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Do You Need a Job? Ask Uncle Sam

In the January Woman's Home Companion Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson says:

If you want a job, ask Uncle Sam. If you want an employee, ask Uncle Sam. The service is free. Distance is no object. Your postmaster will act as employing agent and the Government will do the rest.

The national employment bureau, operated under the auspices of the Department of Labor, will receive applications for employment from any individual in the United States; it is ready to find help for employers. The object is not only to bring the "personless" job and the "jobless" person together, but to put the right person in the right place. It is one of the biggest things the Government of the United States has ever undertaken.

I earnestly commend the facilities of this bureau, not only to any and all employers but to all individuals seeking work. Women can make use of it freely and readily as men. The success of the entire plan now depends upon the willingness with which the average wage earner seeking a position will make use of the Government's aid in getting the job.

The Department of Agriculture and the Postoffice Department are both co-operating with the Department of Labor to make the project a success. Employment blanks have been sent to all postmasters of the country and to every field agent of the Department of Agriculture. These blanks may be had upon request. Employers will state upon them the number and kind of employees they are in need of, and employees will specify, in turn, the kind of work they want. It makes no difference what kind of work it is; it may be housework, stenography, farming, bricklaying, cooking, domestic help. The blanks will, upon their return, be assorted and classified, and then the Department of Labor, through its Division of Information, will make its effort to bring the wage earner and the job together."

One Dollar on the Farm Worth Three in City.

In the January Woman's Home Companion Robert Lane Wells tells us why the farmer's money goes farther than the salesman's or clerk's.

"It is commonly understood," he

says, "that an income of one thousand dollars a year in the country, that is, on a farm, is equivalent to three thousand dollars in the city. I judge this is a fairly safe estimate. In fact, a good many farm families seem to have no income at all, in the city sense. In the course of the year they handle surprisingly little cash. Their actual needs are few and plain, and are met in an almost direct fashion by good Mother Nature. "Our family account books, which I have not quoted, show that we spent the first year about one half as much for clothing as in previous years; only a little more than one half as much for food; nothing for rent or fire wood; practically nothing for travel or amusement. We feel, though, that we ought to spend more on amusements."

Industrial Review.

Eugene will have Caterpillar cars on the streets.

A big merger plan for development of mining on a gigantic scale is proposed.

Burns promises \$125,000 if the Strahorn road will include that city. The Hawley paper mills at Oregon City plan \$500,000 addition, increasing capacity 60 per cent and employing 1000 hands.

Hood River has new industry, a roller mill.

The St. Helens creamery is now in operation.

Echo has let a contract for a \$10,000 city hall.

Lebanon has shipped two carloads of Christmas trees to San Francisco. Removal of an old building preparatory to the erection of a new \$100,000 postoffice at Roseburg is under way.

Woodmen of the World are planning a \$100,000 building in Portland. The Roseburg Catholic church will be remodeled at a cost of \$6,000.

Ben Mattheisen in six weeks took \$2200 in gold from placer mining on upper Willow creek.

A planing mill in Eugene will manufacture baseball bats.

The Pendleton postoffice shows an increase of 30 per cent.

It is estimated Oregon will spend \$4,000,000 on roads in 1916.

HIGH SCHOOL QUORUM IS REDUCED TO FOUR.

Social Hygiene Meeting to Convene at Imbler, December 17.

Imbler, Ore. Dec. 12.—(Special)—About thirty pupils are out of school and enjoying a visit from La Grippe. Last Friday only four were left in one high school room.

O. D. Fleener has been confined to his home for several days, suffering from a severe cold and neuralgia.

The stock dance Friday night was well attended.

Friday night at the I. A. C. hall occurred a double header basketball program. First the Alice and Imbler high school teams locked horns, the home team consisting mostly of substitutes, as the regular team is enjoying its share of gripe. The visitors obtained a strong lead during the first half, due to superior team work, and the game ended 31 to 16. Next came the older men's game which Imbler won, 27 to 11, thus allowing each town one victory. The lineups were as follows:

High School	Older Men
Alice	Alice
Walsinger	Hudson
Webb	
Ledbetter	
Wright	
Rainwater	
Imbler	Imbler
Loyd	Francis
Westenskow	
Stringham	
Clary	

SAY'S--Mother, the Young Woman, the Girl, the Man, the Boy: "Let my Christmas Gift be Something to Wear"

Buy "it" at the West store you can always do better there—the newest, the nicest things are there in the largest variety—and no where else in town are the prices so closely figured as at the West store.

Gifts that will be sure to Please "Her"

BEAUTIFUL FURS in sets or separate pieces would sure make her happy—priced from \$2.00 to \$100.00.

CHRISTMAS LINENS ARE ALWAYS AN APPRECIATED Gift—every woman who has a home or expects to, loves beautiful linens.—Come to this store where you are sure of getting dependable quality at moderate prices.—Pure linen guest towels 35c—guaranteed pure linen. Table cloths, beautiful new patterns, \$2.50 to \$9.00; pure linen napkin sets of one-half dozen, 85c to \$3.00.

PRETTY WAISTS FOR XMAS—Dozens of new models here at \$2.50 to \$7.50—all the new waist materials, taffetas, georgetta crepes, messalines, chiffons, striped and plaid silks, shadow laces.

NO MORE SENSIBLE GIFT—A SILK PETTICOAT—Lots of new ones just received of plain colors with rows of ruffles and flounces or beautiful dresden patterns priced, \$2.50 to \$6.00.

DAINTY NECKWEAR—ALWAYS GOOD—A score of dainty suggestions for pretty Xmas gifts—crisp and fresh and new—pretty for waists and coats.—Have you seen the new stocks to be worn with fur with little flaring points and tabs—25c and 50c—neck ruffs 50c to \$1.50.

ALWAYS USEFUL—ALWAYS APPRECIATED—Kid gloves, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Boudoir caps 25c, 50c; pretty tea aprons, 35c 50c; skating set, \$2.00; handkerchiefs 5c to \$1.25 each; pure silk hose, the best grade \$1.00; house slippers 75c to \$1.50.

Buy for the Man the things he would buy for Himself

1000 XMAS TIES JUST RECEIVED—Beautiful silks in all the new patterns—see them all displayed according to price for your easy selection, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

MEN'S BATH ROBES AND SMOKING JACKETS are always welcome by the men folks—house slippers too are good—what more does a man enjoy than something he can lounge around in—a big selection of new stock in smoking jackets, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.50—men's bath robe, new patterns, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.50; genuine Pendleton robes \$18.00; men's house slippers 75c to \$2.50.

HUNDREDS OF OTHER USEFUL GIFTS for him at this store in the kind he likes are suspenders in fancy boxes 50c, arm bands in Xmas boxes 25c, 50c; combination sets 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25; pure linen initial handkerchiefs 25c; men's "Interwoven" hosiery 25c, \$1.50 per box.

FOR THE MAN WHO TRAVELS these will be useful—pullman slippers in leather case, \$1.25, \$1.50; men's military brushes in case \$1.25, \$1.50, to \$5.00; traveling bags of good leather well made \$5.00 to \$15.00; pajamas \$1.25 to \$2.50; collar bags 75c to \$2.00.

FOR THE MAN WHO IS OUT DOORS A GOOD DEAL—These warm useful gifts from the West store will be appreciated—knit gloves 25c and 50c; kid gloves, \$1.25 to \$2.50; automobile gloves \$1.50 to \$3.50; silk mufflers \$1.00 to \$2.50; sweaters \$1.75 to \$7.50; winter caps with fur ear flaps 50c to \$1.50.

GIFTS THAT WILL TICKLE THE BOY ARE—A "Best Ever" all wool suit \$5.00 up; fleece lined mitts 25c, 50c pair; arm bands 25c; neckties 25; winter caps with ear flaps 50c; pajamas, house slippers, sweaters, shoes, overcoats, mackinaws, etc.

McWest & Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

Hudson McKennon Webb Oliver

Eshelman Connon Rollins Henrie

Mrs. Sherwood Williams and daughters Helen and Jean, and Mrs. Clay Fox and daughter Dorothy spent the week end with La Grande relatives. Secretary Oakes of the Oregon Social Hygiene society was in Imbler Saturday arranging for two meetings of the society. The ladies section will meet during the afternoon of Friday the 17, at which time Dr. Dora Underwood will be present, and the men's meeting in the evening of the same date will be addressed by Robert Eakin, of La Grande, Dr. Moore of Imbler and a third speaker. Mr. Oakes will also be in Imbler again on that date.

School and churches are planning for their annual Christmas tree and entertainments.

On Friday, Dec. 17, the M. I. A. basket ball league will open their series of games when the La Grande quintet come down to play the local team on the floor of the I. A. C. room. The club management will have seating facilities arranged by that date.

Ed Tuttle and daughters, Melba and Jenn, who have been confined to their home with gripe for several days, are rapidly recovering.

David Osbourn has purchased the Ed Elmer farm just west of Imbler. Saturday afternoon the farm implements and stock of Alvin Westenskow were sold at a public sale on the streets of Imbler. Ed. Stringham was the auctioneer.

WAR UPON PAIN

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal. writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application I was as good as new."

Good For Constipation
 Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

BE PRETTY! TURN GRAY HAIR DARK

Look young! Nobody can tell if you use Grandmother's simple recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

Nervous Women

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Rev. C. Ernest Smith.

Rev. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Washington, which Mrs. Norman Galt attends, will perform the ceremony of marriage for her and President Wilson. Mrs. Galt has long attended the church, which is one of the most fashionable in the capital. Since the announcement of her engagement she has not been seen there so often.

Danger Signal

If the fire bell should ring, would you run and stop it or go and help

to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

Sommer Hotel Guests.

Dan Hynes, San Francisco; S. P. Lentz, Spokane; O. H. Zeppel, Walla Walla; Otto Kuhn and wife, Vancouver, Wash.; E. E. Willard, Portland; Mrs. G. W. Cameron, W. A. Sprinkle, Portland; Allen Peel, Spokane; T. H. Taylor, Portland; M. F. Young, Spokane; J. A. Foster and wife Baker; Mrs. H. W. Peterson, Portland; B. F. Benson, Spokane; E. S. Gaynor,

Sioux City, Ia.; John B. Brown, Spokane; Geo. F. Roberts, A. C. Bannhoff, I. W. Bristow, Chas. E. Canada, Portland.

GREAT SCENE AT SHERRY'S

Presenting Theda Bara in the Intensely Dramatic "Sin"

For Thursday (tomorrow) Theda Bara will be presented at Sherry's in "Sin."

"Sin" is an unusually powerful and convincing work abounding in strong dramatic climaxes, growing out of the clash of elemental human passions.

Luigi (played by William E. Shay), a woodcutter, is in love with Rosa (Theda Bara), a lovely daughter of the passionate Italian soil.

Comes to the Village Pietro, who has made some money in the United States. Rosa is introduced to the handsome Pietro. She determines to forsake Luigi and, with Pietro as her companion, taste the glories of the new country beyond the sea.

From this point on, "Sin" sweeps straight and sure to a mighty and overwhelming climax.—Adv.

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MERRY XMAS. YOU SHOULD SEE THE HAPPY FACES THAT COME INTO OUR BANK TO GET SOME OF THE MONEY THEY BANKED DURING THE PAST YEAR TO BUY PRESENTS FOR THEIR FRIENDS.

SOME COME IN TO START BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN (THE BEST PRESENT OF ALL). SOME START BANK ACCOUNTS BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR SO AS TO GET A GOOD RUNNING START.

THEY WILL BE HAPPY NEXT YEAR.

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