

LANDLORD WILL QUIT BUSINESS

LORAIN, Ohio, Apr. 26.—Uncle Sam, Lorain's biggest individual landlord, is going out of business next month.

The government has announced that it will dispose of the 232 dwellings in Lorain by auction with May 4 set as the tentative date for the sale.

The property is in the name of the United States Shipping Board. The real estate was acquired and the buildings erected in 1917 to house the families of men employed in the Lorain yards of the American Shipbuilding company. Scores of ocean-going steamships were built here during the war period by the thousands of men in the shipyards.

The federal reservation is a 43-acre plot. It is improved with paved streets, electric lights and other conveniences. The houses are well constructed, buildings say. The entire project cost the government \$1,950,000. An appraisal recently made, however, fixed the value at less than \$1,000,000.

In addition to the federal appropriation for the building of the addition, the city of Lorain erected a large school building near the site. It now houses the Lorain Junior high school.

At present about a third of the houses are vacant. A year ago the shipping board started proceedings to evict many tenants for failure to pay rent. Many were forced to move but a public protest caused a cessation of evictions.

At the sale next month the properties will be offered to individual purchasers first. If sales do not result, it will be offered as a whole. Many real estate firms are investigating the offering with a view of bidding when the sale takes place.

The government's housing reservation at Wyandotte, Mich., in other lake shipbuilding point will be offered for sale at the same time. The Wyandotte offering will include 79 buildings on 23 acres.

POSTMASTERS' EXAMINATION

Civil service examinations for the position of postmaster in seven third class postoffices in Oregon will be held May 13. The offices with the accompanying salaries are as follows:

Brookings, \$1300; Cornelia, \$1000; Elgin, \$1700; Knappa, \$1200; Riddle, \$1300; Seapooose, \$1400; Talent, \$1000.

The examinations will be held at Ashland, Astoria, Grants Pass, Hillsboro, La Grande, Portland and Roseburg.

Application blanks may be obtained from any of the vacancy list offices or from the United States civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

POSTAL BANKS ARE OPPOSED

(By Associated Press)
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 26.—A postal checking account system whereby the Swedish post office department will be enabled to do a limited commercial banking business is proposed in a bill recently submitted to the Riksdag and sponsored by Anders Gerner, Minister of Communications. The bill also provides that the present postal savings department be merged with the post office service.

Under the proposed system, which is meeting some opposition from the



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banking interests of the country, small depositors in the reorganized postal savings banks could draw their own checks instead of buying postal money orders. This system Minister Gerner contends, would effect a saving in the salaries of officials and money order clerks and other expenses. He declares that less than one-third of the clerical force now required could handle the work under the new arrangement.

Minister Gerner states that the proposed postal checking system will be of incalculable value to small depositors and especially to people in rural communities where there are no banking facilities.

LOCOMOTIVES ARE IN DEMAND

MOSCOW, Apr. 26.—Four of the largest locomotives ever bought by the Soviet government arrived in Moscow recently from Germany, each weighing 95 tons.

While a certain amount of section work has been done in nearly all lines under the Soviet regime, foreign railroad experts say the railroad beds are badly in need of repair everywhere and much will have to be done this summer if Russia's railways are to be kept in running order.

PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE.
The tendency of medical science is toward preventative measures. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. Pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, often follows a cold or attack of the grip. The cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the pneumonia germ. The longer the cold hangs on, the greater the danger. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the first indication of a cold appears so as to get rid of it with the least possible delay. It is folly to risk an attack of pneumonia when this remedy may be obtained for a trifle.—adv.



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WEATHER IS IMPROVING NOW

(Special to The Observer)

STARKEY, Apr. 26.—Easter Sunday found the weather here a little warmer and drier. Since Easter Sunday warm rains and sunshine have been brought by a kindly Chinook and the snow is being taken off very fast. The creeks are high and the river is getting higher.

Most of the ranchers have their stock in pasture now, but the cold weather has kept the grass from growing.

Miss Johnson and Alvin Thorndyke spent Easter Sunday with the Sol Twidwell family.

A. B. Burnett went to La Grande the first of the week.

Mrs. Ray Noyse is in La Grande to stay for the summer.

R. L. Williams, a trapper, has gone to the Pendleton country. He is also a harvester and tractor repairer. Before leaving for Pendleton, he went to La Grande to collect bounty on cat and coyote hides. He also has a fine collection of marten and mink fur which he has tagged.

The snow is so deep on the hill between Starkey and the Pilot Rock country that the stockmen have not yet attempted to go over. A letter was received here telling Ralph Sullivan that the snow is too deep to make the trip but he expects to make it through the last of the week.

Miss Margaret Johnson and Alvin Thorndyke gave a dance and buck-dance at the J. S. Rose home April 25. Miss Johnson has only one more week of school in the Starkey school. The children's in-

rents are all praising Miss Johnson on the fine progress the youngsters have made in school this year.

Everett Clark is working for Ralph Sullivan.

Glen Brown is employed on the

ranch of John Wells and Ed Robertson is working for Elam Briggs. Vincent Emmerich is helping one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets.

Jack Starrie is in La Grande. The roads are a little better now but nothing to boast of yet.

Ward Smith was ill last week.

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