

Prisoners' Behavior

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what the picture meant

Name Is Cut Off.

"The picture came to me," she said, "while I was in prison at Jefferson. I don't know who made it. The lower half, containing the artist's name, has been cut off by the prison authorities. I hung it up in my cell, and it became a source of comfort. I returned after making over my cell, the cell was almost dark, a awful air of gloom, and light came from an electric light in front of the men's tier. I saw a painting, so that when I came each night, the light cut through the darkness above my face.

"It presented hope to me and at the same time comfort and solace. It was because it looked like a daughter, who, however I never saw her. I remember when I was sick with influenza I carried on conversations with it. It seemed to answer me.

"One day a priest brought me a picture of Saint Catherine, which I kept for the painting, and with it I was almost content."

"I brought back from Jefferson cases of books, among them photographed copies of volumes by George, Carl Sandburg, Charles Rann Kennedy, William Williams, Harlan E. Francis K. Hackett and Everett Hawkins.

"I am not warranted to say conditions.

"I am going to Mr. Metschan the president of the union by July 1st and I am sure the public sentiment which has been to be existing is most

"I will not be necessary to say before they are signed.

"I am motored down with his car to Portland, stopping in each city to discuss the matter with hotelmen, and everywhere I find sentiment strong.

"The rate increases which the union has allowed.

"Mr. Metschan stated that the commission, in allowing the rate increase acted on a plan, a plan which occurred in the recent war commission was extremely vicious. The rate was for a 30 per cent increase. The commission gave them a plan which in the case of large business firms was from 75 to 200 per cent.

"I think if we had been given the right to have a referendum before a fair and honest trial that we would not have been forced to pay these great rates. Oregon rates are in proportion to those of other states on each side of us. It is a hotel about the size of the Fairmont with 50 more phones. The rate is less per month than we are to pay. The Fairmont in San Francisco, is about the size of the Multnomah and is in its telephone service 100 less per month than the Multnomah is required to pay.

"I am not concerned with the rates. The hotel has been built and the Umpqua at Roseburg. The Medford hotel per month and the Umpqua

"I figured on eight per cent expense concerned with the business, taking the prices of a year ago and today. On the telephone rates led to an increase of 141 per cent. During that time had been 18 per cent and wages

"The average was 11 per cent increase, the telephone rates almost twice the average. We maintain long distance for the telephone company. The returns we receive from the commission, must furnish a guarantee all payments for our expense. The rate on these booths would be more than \$350 per month and we receive no rental on

"I think that the commission is so punitive so that in the case of a misbehavior is not given. We can be removed and replaced by a man whose work will give satisfaction. The commission will give better protection for all

"We have been proposed to be circulated at once. Mr. W. J. Weaver, of the Oregon Telephone Company, will have charge of the telephone in this locality. Mr. Weaver has only a few hours a week to give prominent work and is returning to Portland the