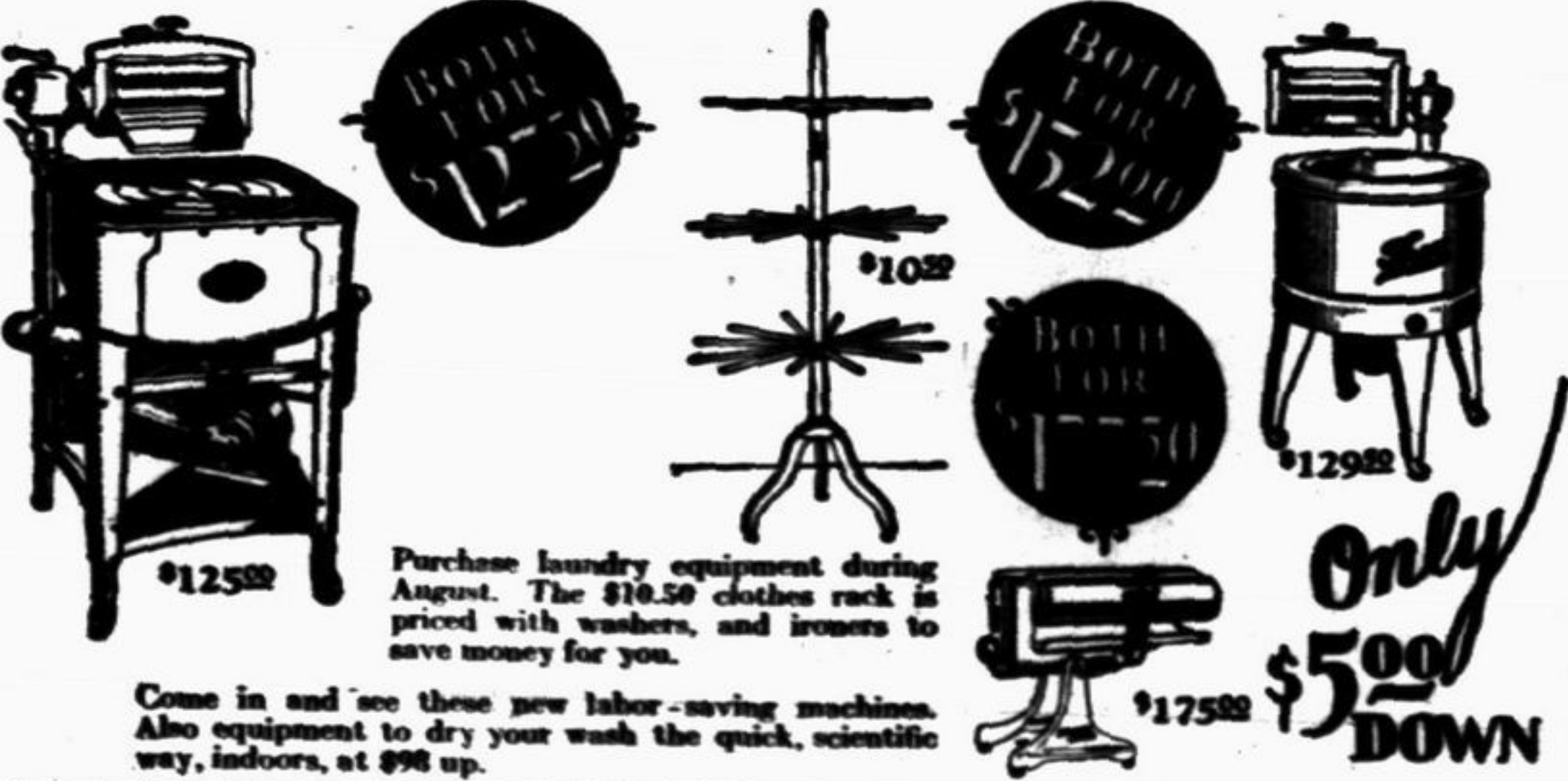


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