

FRANK IS PRAISED

BY JOHN O. PARMELE

National Pencil Company Director Gives Written Statement of Confidence in Superintendent.

Declaring that he cannot too strongly indorse Leo Frank's moral character or business capacity, John O. Parmele, president of the Parmele company, manufacturers and importers, and a member of the board of directors of the National Pencil factory, last night gave The Constitution a written statement:

"I am a member of the board of directors of the National Pencil factory," he writes. "My duties require me to be at the factory and in the private office of our superintendent, Mr. Leo M. Frank, and through the different departments of our plant. For about five years Mr. Frank has been our superintendent, and I wish to say that I have never known a more efficient, a more intelligent, a kinder or more conscientious worker. My intimate association with Mr. Frank enables me to say with the greatest pleasure that I have never known a nobler, nor truer nature; one who exemplifies in everyday life true manhood.

"Mr. Frank is a God-fearing man, and stands for all that is good in our community.

(Signed) "JOHN O. PARMELE."

CHAIN GANG PRISONERS ARE POLLUTING SOIL

Washington, May 24.—Prisoners in chain gangs in many communities are compelled to live under conditions of filth that are ideal for the spread of soil pollution diseases, according to an announcement today by Professor Charles Wardell Stiles, of the public health service, who has made a study of conditions in penal institutions.

"During the past twenty years," says Professor Stiles, "I have had a number of opportunities to observe prisoners in penitentiaries, prison farms, jails and chain gangs and have been seriously impressed with the average lack of cleanliness. With few exceptions the authorities permitted things to occur which were dangerous to the communities."

CHARGES ARE DENIED BY THE SCHOOL CHIEF

Pittsburg, May 24.—Public sessions of the citizens' committee investigating rumors reflecting on S. L. Heeter, superintendent of Pittsburg schools, came to a close this afternoon after the superintendent took the stand and denied charges made recently by Mrs. Arthur H. Wessels, who was Miss Alice Lang, a stenographer in the superintendent's office. Mr. Heeter, under examination, said that he did not invite Mrs. Wessels to be unduly intimate, and that he neither threw his arms around her nor attempted to kiss her. His statements were corroborated by two clerks in his office now.

The committee went into secret session to hear the testimony of other witnesses. It is expected a report will be submitted to the board of education Tuesday.