

EMPLOYMENT PEAK STEADY

PORTLAND (Special)—Employment which two weeks ago reached the high peak of the year in the Pacific Northwest is holding steady and there is even a shortage of help in a few districts, according to reports from 41 employment service offices in various Northwestern cities received at 41 headquarters here today. The latter shortage is reported from the Island Empire.

Reports from the various 41 offices are as follows:

Marshall, Ore.—Employment conditions in the Coos Bay district are good. All resident labor is employed. Active construction in building, highway construction and the government jetty work, with orders for jets still in full swing. Coal mines are working at capacity and the dairy industry is

bringing a large force of men. Logging is at 85 per cent and lumbering at 85 per cent of capacity.

Portland—Logging along the Columbia river and in adjacent districts is at 85 per cent of capacity. Twenty-two out of a total of 121 saws, including both mill and independent operations, are running. Six Portland sawmills are down. Three of these have been down for periods varying from two months to over a year, two are closed for repairs and one for rebuilding because of fire. There are plenty of jobs on employment boards here to care for all men in this city who want work. The National fur-buff center is requiring many replacements and several cabinet fire fighters were hired for nearby districts during the week.

Raymond, Wn.—All sawmills on Willapa Harbor except the Hart-Wood are operating. The Nemah River camps have resumed logging but logging operations on the Milwaukees are still down. There is a slight surplus of common labor on Willapa Harbor.

Aberdeen-Hoodlum—Logging in Grays Harbor district is now at 85 per cent of capacity. Thirty-two operations with a total of 52 saws are operating and are employing a total of 2000 men. All sawmills in this district are cutting; six Aberdeen and Hoquiam plants are operating two shifts and one is running three shifts. Railroad maintenance, highway work, and city construction and building continued active. There are but few jobs being offered here, and there are but few men working work.

Tacoma—With 44 out of a total of 73 saws operating, logging in the Tacoma district is at present 85 per cent of capacity. Lumber production is close to the per cent of one-shift capacity in this city and most of the outside mills are running. There is almost no surplus of common labor here and a scarcity of some kinds of skilled help was noted last week.

Seattle—Logging in the Puget Sound district is 85 per cent of capacity and close to 4000 men are at work in the camps, not including more than 800 who are employed in truck logging. Practically all sawmills in Seattle, Everett, Bellingham and nearby towns are operating. There are few unemployed in Seattle. The wheat harvest in the Inland Empire has called many men from this district and the migration continues.

Spokane—A continued shortage of labor was noted in Spokane last week. More than 1500 men are fighting forest fires and demands for help from farmers have in-

He Has Seven Grandmas



James Dickson Jr., aged 2, of Flint, Mich., is probably more plentifully supplied with grandmothers than any other lad in the country. He has 12, seven of whom are grandmothers. Above, they are: Top row, left to right, Mrs. Susan Emmons, Mrs. Mary Dickson, Mrs. Henry Boardley and Mrs. Mary Genzel, all great grandmothers; bottom row, left to right, Mrs. Helen Boardley, Mrs. Mary Brittain and Mrs. Ruth Dickson. - James is in front.

creased. Railroads have many crews doing track maintenance work. There are calls for miners from the Wallace districts. The Weston Lumber company is operating eight camps and practically all woods operations in the Inland Empire either are running or are fighting fire. Experienced woods help is extremely scarce. All large sawmills are cutting. The Blackwell, Coeur d'Alene, will add a night shift Aug. 1, it is reported. The usual quota of loggers who are unwilling to work is in evidence here in spite of the fact that seasonal orders for short time jobs call for a large number of men daily.

Because cattle were used as a medium for acquiring a partner in marriage in Central Africa, the destruction of the cattle by the Texas typhus has produced matrimonial chaos there.

It is estimated that the crew caused an annual damage of \$3.55 a cent a day per crew.

ROMAN OPERA FAILS TO PAY

ROME (AP)—Moving pictures, the radio and other new fangled forms of amusement have so far claimed the affection of the Romans that the capital of the nation which is generally considered the home of grand opera is unable to support its single grand opera house.

Plushhouse dispensing light opera managed to see out a more or less profitable livelihood during the season now ending, but the Costanzi, which ranks after the Scala of Milan and the San Carlo of Naples as the most pretentious of Italian opera houses, fell upon evil days and raised up the largest deficit in its history.

Its management, it is declared in musical circles, has made it clear that Costanzi can maintain its position in the operatic field and save itself from slipping into the category of provincial opera, only if aid comes in the form of a large increase in its allowance from the Municipality of Rome and a parallel augmentation of the already comfortable government subsidy.

During the 1924-25 season the Costanzi spent nearly 5,000,000 lire in producing 18 operas on a scale worthy of the nation's capital. New settings were made, distinguished singers were enticed by good salaries, the ballet reorganized and the orchestra was improved to rank with the best in Italy.

The expenditure sheet contained such items as: Singers, 1,410,000 lire; orchestra, 550,000; chorus, 440,000; ballet, 170,000; sets, 285,000.

In an effort to attract the Romans 140,000 lire was spent on advertising and publicity lost to no avail. The number of season subscribers slumped to a lower total than ever before and the house was often almost empty.

Blame for the sad state of affairs, lovers of grand opera assert, can be placed squarely at the doors of the movies and the radio. The Costanzi, it is declared, can put up a fight against these invaders only with the aid of officialdom.

Work on School to Start. ST. HELEN'S, Ore.—Excavation work will be begun soon for the new high school building, which will be located on Washington square, the directors having awarded the contract to Robert A. Garhart of Astoria. The contractors will have a force of men here the latter part of the week to build the forms for concrete work and have agreed to complete the building by December 1. The structure will be 110 feet long and 70 feet wide, two stories, and of concrete. The approximate cost will be \$50,000.

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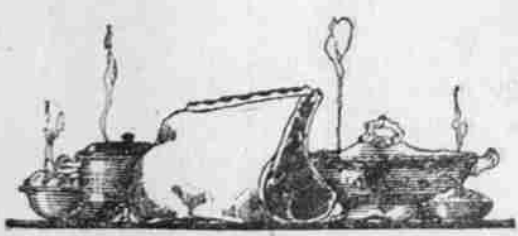
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