

Readers Guide to Forgotten Reformer

I. Preface

1. What are we doing wrong?
2. Who is the “forgotten reformer?”
3. What is nepotism?
4. What is our present day imprisonment rate?
5. Who is Jim Webb?

II. Introduction

1. What was “the tragedy long remembered?”
2. In what two ways was 1857 significant in Illinois?
3. What was transportation?
4. What was the most prevalent capital punishment in Colonial America?
5. Who was Thomas Graunger?
6. Who was Cesare Beccaria?
7. What was the “hedonistic calculus?”
8. What were the “republican codes?”
9. What are the “Blue Laws?”
10. How did the Common Law defy American ideology?
11. What state led in the republican code movement?
12. What constituted first degree murder in the new codes?
13. What was the House of Refuge movement?
14. What was the penitentiary movement?
15. What was the impact of Quakerism?
16. How did the Auburn system differ from the Pennsylvania one?
17. What was the Know Nothing Party?
18. What was the “crooked ladder of success in America?”
19. Who was John Morressey?
20. What was law enforcement like in Colonial and New Nation America?
21. How do the middle class figure into the development of criminal justice?
22. What is the “spoils system?”
23. How did the creation of the modern police impact prisons?
24. How did regionalism impact criminal justice?
25. Where did colonial Puritanism end up in the New Nation?
26. How did “neo Puritanism” view punishment?
27. How did evangelical Christianity impact punishment?
28. What was de Tocqueville’s insight into America’s governance and prisons?
29. What was John Lock’s social contract?
30. What is “empire building?”
31. Who was Elam Lynds?
32. For Lynds what constituted a good leader?
33. Was there another view as to a good leader in prison management?
34. How would Robert McClaughry be so unique?

III Part 1

1. What were the molding influences that shaped McClaghry?
2. What was Thomas Ford's view on Hancock County, Illinois?
3. What were the migration patterns to early Illinois?
4. How important was Presbyterianism in the New Nation?
5. What was the Presbyterian message that fit well into America?
6. How important were the Mormons to early central Illinois?
7. What was Nauvoo?
8. What was Abraham Lincoln's link to Carthage?
9. What does McClaghry's education tell us about the place of his family in central Illinois?
10. What was characteristic of the colleges of Illinois?
11. What was McClaghry's first public speaking like?
12. How did McClaghry become a major during the Civil War?
13. What did a major do in the army in the nineteenth century?
14. What was the difference between "professional" and "political" officers of rank during the Civil War?
15. Which was McClaghry?
16. What injured the "boys of 61" more than anything?
17. What was the drill sergeant like?
18. What vices characterized the camp life?
19. What was Lincoln's impact on McClaghry?
20. What were McClaghry's business and political adventures like after the war?

IV Part 2

1. Why did crime increase after the Civil War?
2. How did the nature of homicide change?
3. What were some of the problems at Alton?
4. What was the lease system of work?
5. Why was Joliet selected for the new prison?
6. Who ran the prison in its earliest days?
7. Who was S.C. Lathrop?
8. What was the "good time" law?
9. What was significant about the Joseph Wham story?
10. What was the nickname for Joliet?
11. What was Whiskey Row in Joliet?
12. What made McClaghry's political party affiliation so interesting in Illinois at this time?
13. What happened at The Hub in Chicago?
14. Who were "flashmen?"
15. What was the hardest work for prisoners at Joliet?
16. What was the "count?"
17. What was the purpose of the tattoo?
18. Why was Billy Forrester one of the "best marked criminals in America?"
19. What was the most popular tattoo at Joliet?

20. What does the William Ritchie story suggest?
21. What happened to prison labor as the national economy crumbled in the 1870s?
22. How did organized labor feel about prison made goods?
23. What kinds of discipline occurred at Joliet?
24. Who was Benjamin Meyhew?
25. Who constituted the “treatment” staff?
26. How well were the guards paid?
27. What does the sound signature of a cell door tell the guard?
28. What does the Reid/Reed incident show?
29. How did McClaughry’s character shape his notions of punishment and reform?
30. Who was Zebulon Brockway?
31. What did McClaughry, on July 4th 1875 do that was revolutionary?
32. What does the Martin Guerre story show?
33. Who was Alphonso Bertillon?
34. What were the critical measurements taken in this new identification system?
35. Why was the prison the logical place to introduce such an identification system?
36. How important was the departure ceremony for McClaughry at Joliet?
37. Given the list of people who showed up was it successful?
38. How important was Rutherford Hayes to these early penologists?

V. Part 3

1. What did the murder of Helen Jewett and the trial that followed say about youth culture?
2. What is a “door stoop” child?
3. What was an orphan train?
4. Why did street gangs arise?
5. What were “combat gangs?”
6. What was the favorite juvenile crime?
7. What were “dime novels?”
8. Who was Ragged Dick?
9. Who was James Pomeroy?
10. Who was Charles Miller?
11. What was onanism?
12. Why did onanism become a national hysteria in post Civil War America?
13. What did Wines and Dwight’s study find?
14. What was the reformatory movement?
15. Why was Elmira so important?
16. What kinds of criminals came to Huntingdon?
17. What three categories of inmates were in Huntingdon?
18. What was education like at Huntingdon?
19. What were some of the problems McClaughry faced at Huntingdon?
20. What happened to the reformatory after McClaughry left?

VI. Part 4

1. How important was the World’s Fair to Chicago?

2. Who was Carter Harrison?
3. What two views of the Sabbath were held in Chicago (and the rest of the nation, too) at this time?
4. What was the pari mutual system of gambling?
5. What was a pool room?
6. What was the Sporting and Club House Directory?
7. What was the Levee?
8. Who was Clifton Wooldridge?
9. What were the two largest minority groups in Chicago at the time?
10. What was the average age of the Chicago police in the 1890s?
11. Where did the real power reside in Chicago's nineteenth century police?
12. Why was McClaughry made chief of police?
13. According to McClaughry how many "waifs" were there in Chicago?
14. Who was John Bonfield?
15. Who were the Lords of the Levee?
16. Who was Michael Schaack?
17. What are the Chicago Shoguns?
18. Why were city detectives slow in developing?
19. How did ethnic immigrants impede policing?
20. What is a police subculture?
21. Why did a police subculture come into existence?
22. Why was John Flinn's book important?
23. What was the Haymarket incident?
24. What was the Daily Police Bulletin?
25. How important was the anarchist movement?
26. What was the Greif raid?
27. How important were the Germans when it came to radicalism?
28. What does the Frederick Marsh story reveal?
29. Why was prostitution largely left alone?
30. Who was H.H. Holmes?
31. Why was the World's Fair important to McClaughry's being picked to be chief?
32. What was the World's Fair police?
33. How did other cities (like Boston) view Chicago?
34. How did McClaughry use his position as Chicago's World's Fair chief of police to further professionalization of police chiefs and wardens?

VII Part 5

1. What was "nurture" v "nature" in criminology?
2. What was "Bloody Maxwell?"
3. Who was Buff Higgens?
4. Who were the Maxwell brothers?
5. What was the "Indiana Idea?"
6. What is eugenics?
7. What were the historic phases of the Chicago jail?

8. Who was John Peter Altgeld?
9. What was Our Penal Machinery and Its Victims?
10. What reformers at Joliet did Altgeld implement?
11. Who was Dr. Peter Langdon?
12. How did the office of chaplain become an issue at Pontiac?
13. Who was Frank Hamilton?
14. What was the Anti-Convict-Contract Association?
15. How did prison labor become a political issue?
16. How had Joliet changed since McClaughry's last tenure?
17. What new problems confronted McClaughry at Joliet?
18. How was Harry Schwartz a problem for McClaughry?
19. How unhealthy was Joliet prison?

VIII Part 6

1. What does it take to become a "profession?"
2. Who was Enoch Cobb Wines?
3. How was Rutherford Hayes important to the formation of the National Prison Association?
4. Who was Roeliff Brinkerhoff?
5. What was the "politics of penology?"
6. What political groupings were involved in penal reforms?
7. What was the "Warden's Association?"
8. What were the three purposes of the Warden's Association?
9. Initially, what were the relationships between the NPA and the Warden's Association?
10. How did the words "penitentiary" and "prison" become interchangeable?
11. What was the difference of those words and how did they become a political issue?
12. Who was Michael Cassidy?
13. How did McClaughry and Cassidy differ?
14. How did the wardens differ when it came to the reformatory ideology?
15. What was McClaughry's position on the reformatory ideology for the adult prisoner?
16. What was parole?
17. What was the Bertillon system?
18. Why were so many wardens against the Bertillon system?
19. Why was McClaughry's elevation to the presidency of the NPA so significant?
20. What was McClaughry's speaking style?
21. Why was his speaking style so significant and suggestive?
22. What was the largest mass hanging executions in US history?
23. What was the "battle of the currents?"
24. Where were executions typically carried out in nineteenth century America?
25. Who was William Kemmler?

IX. Part 7

1. Who was William Franklin?
2. How many US Marshals were there in preCivil War America?
3. What is meant by "down in the valley?"

4. What were the Twin Hells?
5. Why did it take so long to create a federal penal system?
6. Where most federal criminals kept before the creation of the federal prison?
7. Where were the first three federal prisons?
8. Who was James W. French?
9. Who was John Grindstone?
10. Who was William Pierce?
11. Why were the guards so unhappy under French's administration?
12. How long was McClaughry warden at Leavenworth?
13. What were the numerous challenges facing McClaughry at the federal prison?
14. What did the federal prison in Kansas look like?
15. How important was the picture postcard as a device for interpretation for the historian?
16. How healthy was the federal prison?
17. How were the inmates fed?
18. How did McClaughry deal with the newspapers at Leavenworth?
19. What were the educational opportunities at Leavenworth?
20. How important were team sports in the prison?
21. What baseball teams existed?
22. What is "empire building?"
23. What place did McClaughry's Bertillon system play at Leavenworth/
24. Why was the "Big House" coined as a descriptor of Leavenworth?
25. What was the Big Mutiny of 1901?
26. What was the Will West incident?
27. What was the Great Mutiny of 1910?
28. Who was Thomas Kating?
29. What are the three T's when analyzing science?
30. Who was Frank Grigware?
31. How did prisoner John Walsh, and his like, pose a problem for McClaughry?
32. What was the McDonough problem?
33. How did the Poe brothers pose a problem for McClaughry?
34. What was the Kating letter?
35. Who was Frank Lemon?
36. What was McClaughry's position on civil service testing?
37. Who was Arthur Trelford?
38. What was the "progressive era?"
39. How did the federal bureaucracy become a problem for McClaughry?
40. What were the "muckrakers?"
41. What was Appeal to Reason?
42. Why did McClaughry retire?
43. What was McClaughry's family life like?
44. Who were McClaughry's children?
45. When his wife died who did McClaughry marry?

X. Afterword : Forlorn Hope

1. What is meant by “forlorn hope?”
2. What was the progressive movement?
3. What was the Chicago school of sociology?
4. Who was August Vollmer?
5. How was probation “scientific?”
6. How much did it cost to incarcerate a person in the early twentieth century?
7. What was the cost of probation for an individual?
8. What problems emerged about probation?
9. What were the problems of parole?
10. What was the “sisters keepers” movement?
11. What was the Mutual Welfare League?
12. How did Stateville negate the progressive design?
13. Who was Joseph Ragen?
14. What did Clemmer’s book *The Prison Community* show?
15. Who were the modern day desperadoes?
16. What was the Katzenbach Commission?
17. What was LEAA?