

WOMEN'S WAGES TO COVER LIVING

Draft of Proposed Measure for Bettering Condition of Female Workers Submitted.

\$7.80 WEEKLY LOW POINT

Counties of 100,000 Population to Have Higher Minimum—With Commissioner's Biennial Report Limit Would Change.

A tentative draft of a proposed minimum wage bill for women workers in Oregon has been prepared by the social survey committee of the Consumers League and is being passed around for criticism and suggestions.

The measure would place upon the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics the duty of ascertaining the minimum cost per week of the food, housing and clothing necessary for the subsistence of self-supporting women employed for wages in each county of the state.

Sub-section 2 of section 2 reads as follows: "Provided that if such employer should work less than 60 hours a week, the legal minimum wage for any hour shall be one-sixtieth part of the legal minimum wage for the week, whether the method of compensation be computed by piecework, or time, or otherwise."

Other sections are as follows: "For any occupation in which compensation is computed by time rate the Commissioner of Labor may issue to any woman physically defective a special license authorizing the employment of such licensee for a wage less than the legal minimum wage.

The Commissioner of Labor would be authorized to inspect the books and payrolls of all concerns employing women. The refusal of an employer to permit this would be punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$50 for each offense.

Employees to Be Protected. "Any employer who discharges or in any other way discriminates against any employee because such employee has testified or may testify in any investigation relative to the enforcement of this act shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of \$25 for each such misdemeanor," reads section 8.

Section 9 provides that "all questions arising under this act shall be determined by the Labor Commissioner, together with the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, acting as a state board. There shall be a right of appeal to the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon on all questions of law and the said state board may report questions of law to the Supreme Court of Oregon for its determination."

Anyone employing women in violation of the provisions of the act would be liable to a fine of from \$25 to \$250, or ten days to three months in jail, or both fine and imprisonment. Justice Courts would have jurisdiction of all violations.

Final Report Due in January. In section 11 provision is made for the time which would necessarily intervene between the passage of the act, should it be adopted, and the completion of the Labor Commissioner's first report. During this interval he would be unlawful to pay women in counties of more than 100,000 population less than \$7 a week, or 15 cents an hour, and \$7.80 a week and 15 cents an hour in counties of less population. Multnomah County is the only county in the state having a population of more than 100,000.

Referring to this section, Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, chairman of the social survey committee, says in a letter which accompanies the drafts being circulated for criticism:

"This committee is conducting a thorough investigation of the wages and cost of living of women workers in Oregon. The provisional minimum wage scale set forth in section 11 is not the final report of this committee but is only an approximate estimate based on the present returns. The final report of the investigators will be made in January, 1913, and will be incorporated into the bill. It may vary slightly, but it is believed not materially from the scale in section 11 of this preliminary copy of the bill."

In addition to Father O'Hara, those on the social survey committee are: Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Miss Mabel Weidner, W. B. Ayer, A. E. Wood, C. F. Caulfield, Dr. C. H. Chapman, Miss Lucia B. Harriman and Mrs. H. R. Talbot.

Grange Helps Printers' Measure. SALEM, Or., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—R. A. Harris, state printing expert, said today that he has received a small contribution from Multnomah County Grange, to aid in the campaign in favor of the flat salary for the State Printer. He says that the action of the Salem Grange was for the local grange only.

"Crow's Nest" Canadian coal, C. 2303.

MODERN TEN-STORY BUILDING TO RISE AT SEVENTH AND MORRISON STREETS.



STRUCTURE TO BE BUILT FOR MULTNOMAH SECURITY COMPANY AT COST OF \$150,000—MACNAUGHTON & RAYMOND, ARCHITECTS.

Wrecking of the old frame buildings at the northwest corner of Seventh and Morrison streets was started last week preparatory to the construction of a ten-story building for the Multnomah Security Company.

The structure will be of reinforced concrete, faced with white pressed brick, and will be fully modern and fire-proof. The building will have 100 feet frontage on Morrison street and 50 feet frontage on Seventh street.

The site is owned by the Risley and Starkweather heirs and is under lease to the building syndicate for a long period. R. M. Gray, the clothier, has secured a lease on the entire building. The structure is to be completed by April 1, 1913. It will cost approximately \$150,000. MacNaughton & Raymond are the architects. The company constructing the building is composed of S. M. Rothchild, Max S. Hirsch, L. D. Hirsch, A. L. Blitz and E. E. Merges.

FIRE CHIEF IS HOME

Trip to Inspect Apparatus Not Fruitful of Results.

PORTLAND SYSTEM LAUDED

Head of Local Department Says Cities of East and Middle West Are Not in Same Class as Coast Towns—Visit Is Enjoyed.

"Say," remarked "Biddy" Dowell, chief of Portland's near-million-dollar-a-year fire department, as he leaned against a showcase filled with rattlesnake hides and rattles in the museum at the City Hall, "I never saw such a lot of hot air peddlers in my life as some people I have seen here from the East."

"Biddy" has just returned from Denver and other Middle West cities on a trip that took him to the convention of the fire chiefs in the Colorado city and to Chicago and as far as Banff Springs.

"I saw everything but apparatus," said "Biddy," with a twinkle in his eye. "I paid little attention to that fact is, I didn't see much that I didn't know before. A lot of those places back there don't know what apparatus is. Why, say, we've got fire departments on the Coast that skin some of those towns in the East so far they're not in it. We need a headquarters building here in Portland and, aside from that, we've got as good a department as any of them. I heard so much stuff about how they do things in the East and Middle West that I thought I would come back here with a tank full of knowledge and probably revolutionize the business; but, and "Biddy" laughed heartily, "we can put water on three as fast as any of them."

"I saw an old friend of mine in one place. He took me to see an aerial truck. It was a flat old thing and out of date. He said, 'Biddy, there's the thing that can make a quick black streak at a fire.' I said, 'Say, you ought to go West and see a real aerial truck—we've got 'em out there. Come out some time and pay the Coast a visit again.' "And say," continued "Biddy," "I thought, from what I had heard all my life, that the Missouri River was as wide as from here to Vancouver, Wash. Why, when we reached that stream, I looked out of the window and saw it. 'What creek is that?' I asked a friend. 'Creek,' he said, glaring at me, for he was from Missouri, 'that's the Missouri River.' 'Friend,' said I, 'for heaven's sake drop into Portland some day and I'll show you a real river. And, pardon that, Columbia River is some river,' said "Biddy," with great pride. "Why, the Willamette's got that muddy creek in Missouri skinned a long way."

"Another thing I was surprised at was the corn in Missouri. Jay (that's Battalion Chief Stevens, who accompanied "Biddy") had told me so much about the corn they raise there. Why, we can raise as good, probably not so much, but just as good. And say, boy, if a neighbor there wants to visit another neighbor, he has to hitch up and start out day before yesterday to see him tomorrow. None of it for me. "And the hills they call mountains," and "Biddy" shoved out his manly breast with pride. "I told them they ought to see some mountains; I said if they'd come out here some time, I'd show them some mountains. Of course, the Rockies are some hills. Up around Banff they're grand, but we've got the real things here in the Northwest. They can't hold a candle to us. I couldn't be hired to live in a prairie county. No timber, no mountains—notin' doin' for me there. But I had a swell trip. We just ran loose everywhere, no set program, and had the time of our lives, but I'm mighty glad to get home. It suits me fine and I'm happy here."

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his "raising up" of the same is put this way: "The people back there are all right, but they walk on two feet, just like we do, and conduct affairs about as we do, but they can't show us much, for we're up and comin' ourselves."

Clerks Must Pay Up. SALEM, Or., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Crawford today said he will immediately call upon the County Clerks, who are shown in the report of Game Warden Finley to be in arrears in their account with the state game fund, to deliver up the money lacking or he will start suit. In event it is determined that the money has been retained willfully it is possible the matter may be turned over to the proper District Attorney for determination as to whether to start criminal proceedings.

There Was a Man In Our Town

and he was Wondrous Wise— You couldn't fool Him, Oh No!

He had drank coffee for years. Coffee didn't hurt him.

But The Bump Came

Many a man is pretty sure that while coffee may hurt others it don't hurt him—till the bump comes.

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Men's and ladies' double texture Slip-Ons, Storm Collars and Cuffs \$7.50 \$12.50 value, until Saturday night

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SALOONS ARE OPPOSED

J. E. WERLEIN ARGUES LICENSE NEAR MILWAUKIE SHOPS.

F. A. Nusom Granted Transfer Over Protest of Councilman Menefer—Brewery Is Lessor.

"I do not wish to threaten, but if this license is granted I will head a movement to put saloons out of every suburb," said J. E. Werlein, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, before the members of the liquor license committee of the Council yesterday. It was a license to establish a saloon at Milwaukie and Mall streets, near the new car shops. It was not granted. Mr. Werlein declared that there is no legitimate excuse for allowing a saloon there and that the only reason one was contemplated there was because several hundred employees of the streetcar company are soon to be put to work at the new shops. He protested vigorously against such action. Councilman Joy, in whose ward the location lies, moved that the petition be refused, and the committee sustained him. A. N. Willis, an ex-Councilman, and others were present to enter protests on the ground that no saloon is wanted at the place named. Despite the protests of Councilman Menefer, the committee voted to transfer the license of F. A. Nusom across the street from his present location at

Mississippi avenue and Russell street, for the reason that he could get cheaper rent than in the building he now occupies, which is controlled by the Weinhard estate. Mr. Menefer, who is Councilman from that ward, said that the change of locations would be bad for the community, but he was unable to persuade his colleagues that

such is the case. He will make a minority report.

The number of street or road accidents in Great Britain caused by vehicles in 1911 was 35,210, or which 1,537 were fatal. In London there were 385 fatal and 13,849 other accidents. Of the former 155 were caused by motor cars, 234 by motorcycles, 107 by motor omnibuses and 26 by electric streetcars.

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