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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

## MERIT SYSTEM IS PUT INTO EFFECT AT PENITENTIARY

### Prisoners To Receive Time Credit for Good Behaviour and Compensation

## TIME CREDITS DO NOT APPLY TO LIFE SERVERS

### System in Force Only For Those Engaged in Outside Work Is Rule

The unanimous vote or consent of the state board of control this morning adopted a plan to put back into practice the old merit system at the state penitentiary, under the conditions will receive credits for the sentence of two days for one good behavior while engaged in outside work, not under guard, and all credits will receive compensation at the minimum rate of 25 cents per day for time performed in which the state is benefited. This does not include such menial inside work as kitchen, dining room, laundry, or other duties.

All prisoners employed upon outside work under guard and all inside work will receive time credits upon their terms at the rate of one and one-half days for one. Time credits, however, do not apply to those serving life terms. The new system is to go into effect immediately. The system was adopted upon the recommendations of the board in writing this morning.

The purpose of the new system is to encourage the prisoner by the credit and thereby give him an incentive for himself when released," said Governor Milton. "It should make little difference to us as officials of the state the length of time the convict may serve. Should it be his first offense, it should show by his conduct that he has kept away from the law in the future, and when in the judgment of the board, there is the time to give him his freedom. And the best asset he can take with him to the outside world for his good name and earned our confidence."

The Privileges Proposed.

All convicts who work upon the outside, without guard except under supervision of the warden or his deputy, shall be allowed two days for one day of work.

This will not be construed to mean that 5 men under sentence of one year will receive a total of 10 days of credit, but that 5 men will receive a total of 10 days of credit.

It is also understood if the prisoner's conduct justifies it, he shall receive two days for one from and for his order goes into effect. It is

## OREGON HOP YIELD FAR BELOW NORMAL IS LATEST REPORT

### Many Yards Neglected and Thousands of Missing Hills—Fully Third Reduction

## NEW MEMBERS NAMED U. OF O. BOARD REGENTS

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That there is not to exceed 20,000 acres of hops in the state of Oregon and that the yield for the year 1915 will not exceed 60 per cent of a normal crop, on account of missing hills and reduction in acreage—due to neglected yards and plowed up hops—is the opinion of the officers of the Oregon Hop Growers' association which is arrived at from the reports of conditions throughout the state by the field agents who are engaged in inspecting yards and signing up the growers in the organization. This notwithstanding the reports of a heavy yield coming from certain sources and given publicity for the purpose of discouraging growers and bearing down the market.

Records in the headquarters of the association has already been signed up and the hops pledged to the organization and there are from 10 to 12 agents in every field every day, visiting growers and signing them up at the rate of \$2,000 to \$5,000 per day. The officers of the association, who are in close touch with the situation and records, are confident that the big majority of the growers of the state will have been signed up before the end of this month, which will insure the success of the organization. After this is accomplished all of those who are holding back until the required 70 per cent has been signed, will come in the association without solicitation.

The association is signing up the growers upon the guaranteed contract basis of 8 to 11 cents, according to quality, and dealers are not inclined to contract at any price, even if they could get the hops. Better market conditions are expected on account of the anti-prohibition attitude of the English government and good prices are anticipated as soon as the blockade is raised on hop shipments to Europe out of New York. Encouraging reports are being received from the California situation, the latest report being received in a letter dated the first of this week, where the organization movement is going on steadily and surely.

Extracts from a communication recently received from George Hewlett of Hopland, California, one of the officers of the Sacramento valley association, follows:

"We have until May 1 within which to complete our organization. Our contract is substantially the same as agreed upon between us at Salem, except that we proceed in California should we obtain 60 per cent of the acreage, though we hope to get 70 per cent of the acreage, or even more, if possible.

"We are endeavoring to complete our organization along the lines of the Salem convention. In the event of our being unable to do so we will continue with you for the purpose of ascertaining what is the next best thing to do. We are hitting the line hard in California with absolute loyalty to both our sister states and nothing is being left under the bush as far as I know or am in a position to ascertain.

"You will observe under our contract that our minimum price is 11 cents but we hope, through organization, to get

## 5 VALLEY CITIES WILL HELP SALEM WELCOME FARMERS

### Invitations To Big Banquet Are Being Heartily Accepted

## SALEM BUSINESS MEN WILL ACT AS WAITERS

### Tables For Monster Feed Are Being Erected Today At Armory

The 3000 farmers and farmers' wives invited to the big dinner have kept the commercial club telephone ringing steadily the last two days, accepting the club's invitation to the big dinner planned for next Saturday noon.

The club is counting on feeding 5000 farmers at a minimum, and is making a desperate effort to supply the cats for that many outside neighbors. As at present outlined, the menu includes ham, beans, olives, pickles, cheese, salad, beans, pie, coffee and doughnuts. These will be served on immense tables in the armory, and Salem's leading business men will officiate in the novel role of waiters and hashers. A committee of prominent women has been appointed by Mrs. F. L. Elliott, president of the Salem Women's club, and these will decorate the tables with flowers and see that the farmers' wives are made to feel at home both during the dinner and during the domestic science demonstration that will be held in the armory basement.

The club was advised last night that there would be delegations from Salem's neighboring cities in to participate in the celebration and to show their good will toward the capital. Among the cities that will be officially represented are Woodburn, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Dallas and Independence. These delegations will be given special tables of honor, and will each be given a place on the program. The meeting is, however, primarily for the farmer living adjacent to Salem, and a special effort will be made to make his visit on this occasion a memorable one.

In addition to the regular series program, the club has been most fortunate in its list of amusement. The new band organized by the employees of the P. E. & L. have kindly volunteered their service for the occasion, and previous to the dinner will give a concert on the Salem streets. Dean F. S. Mendenhall, of the Willamette college of music, will bring down the University Glee club for songs and stunts. Also, Manager Ayre has volunteered his help in the entertaining line, and will send down what he guarantees to be one of the best vaudeville acts ever seen in Salem.

The tables for the monster feed are being erected at the armory today, and it is hoped to have everything in readiness promptly by 12:15 Saturday. Ex-Mayor Rodgers will preside over the speaking, and Mr. L. J. Chapin, county agriculturist, will direct the farmers' institute part of the work. The domestic science demonstration will be in charge of Miss Edwards, of the Salem high school.

## PRUNES REPORTED DROPPING HEAVILY IN THE LOWLANDS

### Prophets Disagree As to Crop Prospects—Some Contracting—Big Pool

## FIERCE FIGHTING IN UPPER ALSACE RESULTS IN FRENCH MAKING GAIN OF NEARLY A MILE IS ANNOUNCEMENT

### Germans Take Offensive in LePretre Forest And Are Repulsed After Making Furious Attacks on Allied Positions, Is Report Given Out

While some commission men and growers have developed somewhat discouraging views regarding the prospects for this year's prune crop, and forecast a reduction of from 60 to 75 per cent from the normal crop for the state, other entertain more optimistic ideas and believe that, if conditions prove no worse than the present situation indicates there is no good cause for alarm and that the crop will come fully up to the average. Late frosts, cold rains and other weather uncertainties of the future, of course, are as yet to be reckoned with. At the worst it is conceded that the crop will be far greater than that of last year, which was about one-third of normal.

Fred G. Drager, of the Drager Prune company, states that, if the reports he has been receiving of heavy dropping of the blossoms in the upland orchards is as serious, he places the crop estimate for this year at from 60 to 75 per cent of a normal crop, which is between 20 and 20 million pounds, but that it is a little early to make an intelligent forecast of the crop indications and nothing definite will be known for a week or 10 days. Other dealers, notably the Salem Fruit union and H. S. Gile & Co., do not entertain quite such discouraging views, Mr. Walter Jenks, of the latter company, stating that his bottom orchards do not indicate heavier dropping of fruit than usual with the Italian trees and he does not anticipate a short crop.

While the prune market is quiet at the present time and there is not much indication of immediate activity there is some dealing reported in futures, the basic price being from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents upon the basis of five sizes which means about 5 cents for 40-50s. H. S. Gile reports having sold a couple of carloads of their own crop on contract, and the Salem Fruit Union may enter the market during the coming week, depending upon conditions. The pool books of the Salem fruit union will close this evening and Manager Olinger of the union states that the pool will be fully up to that of last year, which embraces approximately 5,600 acres, and probably more.

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## EIGHT LIVES LOST WHEN DAM BREAKS

### Reservoir Above St. Johns, Arizona, Floods Large Area—Several Missing

Phoenix, Ariz., April 15.—Eight persons are known to have been drowned when the Lyman reservoir, 12 miles above the town of St. Johns, in northern Arizona, broke early today. Several persons are missing and it is feared that the death toll will be heavier.

The flood poured into the town with no warning other than a terrific roar which preceded the waters only a few seconds. Considerable property damage was done, according to brief messages received here.

Three of the victims of the flood were grandchildren of Mrs. Rachel Barry, a member of the Arizona assembly.

Two smaller reservoirs near St. Johns, the message said, were weakening, and were likely to give way.

The reservoir impounded 20,000 acre feet of water and was four miles long by one mile wide. It was built to conserve the waste of the Little Colorado river and was constructed at great expense by the settlers of the district.

The melting of heavy snows under the spring thaw caused the walls to collapse.

All of the victims lived in the valley close to the dam. There was no loss of life at St. Johns.

## MAKED ROBBERS HOLD-UP TRAIN TODAY

### Gang of Twenty Gather In Loot From N. Y. Central Valued at \$50,000

## COUNTERFEITERS ARE CAUGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

### San Francisco, April 15.—Dashing down San Francisco bay in the police boat patrol, United States secret service agents rushed the sloop "Harnacle" at its anchorage near Sausalito today and arrested Thomas B. Boggs, William B. Young and Frank Harrison on charges of counterfeiting.

## THAW WANTS TO BE TRIED FOR INSANITY

### He Believes He Would Be Adjudged Sane—Arguments Heard This Afternoon

## THE WEATHER

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## MONSTERS OF AIR DROP EXPLOSIVES AND TWO MEN AND ONE WOMAN ARE HURT, ONE BUILDING DESTROYED AND THREE DAMAGED—CRUISES OVER TYNE DISTRICT FOR 35 MINUTES

### London, April 15.—Lives of thousands of persons were endangered by the deadly raid of the Second Zeppelin over the Tyne district today when a train was derailed at Chatham Square. Trains were stalled throughout the entire system from lower Manhattan to the Bronx and thousands braved the dangers of the exposed trestle rail to walk back to stations from the stalled trains.

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