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MANY GIVEN HELP
County Aids More Than 200 Families Last Winter.

MEN GET EMPLOYMENT
At Total Cost of \$1364.47 Necessaries Are Tided Over Dull Period of Year and Much Repair Work Is Accomplished.

By means of a novel relief labor system arranged by County Commissioner W. L. Lightner, more than 200 families were aided over the winter months at a total cost of \$1364.47, according to a report submitted yesterday to the County Auditor. In return for the money expended the county received services which without the system would have cost many thousands of dollars and the county charity appropriations for January and February were held down materially.

The relief plan was arranged late in December when County Commissioner Lightner and other members of the County Court became convinced that the labor conditions were unusually bad and that many men with families were in actual need because they were unable to get work of any kind.

Charity Plan Opposed.
The usual procedure has been to extend charity, but Commissioner Lightner opposed this plan on the ground that there was much work the unemployed men could be given, that would benefit the county. Accordingly various kinds of work were arranged and a general call extended for men with families. A large number responded. Some were sent to the Multnomah farm, where they engaged in grubbing, farming land at \$1 a day and board. Only men with families were employed. The money was sent to their families at the end of each week. A large force was sent to Taylor's Ferry rock quarry, near the Riverview cemetery, where they did good work in "stripping" rock for road building. The quarry which furnishes crushed rock for the entire southwestern part of the county, had been worked to a point where it was necessary to remove a large amount of earth from the top of the face of the quarry. This would have entailed a large expenditure had not been for the relief labor, which was used to great advantage.

A total of 11,000 cubic yards of dirt was taken out by the men in two months. They were paid \$1.50 a day and given their carfare. Supervisor A. H. White reported that the men worked well. He declared that he investigated all the men and found that none was employed who did not need work.

Work Is Made Easy.
Inasmuch as they were employed at small wages an effort was made to require them to work hard and the system resulted in all the men doing their best. It cost less than 8 cents a yard to remove the dirt under the ordinary conditions. It is said, the work could not have been done for less than 25 cents a yard.

The quarry work continued until secured March 1 when all the men had secured better positions. The same men did not work continually. A system was employed whereby the men serving got two or three days work each week. This distributed the employment throughout the ranks of the destitute and resulted in many benefits. The number of families the system helped tide over number between 250 and 300, it is said.

Other employment was furnished on the bridges over the Willamette. The unemployed men, with families were put to work cleaning the bridges and doing odd repair jobs. Others were hired to carry banners on the streets notifying voters to register.

Expenses Are Shown.
Following is a report of the amounts expended on the various county projects: Carrying registration banners, \$129; pick and shovel work at Taylor's Ferry rock quarry, \$925; clearing work at Multnomah farm, \$236.47; cleaning work on Ferry I. R. Webster, \$1.50; cleaning bridges, \$22.50.

The only restriction placed on the number of men to be employed during the quiet winter months was the limiting of the work to men with families or persons dependent upon them. The County Board of Relief investigated every applicant for work to ascertain his need for relief. If he was found deserving he was sent to work. Many applicants were refused because they were found unmarried or not in need.

The number of men employed varied during the two months, depending upon the weather and business conditions. As private work opened up the number of relief laborers dwindled until the regular labor system was no longer necessary. Men who were in actual need and could not get other employment were given temporary employment at regular wages.

System Is Favored.
Commissioner Lightner says the system is a good one and he favors its use every winter. "The county extends a large amount of charity in the winter time and should use every effort to get as much for the taxpayers for what is spent as possible," said Commissioner Lightner yesterday. "Furnishing temporary relief during the winter work is the best method I know of to help conditions generally. I have had eight years' experience as Commissioner and believe that at no time has the annual problem of destitution been handled as well as during the present year."

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Fashion Show Visitors, Lunch Today in Our Beautiful 7th-Floor Tea Room—Orchestra Music From 12 to 2 P. M.
Read the Book "Excuse Me" Before Seeing the Play Appearing at the Heilig Soon—Basement Book Store at \$1.18

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Spring Fashion Show Modish Outer-Garments



WERE Spring garments ever so varied, so striking, so exquisite? And have Portland women ever before seen such an array of new Suits, Afternoon and Evening Gowns, Coats and Wraps, as are ready for this Spring Fashion Show at Meier & Franks?
It's an authoritative style-review, which introduces to Portland what Paris and New York have decreed and adopted for Spring and Summer. With Easter less than three weeks off, now is none too early for selection of new garments. We bid you come—today!

In the Realm of Smart Tailored Suits—

Every whim of Dame Fashion is expressed in this immense showing. Beautiful, faultlessly plain tailored models, of light gray and tan whipcords, Bedford cords, worsteds and mixtures. Even on the dressier Suits, the cutaway coat is a feature.

A PARIS REPRODUCED SUIT of brown whipcord has smart cutaway coat, with short, Empire back; satin Tuxedo revers; skirt with tunic-tucked front, \$40.

Afternoon and Reception Gowns—

The reproduced masterpieces of world-famous Paris modistes—Paquin, Dreocoll, Callot Seurs, Chenuot—drawing their inspirations from as far back as the Louis XIV period, particularly in use of the pannier, which is distinctly modern in treatment.

Almost ungratified selection in the pretty little cloth and silk afternoon Dresses at \$12.50, \$15, \$20 and upwards.

AFTERNOON GOWNS incline to the panicky or tunic effect, the underskirt comfortable snug and an appearance of greater fullness being acquired by drapery and caught-in effects. Note the model pictured at left. Messalines and chiffon taffetas are combined with macerone and heavy laces—plaitings, shirtings numerous as trimming. Prices \$35, \$40, \$50 to \$75.00.

Stunning Afternoon and Evening Coats—

Big, loose Coats of white serge, diagonals and basket weaves, have heavy lace collars and cuffs. Suitable for street or evening wear. Others for street, of whipcords, diagonals, homespun, serges, in tans, grays, browns, fancy checks, stripes and mixtures. Prices range at \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30 to \$52.

The Lovely Paris Hats!

NO store in the Northwest imports so many striking and beautiful Paris Hats for the Opening Exposition as Meier & Franks! Every Millinery style, as expressed by the premier modistes of Paris, find place in the exquisite showing today.

You may view scores of these masterpieces and hundreds of others, Paris-inspired, produced by our own Millinery artists.

THE HONOR ROLL OF PARIS MODISTES—

Caroline Reboux Gerorgette
Louison Virot
Paulette et Berthe
Germaine Marie Louise
Carlier

AND EQUALLY FAMOUS NEW YORK CREATORS—

Litchenstein Kurzman Francois Joseph

Illustrated at right is a striking Tam-O-Shanter Picture Hat from Kurzman. It is fine black beanie, trimmed at side under brim with handsome coral-color French Plumes—\$47.50. Another Kurzman Hat is taken from the Louise XV period. Broad brim, low crown, with pompadour chiffon over fine tussan. Trimmed with frill of Venise lace and pompadour ribbon Saxon blue crown and underfacing—\$60. Paris and New York Pattern Hats, \$30 to \$150.



Tam-O-Shanter Picture Hat by Kurzman, \$47.50

Street and Semi-Dress Hats

The famous Burgess, Phipps, Hyland, Fisk Hats in every new and approved shape. We feature extensive lines at \$5, \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20.

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SILKS—a veritable reiteration of fashionable weaves. Silks in wondrous profusion—of wondrous colorings—for every use. From Silks of flowing, soft, draping elegance to filmy clouds of airy over-drapery.

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CHANGEABLE TAFFETAS—

One of Fashion's favorites for Spring. Light, medium and dark shades galore. And every color combination may be found. Rich, soft, lustrous quality. Ideal for Spring and Summer frocks, afternoon suits, evening coats; 36 inches wide. Yard at \$1.50.

PLAIN & BORDE'D PONGEES

Wonderfully practical, though handsome are these perfectly woven imported Pongees. Both plain and stamped and embroidered bordered styles. Popular for street and afternoon costumes. Full 44 inches wide. Yard at \$1.50.

DAINTY BUTTERFLY MAR-QUISSETTES—

Airy, fairy weaves of exquisite beauty. Wonderful two-toned colorings. They're light and airy as the breath of Spring—all that their name implies. 44 in. wide. See them today—yard, \$2.

DURABLE TOURISTS' SILKS

Durable, yes, but wonderfully rich appearing as well! Handsome diagonal two-toned weaves of firm, good-wearing quality. Plain and in the smartest of striped patterns. Ideal for tailored street dresses, suits and coats. Every light and dark shade; 27 inches wide. A yard at \$1 and \$1.50.

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FIRST FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING. MAIL ORDERS FILLED.

EVERY style of Gloves that Fashion approves may be found here in our first floor section—Portland's best Glove Service, where every high-grade make is represented. The famous Perrin's Gloves here exclusively!

Styles for every occasion—every shade—every length, from 1-clasp to 24-button. Every fabric—as well. The celebrated Kayser Silk, Lisle and Chamoisette Gloves in complete assortment.

The Kid Gloves, prices from \$1.25 to \$5.50. The Fabric, from 25c to \$5.00.

\$1 German Lamb-skin Gloves, 73c

A splendid Fashion Show special—1000 pairs of these well-wearing German lambskin Gloves. All sizes, 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. In black, white, tan, gray and mode. Regular \$1.00 grades. Special for today's selling, 73c

\$3.50 Long Wh. Gloves at \$2.85

Purchase the Easter Gloves today at this generous saving. Modish 16-button length, white glove kid gloves in all sizes, 6 to 7 1/2. Our best \$3.50 grades, a special for the Fashion Show today, the pair, \$2.85

Beautiful Emb'y Flouncings

HANDSOMEST designs imaginable, for lovely new lingerie frocks, graduation dresses and underskirts!

Elaborate floral designs, on sheers of batiste, 45 inches wide. Woven on hand looms, so they won't fray. Flouncings you'd pay from \$2.25 to \$4.50 for regularly. A Fashion Show special. In two lots, priced for today's selling at only \$1.69 and \$1.98

25c to 40c Embroidery Gal-loons—dainty eyelet designs, 2 to 3 inches wide on fine Swiss. In such demand for new blouses and lingerie gowns. Today 18c

\$1.25 to \$2 Allover Embroideries—20 inches wide, in dozens of beautiful eyelet and dozzenth designs for lingerie blouses. Priced today at the yard 98c

85c to \$1.25 Venise and Net Bands—5 to 9 ins. wide in cream, white and eoru. So lavishly used for trimming of waists, dresses, millinery. 69c

Plenty of the Smart Irish Crochet Side-Frills Included. \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$6.47, \$7.98, \$9.98, \$11.98 and \$13.98.

Irish Crochet Neckwear

Much Under Value

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WITH such prices as these every woman should have the beautiful, treasured Irish Crochet among her supply of Neckwear for Spring!

A great special exhibit and sale for the Spring Fashion Show—a purchase from one of the greatest importers of the land, at prices a third and even more than their actual worth.

Collars of every style—Rabats, Jabots, Fichus, Coat Sets. Etc.

Don't fail to see the exquisite Irish Crochet Neckwear today. It's an opportunity which, in all probability, will not be repeated this season. The sale prices—\$1.33, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$6.47, \$7.98, \$9.98, \$11.98 and \$13.98.



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SECOND FLOOR—NEW BUILDING. MAIL ORDERS FILLED.

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Of finest French longcloth, with dainty hand-embroidered yokes, combined with Irish crochet and Cluny lace. Slipover style—low neck and short sleeves:

\$ 7.50 French Hand-Embroidered Gowns, special price \$5.95

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Two hundred pieces of new Outing Flannels and Flannelettes, in great assortment of neat designs of light and dark colors. Just the kind for pajamas and kimonos. Splendid 10c and 12 1/2c grades, today for, yd.

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The Fashion Show of Waists

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PARIS has sent many visions of Waist loveliness for the Spring Fashion Show. One elegant Waist is the peplum style, with chiffon overdrapery and Venise lace basque—\$65. Another of gold embroidery on Brussels net, with Point Venise lace trimming—\$75.

The peplum and basque effects are employed in even the most inexpensive little Waists this season. Models similar to illustration—\$3.75 and \$5.

Paris Lingerie Blouses

in scores of most exquisite models, made every stitch by hand. One is of Irish crochet and hand-made linen lace, in quaint Bolero effect—\$85.

Others hand-embroidered and combined with Irish, Baby Irish, Cluny, real Val, and Point Venise laces. Prices \$20, \$25, \$28, \$35 to \$85.

A New Model for the Outdoor Girl

is of fine voile, with sailor collar, cuffs and front inlaid with the very popular, new ratine and Turkish toweling fabric. Smart patent leather belt sets it off effectively—\$9.



Mme. Irene Corset Shop

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Have the new gowns fitted over a Madame Irene this season and note the difference in your figure. The ultra fashionable narrow, silhouette lines are possible to any woman corseted in an "Irene."

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Somebody's repair of the old river road to the northwest and hard surfacing of the road up Coal Creek to the city limits are also contemplated. Part of the cost would be charged to the abutting property and the remainder to the city as a whole, which would be included in an enlarged improvement district under the new improvement law.

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