

HONOR SYSTEM IN HIGHWAY WORK PROVES SUCCESS

"The honor system applied to 120 convicts taken from the San Quentin penitentiary and worked on a thirty-mile stretch of public highway in California is a success," states Frank Kittredge, former assistant state highway engineer of Oregon, now superintendent of convict labor for the California highway commission, who has under his charge 120 convicts, who work under a foreman as other workmen do, without a guard at any time.

"We have all classes of criminals among these workmen," continued Mr. Kittredge, "life-terminers for murder, highwaymen of the bad coast type, and on through the various grades down to the larcenist. We are using them to construct thirty miles of highway between San Francisco and Crescent City, for building which the state commission has no money. It will prove to be a very valuable highway when completed, but it passes through a rugged, rough, mountainous country and would require a large expenditure of money in its construction if done under the ordinary contract system.

Costs the State Nothing

"Being done by the convicts, it costs the state practically nothing. They are paid nothing for their work. They do it willingly to obtain their liberty. They seem to regard it as a special privilege to escape the prison walls and the wretched prison life. We feed them well and house them in tents or wooden shacks along the route of work—and they are content.

"There is not a prisoners' guard on the job. We have two camps of sixty men each, with one foreman and three sub-foremen for each camp. On Sundays the men are permitted to roam about the mountains and enjoy sight-seeing without an attendant. We have been working them three months in this manner and have had no serious trouble. A few had to be sent back to prison because they refused to work regularly and really became a disturbing element at times. They were agitators of the I. W. W. type.

"The great majority of the prisoners, however, show their appreciation by working faithfully—and by good behavior in other respects.

Prefer Hard Work

"There are no attempts at running away. They know they are not guarded, but they prefer hard work to the sordid, wrecking life of the penitentiary. They speak of this phase of their liberty frequently. Some of them expect commutation of sentence for good behavior, while they all apparently yearn for entire freedom again. There are many thoughtful, serious-minded men among them. Some of them are married men and sincerely hope to be able to return to their wives and little ones.

"In the spring I will have about 400 convicts in camp under the same condition. We have had thirty inches of rain during the past three months, but we have lost only one day on account of bad weather.

"That kind of employment fits the prisoners for the profitable use of their time when they are released to pursue civil life again. It serves to protect their health and keeps them in better temper to take up their lawful citizenship responsibilities.

"The honor system is one of the special features of Governor Johnson's second administration. It will prove an economic success, as well as a triumph from a humanitarian point of view. Governor West of Oregon applied it with success, also. In Washington the convicts are worked on the more expensive guard system."

CHINESE PROVINCE OPPOSES CHANGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—A cablegram received today by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese republic association from revolutionary leaders in Shanghai stated that a total of seven provinces have declared themselves against the new Chinese monarchy. In response to telegrams sent to military leaders in the provinces by the Shanghai headquarters, it was said, active support of the revolution was promised.

Five provinces were reported in revolt in a cablegram yesterday.

DANES REFUSE TO HEAR FORD PEACE PARTY

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28.—The Danish government will prohibit the members of the Ford peace expedition from holding meetings under a decision rendered after the recent visit of Erling Bjornson, son of the late Norwegian dramatist, who endeavored to deliver a lecture on the European war. The decision rendered at the time was that no foreigners would be permitted to lecture on the war or the belligerent powers.

BEGIN VIGOROUS BATTLE AGAINST ORCHARD PESTS

To the Farmers and Fruit Growers of Jackson County:

Mr. Claude C. Cate is now in charge of the fruit inspection in this county and as pathologist is ready and willing to aid you at all times in any questions relating to agriculture or horticulture. Mr. Cate wishes that you will consult him freely and that you would bring to his notice anything which might prove of interest to the farming or fruit growing industries in the valley.

At a meeting with the county inspectors it was decided to immediately start a vigorous campaign against our old enemy, the blight. The inspectors have been given orders that all cases of blight which may come under their observation must be promptly eliminated. Under the joint orders of Mr. Cate and myself, the inspectors have no alternative but to enforce the prompt cutting out and burning of all blight infected wood.

Importance of Action

It seems needless for me to dwell at any length on the importance of immediate action in this matter so I will only say a few words on this subject. Spring is comparatively a short way off. The weather, between now and the blooming period is uncertain and in order to accomplish much every opportunity must be taken advantage of. In a short time we will all be rushed with our spring work and unless the blight is removed now there is a great chance that in the spring rush a great deal of it will be overlooked.

It seems to be a mistaken idea among some fruit growers that the only source of infection from blight in spring is from a hold-over. This is not the case, as each infection made from the hold-over is in itself a new source of infection. So that an infection originating from a hold-over is only a starter, after that every infection is another source of trouble.

Therefore, in order to prevent an outbreak in the spring, it is our desire to eliminate every known infection before the sap begins to flow.

23,000 Acres of Orchard

We have about 23,000 acres of trees in the county and we have but four inspectors to look after these. It must also be remembered that these 23,000 acres is only orchard acreage and means that, in order to go over them, a greater part of the entire county must be covered. The county court has shown itself to be perfectly willing to aid us at all times and I have no doubt that we can have as many more inspectors as we may need. But it is our desire that we hold the cost of inspection down to the last cent and we are firmly convinced that, for the present at least, our inspection force is ample.

This, however, is true only in as far as you, as growers and taxpayers, care to make it. The state horticultural laws require you to keep your orchards, shade trees, etc., free from diseases and it is mandatory upon the commissioner and inspectors to carry out the law. Now, if we receive your hearty co-operation, we can handle the situation economically and efficiently and without trouble or friction. Therefore, it is up to you to get behind this movement and make it a success.

In order to accomplish this we now appeal to you immediately to cut out and burn all blight infected wood in your trees. DO IT NOW.

Want to be Driven

The other day a man, in another county, came to me and said: "You have been after me to clean up and I have done it. Now, I am after you to see that you make the others do the same." That is what we want every one of you to say to us. We want you to drive us; we don't want to have to drive you.

In conclusion I wish to say that it is the desire of Mr. Cate and myself to serve you at all times to the best of our ability. As I have six other counties in my district the actual handling of the inspectors must be with Mr. Cate. You will find him a man who is very anxious to please you and an intense desire to make a success of his work here. He is not only versed in horticulture, but also in agriculture, and he wishes the farmer to consult him as well as the fruit grower. I therefore urgently request all fruit growers and farmers to give him, not only your moral support, but work with him personally to the end that we may attain success for us all. A. C. ALLEN, Horticultural Commissioner 3d Dist.

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Star Has Feature Film Today



ESSANAY'S 6 ACT FEATURE THE BLINDNESS OF VIRTUE

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girl can be subjected to grows out of her ignorance regarding certain problems of the maturing body. And this ignorance is laid on the head of her mother—whose great duty it is to open her eyes. Effie, the girl who portrays ignorance, is played by Edna Mayo. Bryant Washburn plays opposite her as Archie, the minister's protegee and protector of Effie. Children under fourteen not admitted.

FEDERALS PAID \$425,000 FOR ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 28.—Owners of the St. Louis Federals paid \$425,000 for the St. Louis Americans, it was learned today. This included \$25,000 commission to certain stockholders in the St. Louis Americans who swung the deal. Stock of the club brought \$500 a share.

The purchasers did not have to take over a \$45,000 mortgage on the plant.

SERBIA SUBSIDIZED BY FRENCH GOLD

BERLIN, Dec. 28, by wireless.—The Overseas News agency says: "The Vienna Reichspost says that during the whole war Serbia received each month 30,000,000 to 25,000,000 francs in gold from France. These payments included subsidies for Montenegro."

With Medford trade in Medford made.

ASK CONGRESS FOR BUILDING TO HOUSE ARCHIVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Resolutions calling upon congress for an appropriation with which to construct a national archives building in this city were adopted at a joint meeting here today of the American Historical association, the American Economic association, the American Political Science association and other national societies.

Senator Miles Pointexter of Washington presided and he, with other speakers, dwelt upon the need of a building in which to house the government records.

It was pointed out that the national government was not only far behind other foreign countries in the matter of caring for its records, but of many American states and private corporations as well.

The resolutions recited that records and papers of the federal government of priceless value were scattered through repositories in Washington and elsewhere in unsafe and unsuitable buildings and constantly exposed to danger from fire. The only true remedy for this condition, the resolutions said, was the construction of a national archives building for the proper housing of the documents.

WEDDING BELLS

J. F. Propf and Miss Marie Frederick were united in marriage at the home of Rev. F. W. Carstens Christmas morning, only the immediate friends being present. After the wedding they returned to the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. W. Snider, where a bonafide wedding dinner was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Propf, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

RUSSIANS REPORT MINOR SUCCESSES ALONG EAST FRONT

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 28.—The official statement issued today by general headquarters reads as follows:

"Western front: At Schmarden, in the direction of the coast region, a Russian detachment organized a surprise attack upon a German post. At 4 o'clock in the morning the Russians approached without being seen, cut the wire obstacles in many places, threw themselves upon the German huts, flung hand grenades through the windows and after a hand to hand encounter destroyed the whole post. Six prisoners were taken. In spite of the heavy fire from the south the Russians retired successfully with insignificant losses.

"In the region of Czartorysk village, near a cemetery in the village of Novo Podberevitchi, we annihilated another German post, taking 15 prisoners.

"In the Black sea near the Bulgarian shore our torpedo boats destroyed two sailing vessels and bombarded posts upon the shore. The enemy's submarines attacked our destroyer, the Gromkii, near the Bulgarian coast. The Gromkii skillfully evaded two torpedoes and repulsed an attack by gunfire. There is reason to believe that one of the submarines was sunk.

"Caucasus front: West of Khamadan our troops occupied the town of Assadabad. In a fight near the village of Rabatkerim, forty versts (about 27 miles) southwest of Teheran, with Persian gendarmes and tribes of Emir Khichmet, we took prisoner 71 insurgents."

Snider, Messrs. Howard, Grove, Raymond Powell, Jay H. Powell and Hobart Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Powell left on the evening train for a week's visit in Portland.

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