

FEDERAL AGENT TO STUDY CITY FOODS

Cost of Living and Why Object of Visit of Young Vassar College Graduate.

DEALERS DISLIKE PROBE

System of Credits Believed by Government Department to Have Bearing on Prices—Exclusive Neighborhoods Slighted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 16.—The cost of living in Portland is to be made the subject of Federal investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor. Miss Edith M. Miller, a young Vassar graduate who is attached to the department's force of expert statisticians, and clerk to the Lodge Congressional committee on investigation of the high cost of living prevailing throughout the United States, has included Portland in the itinerary of a tour of cities of living investigations which embraces every large city in the West.

She will arrive in Portland in October, and will prosecute her work there with the same secrecy which has characterized her probing in all the territory she has visited. The results of her tour will be published by the department in March, and this report, by its presentation of carefully-gathered facts and figures, will authentically disclose cost of living conditions which will have an important bearing upon the prosperity and progress of cities in every section of the West.

Price Reports Sought. Miss Miller's work takes her amongst the tradespeople of the neighborhoods in which the middle classes reside, and her success depends largely upon her caution, her ability to exercise cajolery and flattery, and her skill at subtleties.

She finds tradespeople hostile to her efforts to investigate their prices and business methods, and yet, so successful has this college girl been as a Federal agent, that when she leaves Portland she undoubtedly will have persuaded a half dozen storekeepers to mail monthly reports of price quotations to the department at Washington, so that a running report of cost of living conditions throughout the country may be maintained at the Capital.

Miss Miller is chiefly concerned with the cost of food stuffs and other particulars relative to family life. Wages and employment investigations are carried on by other agents of the department who follow her into the cities which she visits.

When she arrives in Portland Miss Miller will first acquaint herself with the characteristics of the different neighborhoods. She will ignore those neighborhoods where families of liberal incomes reside, setting aside for her immediate field the districts which house residents of ordinary incomes, such as clerks, the better class of factory and store employes, clerks and mechanics, machinists, carpenters and flat dwellers.

CLACKAMAS ROLL HEAVIER

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OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—An increased valuation of \$550,000 over 1910 is shown by the assessment roll of County Assessor Jack. The gross value of all property is \$21,620,000, and in 1910 it was \$21,070,000. The report shows that there are 97,211.49 acres of tillable land and 528,042.15 acres of non-tillable land in the county.

WOMAN EXPERT STATISTICIAN WHO WILL PROBE HIGH COST OF LIVING IN PORTLAND FOR GOVERNMENT.



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Table with 2 columns: Description of property and Value. Includes items like Acres of tillable land, Acres of non-tillable land, Improvements on graded or patented lands, etc.

WEST RAILS STOCKMEN

PAROLE OF CATTLE THIEF IS BITTERLY CONDEMNED.

Grant County Association Adopts Resolutions of Protest and Lowers Reward to \$300.

CANYON CITY, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The Grant County Stockgrowers' Association held its annual meeting at the Courthouse here last week, convening Thursday and finishing its sessions Saturday. A large number of the stockmen from all over the county were present, 190 being at the banquet which was held at the Elkhorn Hotel Thursday night.

At the session of the stockgrowers the news of the parole of the notorious Charles Gentry was learned and caused a storm of protest to arise among the members. Strong resolutions condemning the administration were adopted unanimously.

The reward of \$1000 which has been offered for the arrest and conviction of a stock thief has been temporarily raised to \$200, or until the next meeting of the association, which will be November 20. Unless the Governor changes his policy in this respect stockmen threaten to remove the reward entirely.

Train Service Causes Complaint.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Alleging that trains on the Southern Pacific branch at Witch Hazel will stop to let off dogs and hunters, but will not stop to allow human beings to get aboard, F. A. Markley, of Reedville, filed a complaint with the Railroad Commission today.

CANDIDATE CHASED BY SUFFRAGISTS

Women Make Nominee for Governor of Massachusetts Hunt Cover.

HIS MEETINGS BROKEN UP

Miss Margaret Foley, "Votes for Women" Leader, Trails Louis A. Frothingham in Auto and Asks Confusing Questions.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 16.—Once upon a time in an unguarded moment, Louis A. Frothingham, Republican candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, is reported to have unburdened himself of sundry caustic thoughts against woman suffrage. Nemesis for those almost forgotten words of Mr. Frothingham pursued him today in the form of four suffragists in a red touring car, who followed the candidate relentlessly through five towns in an effort to break up his meetings.

The suffragists were led by Miss Margaret L. Foley, president of the Women's Suffrage League of Massachusetts. Miss Foley did a pretty good job of her efforts to disconcert Mr. Frothingham, and succeeded more than tolerably well in her endeavor to break up his meetings. Likewise, she succeeded in drawing larger crowds than would otherwise have greeted the candidate.

Mr. Frothingham was a mighty tired candidate when he finally called it off for the day after Miss Foley and her companions had been harassing him for several hours. Miss Foley was pretty tired too, but there was a satisfied expression about the corners of her mouth when she, too, declared a truce for the night.

The novel political battle began at Lenox this morning. Mr. Frothingham had just raised his hand for silence as he stood on the piazza of the Red Lion Inn, facing an interested assemblage, when a big automobile shot up in a cloud of dust, and halted behind the speaker.

When the candidate reached the platform in the main street of Pittingham, his pursuers were grinning at him from their car. Nervously he hurried through his address, and when the suffrage leader got up to make her remarks, he sped to his machine and shot away.



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SOUTH BEND TICKETS FAIL

"Progressives," Only, Offer Candidates for Election.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding all the talk of a local option issue, an opposition ticket and a Socialist ticket, it now transpires that the "Progressive" ticket will be the only one offered the voters of South Bend at the November primary election. The Progressive ticket will be as follows: For Mayor, John L. Myers and P. W. Rhodes; for Councilmen, E. C. Lawler, S. W. Sturdevant, G. G. Hinkle, F. H. Nettleton, W. E. Lovering, A. McGee; for Clerk, C. H. Mills, K. M. Leach; for Treasurer, G. J. Dever, W. E. Edwards; for Attorney, John E. Walsh.

BIRCH RUINED SIGHT, SAID

Humphrey S. Smith Is Sued by Pupil for Damages.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—For the loss of an eye, alleged to have been destroyed when his teacher, Humphrey S. Smith, of Proebstel, chastised him with a birch switch, Walter Walsh Roche, then 11 years old, is suing for damages in the Superior Court, before Judge McMastier and an attempt is being made to prove that the switch struck Walter's eye. The sight was destroyed, many times, when Smith struck Walter, a young boy, nine school children, Elmer D. Tyler, Miss Schneider, Anna and Ida Trump, Ethel Beaver, Irene Tyler, Aranger Tyler, Edward Everett and Glen Hayden were called to the witness stand. Smith alleges that while he did strike Walter, he did not do so in a fit of passion, or maliciously.

LYLE PROJECT UNIMPEDED

Work on Kilkittat Power Line Can Be Continued Again.

LYLE, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—As a result of the ruling of Judge McKenney, of the Superior Court, the Northwest Electric Company is given a right to condemn property for right-of-way purposes. Work will be resumed at once on the \$1,000,000 water-power project on the Kilkittat.

FOUR STEAMERS ORDERED

New Ships Will Be Used in Pacific-Atlantic Trade.

SEATTLE, Oct. 16.—In anticipation of the early opening of the Panama Canal, the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company today awarded the contract for construction of four 12,000-ton steamships to ply between Pacific and Atlantic ports and to cost \$800,000 each. The steamships will be built at Sparrows Point, Md., and the first will be delivered in 12 months and others at short intervals thereafter.

Scio Grange Will Continue.

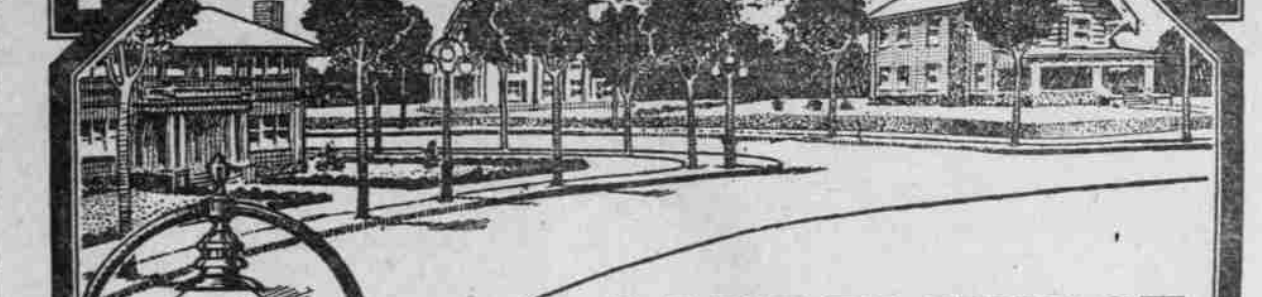
SCIO, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The Scio Grange will continue its organization. At a meeting here Saturday the proposition of disbanding was considered, but this was decided against after Cyrus H. Walker, one of Linn County's pioneer grange workers, had spoken for a continuance of the organization. Scio Grange was formerly one of the largest in Oregon.

Bishop of Richmond Dies.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 16.—Right Rev. Augustine N. Van De Vyver, for the last 22 years Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Richmond, died here early today from complications resulting from a severe cold. He was born in 1844 in Haesdonck, East Flanders, Belgium.

Chicken Thieves Busy at Sheridan.

SHERIDAN, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—For the last two weeks there has been much chicken thieving here and poultry raisers think that the raids are carried on by an organized syndicate. The operations of the marauders are not confined to the city, but nearby farmers are recent victims.



LAURELHURST is now finished. The streets are all paved, the sewer and gas mains are all in and connected up with each lot. In fact Laurelhurst now has all the improvements that it is possible for any high-class residence property to have. It is now ready for you to build your home there and we will help you to finance the building of it. You may own a beautiful home in Laurelhurst and pay for it as you would pay rent with only a small payment down. You may select your own architect and contractor and build your home to suit your own requirements. There are a number of beautiful homes finished in Laurelhurst that you may select from.

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2 MARRY MONGOLS

Portland Women Wed Chinese and Japanese. BOTH BRIDES ARE WIDOWS

Mrs. Ruby M. Columan and Mrs. Edna Browning Now Known as Mesdames Lee and Oka—Former Has 6-Year-Old Boy.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Two mixed marriages occurred here today, making 12 white women who have been married to members of the Mongolian race during the past ten months. One was married to a Chinaman, the other to a Japanese, and both were widows, one having a 6-year-old son with her and being older than the Chinaman she married. The Chinaman himself was half white, his mother having been a white woman. He could not recall her maiden name.

Willie Lee, 28 years old, married Mrs. Ruby M. Columan, said to be 31 years old, both of Portland. Mrs. Lee is the daughter of the late Mrs. Lee and carried the family purse in a large wallet. The ceremony was performed by F. Lloyd Davis. The second mixed marriage occurred this afternoon, when Fred M. Oka, 28 years old, formerly of San Francisco, married Mrs. Edna Browning, a widow, with no children. She is the daughter of J. P. Voyles, of Atlanta, Ga. Oka, well dressed in American clothes, said he keeps a rooming-house in Portland.

EX-CONVICT LEAVES NOTE

Charles H. Remington Disappears. Posses Searches.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Charles H. Remington, alias Charles H. Kelley, who asserted that he had served 20 years for killing a man in Texas, and that he figured in a jail-break in which 200 convicts attempted to make an escape, his pal and himself being the only successful ones, left a note to the public at Brush Prairie, yesterday, and has not been seen since. He said in the letter he would be in spirit land by the time it was found. With him he took four

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people need more coal, clothes and doctors than the strong, robust and hearty. Scott's Emulsion saves coal bills, tailors' bills and doctors' bills.

ALL DRUGGISTS

STREET IMPROVEMENT DELAYED

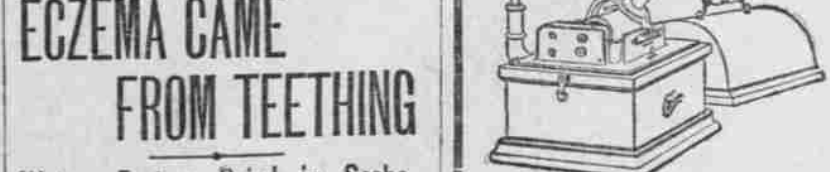
PHILOMATH, Or., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Further delay in the improvement of College street has resulted from a technical misunderstanding by Councilmen in connection with the bidding on the proposed work. The street is one on which the new county road will pass to Corvallis and citizens declare that because of the delay in the contract the street will be impassable this winter.

LAURELHURST MORGAN DIES AT CHEHALIS

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Lafayette Morgan, who died here yesterday, was for 22 years a resident of the Salmon Creek Valley, near Toledo. He settled in Lewis County in 1881 and has resided here ever since. He was 76 years old. He was a Mason and a veteran of the Civil War. Five children survive him. They are Mrs. Rena Walte, of Mabton; Mrs. Dora Mounette, of Littell; Mrs.

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"I consulted our physician and found she was suffering from eczema, which he said came from her teething without any relief at all. Then I wrote for a book on Cuticura, and purchased some Cuticura Soap and Ointment at the drug store. I did as I found when she was one year old, she was entirely cured. Now she is three years and four months, and she has never been troubled with eczema since she was cured by the Cuticura Soap and Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. Freeman Craver, 311 Lewis St., Syracuse, N. Y., May 6, 1911.

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