

WHERE ARE MEN WHO WANT WORK?

Army of Laborers Is Needed in Harvest Fields, Mills and Railroads.

TOILERS IN GREAT DEMAND

Six to Eight Thousand Men Could Find Employment in Pacific Northwest at Good Wages, and Jobs Go Begging.

WANTED—MEN TO WORK. Wanted—4000 men to work on the railroad construction now going on in the Northwest. Wanted—2000 men to help harvest the grain crop of the state.

From every part of the State of Oregon and the whole Northwest comes the cry for harvest hands, railroad laborers and sawmill men.

Railroad contractors are short of men, while the harvest fields are short-handed as well. Sawmill men are paying the highest wages in the history of the industry on this coast, \$2.50 a day for green men who never saw a sawmill in their lives.

Prefer loafing to work. Instead of making hay while the sun shines, these men prefer to loaf, secure in the knowledge that whenever their last nickel is gone they will be in demand and they can go to work again at good wages.

Railroads Need Men. The Harriman lines in the state are in need of 200 men for betterment work, while 200 more could be used to good advantage on bridge and concrete work.

A thousand men are wanted on the Lewiston-Riparian line, which is being built jointly by the O. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific. The contractors on the Elgin branch of the O. R. & N. want from 400 to 500 men, while 500 more are needed by the Harriman lines alone between Portland and Eastern Oregon at intermediate points.

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Harvest Fields Short of Hands. From the harvest fields comes a call for men. It is estimated that at least 2000 hands are needed to gather the grain crops. So acute is the shortage that it is reported from Walla Walla that a family of society girls took charge of their father's teams to help him gather his wheat crop.

Lewis and Clark Exposition has apparently continued unabated, although the situation has now reached an acute stage. It is likely that the new railroad work constantly being opened up will cause this condition to continue, possibly all Winter and another Summer.

WORK IN FIELDS OR GO TO JAIL

Stringent Vagrancy Law Is Revived in Inland Empire. SPOKANE, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Idlers in Southern Washington must either enter the harvest field or go to jail. The old "blue law" of New England that "the who will not work shall not eat," has been revived throughout the wheat belt of this state and Northern Washington.

Accordingly, the Town Councils of Pullman, Colfax, Garfield, Pomeroy, Palouse and a half-dozen other towns, have rendered it possible to inflict double penalty for vagrancy, a fine and jail sentence of 30 days being imposed and the prisoner required to work on a specially provided rockpile in the broiling sun.

J. N. TEAL WILL INVESTIGATE

GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO TO FIND CAUSE OF CONGESTION.

With W. A. Mears He Will Also Report on the Inadequate Harriman Steamship Service.

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday decided on a practical move to get at the reasons for the prevailing "eight cent" rate on the Portland, Seattle and San Francisco and the unusually inadequate steamship service now given between these two ports.

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Many men are now idle by preference. If these men would go to work it would help the situation a great deal. "The Northern Pacific has shipped in a great many men from Minnesota without exacting a nickel from them for fare. It was agreed that these men should go to work on railroad construction, but many of them have drifted into other occupations, such as logging, and sawmill work.

ST. JOHNS COUNCIL MEETS Business Men's Petition Urges Granting of Telephone Franchise. At the meeting of the St. Johns Council last night that body was confronted with a petition from the business men of St. Johns demanding that a franchise be given the Pacific States Telephone Company.

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Popular O. R. & N. Excursion Boat Resumes Trip to Beach. The T. J. Potter leaves Ash-street dock for North Beach, touching at Astoria, as follows: August 4, 1:30 P. M.; August 7, 5:40 A. M.; August 9, 5 A. M.; August 11, 11 A. M.; August 13, 10:30 P. M.; August 15, 12:30 P. M.; August 17, 1:30 P. M.; August 19, 12:30 P. M.; August 21, 12:30 P. M.; August 23, 12:30 P. M.; August 25, 12:30 P. M.; August 27, 12:30 P. M.; August 29, 12:30 P. M.; August 31, 12:30 P. M.

CITY EMPLOYEES ARE REAPPOINTED

Executive Board Allays Apprehension of 177 Office-Holders.

POSITIONS ILLEGALLY HELD

Appointments Are Made for One Month—Dozen Inefficient Employees May Be Weeded Out Later—Bruin to Appeal.

Apprehension on the part of the 177 employees of the city affected by the decision handed down by Judge Frazer in the Bruin case has given way to a feeling of security as yesterday the executive board appointed all the illegal appointees to the respective positions which they have been filling. The executive board also approved the payrolls, and the employees will receive their monthly compensation just the same as they did before Judge Frazer began to make history for the City of Officialdom.

Brain Will Appeal.

While not definite, it is believed that Captain Bruin will appeal the decision of Judge Frazer to the Supreme Court to have the matter settled for good and all. If the Circuit Court is sustained, then all of the 177 positions will have to be filled by permanent appointments.

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Mr. Greene, when the subject had been brought up by Mayor Lane, who called upon the members of the board for suggestions as to how to unravel the tangle. "We didn't bring about this dilemma, but it's an uncomfortable condition which confronts us." If the clerk of the commission ever certifies to the auditor the names of the employees who are not entitled to their positions we would all be personally responsible if we approved the payroll.

WORK STOPPED ON NEW PHONE LINES

Electrical Workers Tie Up Construction of Home System.

DISPUTE OVER CONTRACT

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JULY'S MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

The demand for marriage licenses was fairly active during July, but the supply of the documents available from that of previous days. In the month just closed, 143 licenses were issued. One year ago that number was exceeded by one. But last year the Fair was on and many of those who took out licenses to wed came from that of previous days.

Fire Hose Contracts Discussed. Mayor Lane discussed with the members of the board the awarding of the contracts for the fire hose by the Fire Commissioners. He said the actions of the Commissioners had been governed solely upon their belief as to the merits of the different kinds of hose, and that there was no favoritism whatever.

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FALL ARRIVALS BIGELOW RUGS We have just received a shipment of Bigelow Rugs in various grades and sizes, including 9x12 Bagdad Wiltons and Wellington Wiltons 8.3x10.6 Arlington Axminsters And Small Rugs in All Grades. J. G. MACK & CO. 86-88 THIRD STREET. PHIL METSCHAN, President and Manager.

Imperial Hotel Co. Seventh and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. European Plan \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day. Police Automobile Company occupied the top floor, where they manufactured the wooden frames for their cars. They estimate their loss at \$100,000. POLICEMEN AIDING BRUIN Members of Force Contribute 75 Cents Each for His Appeal. To help Captain Bruin fight his case in the Supreme Court on the appeal of the Mayor from the decision rendered last week by Judge Frazer, all policemen are signing a petition making a contribution of 75 cents each. The money contributed will be used not only for the use of the captain but will also be used in case other policemen are removed from the force as a result of Judge Frazer's decision. Publishing Company Insolvent. CINCINNATI, July 31.—On application of local creditors, the "Men and Women" Publishing Company was placed in the hands of a receiver today.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS? Muskegon Avenue, Muskegon, Mich. Acknowledged to Be the Finest Bituminous Paved Street in America. Paved With Bituminous Macadam. Laid Four Years Ago by the Barber Asphalt Co. Just Write to Muskegon and See What the People There Think of This Pavement. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALL THOROUGHFARES IN THE BEST RESIDENCE DISTRICTS OF PORTLAND should be encouraged by Portland people. An improvement that must be renewed every few years is at best but a Makeshift. A permanent street improvement stands for efficiency, beauty and economy. OFFICE 425 WORCESTER BLOCK. OSKAR HUBER, Manager