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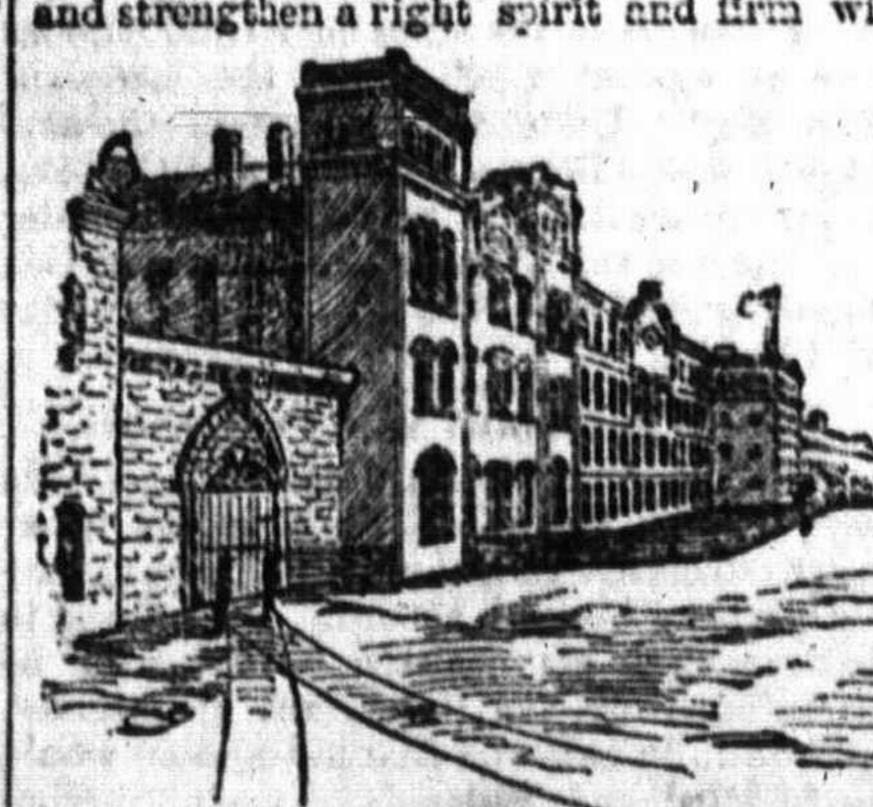
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the board with two blank forms, one of which must be filled in and signed by the prosecuting attorney of the county in which he was convicted, the other by the person who agrees to give him employment. The former must certify, in the words of the form, that to his knowledge the applicant for parole "has not been convicted of a penal offense prior to the crime for which he is now sentenced," and also that he has "no knowledge of any other indictment or other serious charge pending that would render the parole of the said applicant unsafe or injudicious."

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TABLE NO. 1. Total number of prisoners paroled....... 202. Number discharged by expiration of sentence. 123 TABLE NO. 2. Number who have violated the conditions of Number whose whereabouts is unknown....

Reasons for the same:

Number who have been returned to prison ... 12 TABLE NO. 8. Number returned to the prison..... Drunkenness and disorder'y conduct

vious table, the various charges upon which such paroled persons were imprisoned.

Thus it appears that of the 302 prisoners paroled, but 34, or 11 per cent., have violated the conditions; of the 34, 21 have been acrused of nothing worse than removal from the state before being discharged by the board; of the remaining 13, 8 have been rehend of drunkenness and disorderly conduct,

The crimes with which these prisoners

stand charged are among the most heinous,

and the fact that but 2 per cent. of these offenses have been repeated is the best possible argument in favor of the general adoption of the parole system as a reformatory measure. It is, of course, scarcely to be expected that as favorable a showing as the one here given can be looked for under all circumstances; nevertheless, the parole system will be found upon trial to be not only a good but a great one. It is founded upon the principle so beautifully enunciated by Pertia when pleading with Shylock, that "earthly power doth then show likest God's, when mercy seasons justice."

Under the parole system the prisoner enters the service of an employer who is conversant with the story of his shame, from



whom he has nothing to conceal, and to whom he is entitled to look for sympathy and protection. If he labors faithfully, diligently and understandingly, he will have acquired, by the time his sentence expires, an experience in the special work assigned him that will render his services valuable to his employer; he will have formed habits of frugality, temperance and self reliance; and he will find himself so far advanced in a career of honesty and usefulness, and so well satisfled with the efforts he has put forth to develop the nobler and better traits of his character, that the temptation to diverge from the path of rectitude will meet with but slight consideration from one who has begun to taste the sweets that a well spent life assures.

The penitentiary of Ohio is a model institution of its kind. Its fire department, composed of convicts, is well drilled and efficient. Two cuts of individual prisoners which accompany this article show the uniform used.

Gen. Nathan Goff.

Gen. Nathan Goff, who has been nominated by the Republicans for governor of West Virginia, has had an exceedingly active and varied career for a man of 44 years. He was

born Oct. 9, 1843, at Clarksburg, W. Va., was graduated at an early age from the University of New York, and enlisted at the beginning of the war in the Third Virginia, Union, volunteers. In 1863 he was made major of Fourth Virginia cavalry, and obtained higher rank

afterwards by NATHAN GOFF. brevet. In 1865 he was admitted to the bar, and elected to the legislature; in 1868 he was appointed United States district attorney for his state, and held that office till 1881, when he resigned to fill out the few weeks remaining of the term as secretary of the navy from which Hon. Richard W. Thompson had

Brer Rabbit is Dead.

resigned. After another term as district at-

torney he was elected to congress in 1884 and

re-elected in 1886.

The humble country people, the toilers, are advancing in knowledge, in ideas, in language. The time was when most every family and their kindred had a dialect of their own. There was a whole settlement in Gwinnett county who said "wall" for well-"yaas" for yes, and added eh to every break in their sentences. "He told me eh that he was a gwine to-town eh, and I asked him eh to bring me some coffee ch." There was another very numerous family who enclosed their sentences with "so it wus," or "so he did," or "so I will." "I have bought me a cow, so I have, and I gave \$15 for her, so 1 did." There are still people living among the hills of north Georgia who say you'uns and we'uns, but they are growing few and old. I knew a good woman who called her daughter Thella, and when I asked what the child's name was, said: "Her name is Othello, but I call her Thella for short."

But the children and grandchildren of these good old fashioned people make no such mistakes. The schoolmaster is abroad in the land, and the press is circulating knowledge everywhere. Miss Murfree cannot now find the people nor the dialect in Smoky mountain that she writes so charmingly about. Betsy Hamilton can't find her quaint and curious characters in north Alabama. Col. Newman can't find the north Georgia cracker around Canton. That generation has well nigh gone. Even the negroes have ceased to use their old time folk lore, and brer rabbit and brer fox have ceased to discuss their private affairs,-Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

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A new route for the Nicaragua canal has been discovered which is much more favorable than the line laid out in 1885. By the new route it is said that the total length of the excavation from Ochoa to Greytown will not exceed nineteen miles, and will consist of several short embankments instead of one long one. The cost will be greatly reduced. -Chicago Herald.

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