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Out of Work As Usual.

A city which has about 75,000 men unemployed reports that one-third of them are building workers "usually out of work at this time of year."
Here is a fact which is not specifically responsible for the big unemployment problem now confronting the nation, but which serves to complicate a bad situation. It is a fact perfectly familiar to everybody, and yet one which nobody ever seems to do anything about.
Surely it is not inevitable that men in the building trades and other "seasonal" trades should be employed only a part of the year. Surely it would be possible to work out a system whereby painters, plasterers, carpenters, etc., would be able to engage in productive and remunerative effort throughout the whole twelve months. They might be enabled to work at their own trades through the winter by means of industries purposely adapted to them in their own communities; they might be transported to other sections of the country, where their labor is needed; they might vary their occupations during the "off" months and make a living by some adaptation of their skill to other lines of work. These are offhand suggestions, but surely not void of merit. Others might readily occur to anyone.
It seems strange that neither the labor unions most directly concerned, nor the employers next concerned, nor the economists who are so full of clever ideas about theoretical matters, do anything to solve this ever-recurring practical problem of seasonal unemployment.

Aged Woman Wants to Fly.

Everybody has read of old people who have never ridden on a railroad, and never intend to, although the species is now nearly extinct. Here is an antipodal case. Mrs. Abigail Wear of Saugus, Mass., is planning to celebrate her 97th birthday by an airplane flight.
It is no mere "stunt," either. Mrs. Wear wants to visit her birthplace in northern New Hampshire, and says it is too long and tedious a journey by railroad. So she has ordered an airplane.

This sort of thing may be commonplace enough before long. There will be a real thrill, though, when some centenarian takes a cross-country flight on his hundredth birthday. With this venerable old lady to set the precedent, some man ought to tackle it soon. Call the roll of 90-year-olds for volunteers.

Helping Children the Right Way.

There is no doubt a lot of wasted effort on the child welfare campaign, although the idea and intent is strictly worthy of commendation all the way through. The plan for physical measurements and other phases of eugenics are also all right, but are sec-

ondary to the importance of preventing the over-working of children. But even solicitude for the child does some kind of useful work can be overdone. Under suitable guidance and with the accompanying stimulation of interest in the work to be done child labor is not the bugbear that it is sometimes made out to be. The ideal child is neither the one doomed to a sweatshop existence or to the other extreme of languid idleness. The ideal child is the one who can grasp the fact that work is the divinely ordered lot of mankind. This is more clearly illustrated by the boys' and girls' agricultural club over in Pierce county, Washington, who have adopted as a motto:
"These are the kids That raised the food That fed the man That carried the grain That shot the Hun That tried to run back to Berlin."
There are a great many thousands of such kids, organized into clubs that are scattered through all the states of the union. And they are not yet done with their work, even if the war is about ended. Their activity may be said to have just begun. They will be a real and permanent factor in American agriculture hereafter, partly through their yearly contribution to the country's crops, but far more through the training they get and the interest they acquire in the great science of food production.
They are the kind of children that can be depended on in the training of a generation of citizens that are worth while.

PICTURES ON MERCHANDISING

Practical Ideas Along Lines of Efficiency to Be Shown.
Every successful merchant in business at the present time is utilizing every means possible to help him advance and build up a better trade. Realizing this, the Retail Merchants, through J. G. Snodgrass, have secured one of the most instructive, educational moving pictures ever put on the screen, entitled "The Troubles of a Merchant and How to Stop Them." The pictures will be shown at the high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 4th at 8 p. m.

The film is a three-reel Essanay feature and is brim full of ideas relating to retail business. It shows an old-style store building, high windows preventing a good display of goods, bad arrangement of stock, lack of proper management and no system, which makes the clerks indifferent—resulting in the proprietor almost becoming a failure. The scene changes, however, when the merchant concludes to adopt system—the store takes on an attractive appearance, goods are displayed so they will attract the attention of the customer, the clerks become more valuable through courteous and prompt attention to the trade—in fact, there is such a transformation that new customers are attracted to the store, and the merchant again becomes prosperous.

G. W. Sulley will lecture with the pictures. By aid of stereopticon slides, he will deal with the following subjects:
1—Retail failures and their causes.
2—Store organization.
3—Newspaper advertising.
4—Window display.
5—Clerks' efficiency.
6—Selling methods.
7—Credit business.
8—The delivery problem.
9—System in retail business.

This lecture was received through the courtesy of the National Cash Register company of Dayton, O. It has received the highest commendation from business organizations wherever it has been shown.
There will be no charge for admission and every business man and clerk in the city should take advantage of this unusual offer.

BAPTISTS INVITE REV. STANTON C. LAPHAM HERE

The congregation of the La Grande Baptist church, at a meeting held on Thursday evening last week, were unanimously in favor of extending a call to Rev. Stanton C. Lapham of Portland, who has been supplying the pulpit here for two or three Sundays past. Mr. Lapham has not yet signified whether or not he shall accept the call.

It is some time since the Baptists in La Grande have had a resident pastor, and they are now desirous of having a man locate here and labor among them to build up their church activities again.

Rev. Lapham has filled two or three pastorates in the city of Portland during the last fifteen years, and during that time he has visited La Grande many times. He has made a good impression during his present visit here, and it is felt assured that he would perform a valuable work in this field.
Observer advertising will bring results.

Our Allies in the Near East
By CHARLES EVANS HUGHES
Probably at no time in the history of the world have there been so many fatherless and motherless children as there are today. Tens of thousands, probably hundreds of thousands in Armenia, Syria, Caucasus, Persia, Mesopotamia and Palestine are not only without parents, but are without any strong parental government to give them the help and protection which orphan children of other lands enjoy.
American Consuls and missionaries cable the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, almost daily regarding the situation. One message from the Russian Caucasus pleads for the support of 10,000 children at an average expense of two dollars per month per child. Another from Tiflis reports 40,000 children in one region waiting for an answer to a previous cablegram requesting help. Reports from other points indicate similar conditions. Among the many appeals it is possible for this committee to assume responsibility for only the most pressing cases, and it is upon these that the committee would focus the attention of the American people. Splendid help has been rendered the little ones in other lands, but these in Western Asia are no less human than those who have already been aided by American charity. It is the duty of Americans, as well as a privilege to respond to this great opportunity and help keep alive the best civilization that Western Asia has developed.
All expenses of administration for this relief are privately met, so that every dollar sent to the committee is used directly by their agents in purchasing food and supplies for the needy who, according to the best advices and from audited reports, receive the full benefit of the funds sent them.
Out of the horror and nightmare through which these people have passed comes the gratifying word that we can be of assistance; that our efforts will prove availing, and that we can share with these orphan children the bounty which we, as Americans, have enjoyed for years. The work done by this committee has been most unselfish and effective under conditions of great personal sacrifice. May America respond to their appeals.

JUST SUPPOSITIONS
Nearly Every Nation Has Different Method of Reposing.

Views of comfort differ as much as in all other things, and, in fact, that which to one seems indispensable for a good sleep the other considers the surest means to keep away from him all repose. Europeans and Americans require, as a rule, a soft pillow for a good sleep, while the Japanese stretches himself on his mat and puts a square wooden block under his head and rests as comfortably as we on our pillows.
To the Chinese his bed is a very important affair. It is low and often adorned with precious carvings, but it never occurs to the son of the Celestial empire (or rather, republic) to bed himself more comfortably than can be done by means of pleated mats. While the peoples of northern countries can not sleep unless they have sufficient space to stretch themselves at full length, the peoples of the tropics are often satisfied with a hammock in which they roll up, like monkeys and sleep soundly.
The inhabitants of Russia Minor like to sleep on his hot stove, from which on awakening half roasted in the morning he plunges into cold water to re-establish his physical equilibrium.
The Lapp crawls into a sack made of reindeer skins, while the Hindu, who likewise uses a sack, though an airy and light one, does so for the purpose of protecting himself against mosquitoes and not against the cold.
The American has generally elevated feathers from his bed and some wooden covers and horsehair mattresses. In Germany and France, however, they are still using feather bedding.

THE HEROIC SACRIFICES OF FRANCE

Never in the world's history has any nation ever sacrificed so heroically of its blood and treasure than has France in the present world conflict. Her great peasant population have suffered and bled for democracy with undying fortitude. America also owes these people a great debt of gratitude for a perfect remedy for stomach, liver and intestinal disorders, which it is reported has already saved many American lives and prevented thousands of surgical operations. Geo. H. Mayr, for years a leading Chicago chemist, imports and sells it in this country under the name of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes peacefully all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.
Fourth Liberty loan bonds are ready for delivery. United States National bank. 3-21-19

DAD AND FIVE SONS IN ARMY
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 25.—G. W. Brooks, forty-two, father, and his five sons are in Uncle Sam's Army. All are overseas except the father, who has just been invalided home after being wounded in the foot and leg and gassed with mustard gas.

Some People Lose Money
By concealing it about their person; by stowing it away in mugs, jugs and jars; by sewing it up in skirts and ticks; by tucking it away under couches and carpets, in cupboards and bureau drawers. These are some of the ways by which people lose their money, and sometimes their lives. Every person who is desirous of laying aside something for a "Rainy Day" should open an account with our bank.
LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK
Member Federal Reserve System

The Big Week for New Spring Merchandise
This week new spring merchandise will arrive daily; coats, suits, dresses, blouses and all, are somewhere between the factory and this store. Visit us often this week and see it as it arrives.

NEW SPRING COATS
Saturday afternoon brought us two dozen new coats. Those who happened in and saw these as we unpacked them, were delighted with the new styles, fabrics and colorings.
We want every woman to see these this week. Watch our windows. Particularly smart are the new coats of velour, serge and cabardine. Many in full loose models with yoke, small tailored collars, narrow belts. Also many with wide belts and large collars. Prices range from \$27.50 to \$65.00.

NEW SPRING DRESSES
The suit styles this season are more attractive than ever, yet different altogether from those of the preceding seasons, the new models showing many refreshing changes, both in design and trimmings. Our showing is representative of the season's favored models for spring wear.
Some are in smart box coat models with rows of tucks and wide braids; some have fancy tricolette belts—bell sleeves and narrow skirts. Prices range from \$25.00 to \$60.00.

SILK DRESSES
Many new silk dresses—just in. Every woman interested in the new fashions will want to see these attractive frocks. Colors are gray, blue, mode, rose and white. Prices range from \$25.00 TO \$65.00

NK West & Co
THE QUALITY STORE

TOOK PISTOL TO BED; SHOT HIMSELF IN LEG
COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 25.—Carl Foley, aged 37, thought he had better go to bed with a revolver under his pillow, he being the manager of a small hotel in the suburbs of Columbus. It became entangled in his pillow during the night and was discharged. Foley is in the hospital with a wound in his leg.

NEW TAXI LINE.
Neal Suydam and Clifford George, Props. Stand at Savoy hotel, Main 713. Reliable drivers, first class cars. Day and night service.—Adv.

MONEY ON CITY PROPERTY
Jack Oliver has money he will loan on city property on very easy terms. 1-11-30t

SELECTED SEED CORN
Minnesota yellow dent, acclimated for Eastern Oregon, and recommended by county agents. For prices address J. B. Stoddard, R. F. D. No. 1, La Grande. 2-22-6t
Kodaks, films, kodak supplies of all kinds. Developing and printing quickly done at 2-24-3t
Silverthorn's
FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Pineapple Desserts—2c
The bottle in each package of Pineapple Jiffy-Jell contains all the rich essence from half a ripe pineapple. The dessert has a wealth of this exquisite flavor, and a package serves six people for 1 1/2 cents.
You owe to yourself a trial of this new-type gelatine dainty.
Jiffy-Jell
10 Flavors, at Your Grocer's 2 Packages for 25 Cents

Whatever You Want To Bake.
Whether it's a special "Party" cake or a batch of ginger cookies for the kiddies—there's a Ryzon recipe for it.
And you can use any kind of flour you choose—with Ryzon you are always sure of light cake, flaky pastry and delicious bread.
RYZON IS 35 CENTS A POUND.
The Ryzon Baking Book containing 250 practical recipes given free with the first pound of Ryzon Baking Powder.
FOR SALE BY
PATTISON BROTHERS GROCERY

"Where Are My Reading Glasses?"
Mischievous daughter has picked Daddy's pocket and watches him gleefully as he searches in vain for his reading glasses. If Daddy wore Kryptok Glasses, he would be freed from the "off-and-on" nuisance of the two-pairs-of-glasses bother, because Kryptoks (pronounced Krip-tokks) would give him, in one pair of glasses, the necessary correction for both reading and distance.
KRYPTOK GLASSES
THE INVISIBLE BIFOCALS
Give him this remarkable solution without that drawback of other bifocals—the conspicuous age-revealing nose or bump. They are crystal-clear—their surfaces smooth and even. They cannot be distinguished from single-vision lenses. That's why Kryptoks are called "the invisible bifocals." We are competent to meet the optical needs and tastes of the most exacting patron. Call at your optician.
J. H. Peare & Son
OPTOMETRISTS AND JEWELERS
LA GRANDE, OREGON

Wanted!
The Observer wants an overseas returned soldier to call and consider a proposition on circulation in Union or Willowa counties. Work is easy and commission is good.