

THOUSANDS OF JOBS SOON TO BE OPEN

Dozens of Projects Are to Awake When Snow Again Permits Operations.

MILLS AND SCHOOLS HELP

Railroads and Logging Camps Are to Provide Bulk of Work, but There Will Be Labor on Other Enterprises in Little While.

Banked up behind the snowdrifts of the present unusually wintry weather is a reservoir of employment which will flow out to labor with a rush as soon as the cold spell is broken and moderating weather makes possible the resumption of activity in the logging camps and beginning of work on the several large construction projects which are afoot in Portland and in this section.

The acute unemployment situation is likely to find some relief with the melting of the snow, in the opinion of contractors, lumbermen and others who are in intimate touch with the situation about Portland at this time.

The lumbermen and contractors are preparing to absorb a portion of the army of unemployed as soon as possible in view of the work ahead and with an object of co-operating with the city in its effort to handle the situation.

There are big building projects imminent, such as the \$750,000 plant of the Hawley paper mill plant at Oregon City, on which the contract has already been let, and on which construction will begin in two weeks.

Builders See Change Coming. The great Benson Polytechnic School is another enterprise that is immediately pending, to say nothing of a score of smaller building contracts within the city itself which are waiting now on the improvement of weather conditions.

"Building activities are viewed with more optimism by contractors at this time than they have been for years, and although the general feeling of confidence and security is not translatable into columns of exact figures in every case, it is unmistakably there," said O. G. Hughson, of the Builders' Exchange, yesterday.

"There is not a member of the exchange who does not expect to see things better in the coming year than in the year just past, and who does not expect to see them still better in the year after that."

Railroads to Use 2000. The railroads, while they have no extensive new construction enterprises to announce in this immediate locality, nevertheless will be opening up as soon as the Spring is under way with their general maintenance work and many minor construction jobs.

An official of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway estimated that the opening of Spring work on that line will bring out into the labor market an amounting to probably 1000 men. Estimates on other lines vary, but taking all into consideration, the opening of Spring work on the railroads probably will probably employ from between 2000 and 2500 men in Portland and vicinity, and in the territory directly tributary to Portland's labor market.

This alone is expected to relieve the unemployed situation, which during the Winter has been acute.

Building construction, large as its influence on the labor market will be, is only "a drop in the bucket," compared to what the re-opening of the logging activities means. The railroad construction and maintenance work is further in the future than the logging activities.

Lumbermen and loggers men are optimistic, and their predictions are for a busy season.

4000 to Work in Woods. The stormy weather may delay the opening of the camps for actual logging operations for a long time, in the opinion of E. R. Hazen, of the Bridal Veil Lumber Company, and other men interested in the lumber industry; but there will be an immediate demand for certain amount of labor to mend the snow gobs, to repair roads and tracks and get things in readiness for beginning logging operations.

The camps, however, will not all be in logging operation before April or May, in the opinion of Mr. Hazen, and the mills will not be able to catch up in their cutting before July.

An exact estimate of the extent of employment in the logging camps cannot be given, for the volume of this type of employment is fluctuating. Figures based on the late census returns indicate that in Oregon and Southwest Washington, in territory immediately tributary to Portland's labor market, between 4000 and 5000 men are employed under ordinary active business conditions in logging work.

In the same territory, in mills and yards, which are in a measure subject to the logging industry before they can operate, the employment runs in about the same ratio.

BEACH HOTEL CONSIDERED

DANIEL KERN HURT BY AUTO

Wrist of Paving Company President Broken When Machine Backfires.

Daniel Kern, president of the Columbia Contract Company and of the Oregon Independent Paving Company, was injured severely early last night when cranking his automobile to take a party of young folks for a ride on a beach.

MORNING PICTURE NEWS



MARIE DORO, FASCINATING STAR OF "THE WOOD NYMPH," AT COLUMBIA THEATER.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Columbia—"The Wood Nymph." "A Modern Enoch Arden" explaining Majestic—"The Ruling Passion." National—"Undine." Pickford—"The Better Woman." Peoples—"My Lady Incog." "The Goddess." "The House of Tears." Circle—"Sallybury's Animal Life in America."

Pickford.

PICKFORD Lenore Ulrich, who escaped from battle-scarred Mexico only a few weeks ago, is starred in "The Better Woman," a photodrama of "highly sustained interest, given its initial Portland screening at the Pickford yesterday. East and West are rivals and co-stars in this world production, the drama depicting the struggle between a dashing and Eastern girl for the heart of a man, and the scenery taking the spectator from the mansions and golf links of New York to the mines of the Rockies.

One attractive feature of the plot of "The Better Woman" is that there is a strong element of suspense regarding the outcome. Kate Tripler (Miss Ulrich), the girl of the mountains, meets the man she is infatuated with (Lowell Sherman), but she reaches her goal through an erroneous report of the marriage of her rival and the destruction of a letter written explaining the mistake. However, wed she finally is, the husband soon repenting. Her supreme love for him wins the day, and finally, when the letter's destruction of the letter is exposed his anger yields to tender sentiments, and he journeys back West to reclaim his bride.

The Baker, Or., antics following the inauguration of the "dry" regime, and the ice-bound Tahoma in the Columbia near Cape Horn are shown in the Pathe news weekly.

Peoples.

Hazel Dawn, perhaps a bit fleshier than on her last screen appearance here, and in an entirely different role, that of a female detective, opened yesterday at the Peoples in "My Lady Incog." Dividing honors with the Famous Players' star is the fourth chapter of "The Goddess," the charming Anita Stewart-Earle Williams vehicle.

"My Lady Incog" is a wholesome comedy-drama, replete with amusing situations and not lacking in thrills. Miss Dawn is Nell Carroll, a Southern belle who becomes an investigator when poverty strars her in the face and the old home is soon to be lost by mortgage foreclosure. She is sent to Palm Beach, Fla. (those anti-Winter scenes were really filmed there), and there the novice is to ferret out the perpetrators of a series of robberies. She poses as the Baroness Du Vassay. A crook-detective fathoms her intentions, and one of the gang poses as the Baron Du Vassay, faithful to the terror of the detective and the amusement of Mrs. Spectator. Nell becomes enamored of Teddy De Vaux, scion of a wealthy family, and the man she is almost sure is the thief. However, the guilty ones are captured, Nell receives her reward, and when the Baroness is discovered to be the thief, she is freed. The Baroness is not that and also attached, happiness is in store for both.

National.

Dashing whites and dashing nymphs, with much white water and more white skin, are displayed in artistic lavishness in "Undine," the Blue Bird aquatic pantasy which opened yesterday at the National Theater. Ida Schnall, heralded as the most perfectly formed woman in the world, gives one every opportunity to judge of her merits in that particular, for her clothing, never sufficient for protection against billiards, disappears so completely at times that one is led to believe she left her rights drying on the line.

"Undine," as filmed, is a darsingly artistic production with an utter lack of any offensiveness which might be charged against a film effort of that character. It is the version of the well-known German fairy story of that name in which man and the gods are involved. Very briefly, Undine (Miss Schnall), a nymph, loves a mortal, dies, and to atone for her crime her daughter is placed among mortals. The child grown to young womanhood (Miss Schnall) is loved by a Prince. They are married, and she goes to his castle, when the gods interfere and she disappears, returning to the sea to become a mermaid doomed to the watery depths forever.

The swimming and diving of the bevy of graceful girls is excellent, while the light effects on the water and the scenery—beaches, rocks, arches and caves on the Santa Barbara Islands—are delightful.

Majestic.

The lure of the Orient and its victory over the Occident is graphically presented in "The Ruling Passion" at the Majestic Theater. William Shay and Claire Whitney are co-stars in this strong William Fox feature, which depicts life in India in a series of thrilling pictures with tragic culmination. The story presents a girl of the London slums, who goes to India

TOTAL ECLIPSE NEAR

Sun Phenomenon Will Be Thursday About 7 A. M.

DURATION IS 21-2 MINUTES

Moon Will Completely Hide Solar Body for First Time in Almost Eight Years; Change Visible if Atmosphere Permits.

A total eclipse of the sun, visible as a partial eclipse in Portland, and the first total eclipse visible anywhere for almost eight years, will be apparent in Portland Thursday morning, February 3.

The eclipse is scheduled to begin before sunrise, which in Portland will be at 7:12, but inasmuch as the eclipse will last until 7:45 o'clock, Portland should be able to see the eclipse between 7:15 and 7:45, partially at least, weather and atmospheric conditions permitting. In the Eastern and Southern states the eclipse is due to be quite plainly apparent.

The eclipse will be an event of some importance in astronomical circles. Partial eclipses of the sun occur once or twice a year—there happened to be none last year—but not so with total eclipses. The last visible to the Pacific states occurred in 1898; the next will not come for two or possibly three years.

Sun Many Times Size of Moon. The business man who talks of holding a penny so close to the eye that one can see a dollar beyond will be especially repaid to arise Thursday morning and see Dame Nature illustrate his figure on a gigantic scale.

It would take a row of 400 moons or more to make a band across the face of the sun, but the distance of this body from the earth is \$2,380,000 miles, or slightly less than 400 times the distance of the earth to the moon.

In other words, if the sun was half a dollar, the earth would be the head of a pin, and the moon would be the head of a common pin.

Fery Prince Often Shown. And it so happens that the moon can just about cover the face of the sun when conditions are just right. Sometimes it does it quite cover, and the moon gets a fiery fringe, appearing as a huge black spot against the sun. This is called a ring or annular eclipse.

Portland is so far north of the center of the path across the earth along which the cone of the moon's shadow will sweep that in all probability the astronomers are able to observe the cross-section of the sun's circumference under the best conditions.

Eruptive Bursts Dart Afar. Eruptive bursts of flame are seen shooting as high as 350,000 miles from the sun, at least so the astronomers say, and they also tell of seeing these eruptions of blazing gases "discharge" a second to heights of 70,000 miles.

If Portland does see a total eclipse, it will gain a new conception of the surface of the moon, for, instead of appearing a body of symmetrical contour, its edges will appear rough and ragged.

Along with the theories that sun spots affect the weather, which they do only in a gradual manner averaging a period of years, is a common belief that an eclipse has some effect.

Effect on Weather Indirect. But this is true only in a very indirect manner, for the eclipse may allow the astronomers to observe the sun spots in the photosphere of the sun, from these spots erupt over a period of years may be determined.

The duration of the total eclipse, should it be seen here, will be only about half minute, although the eclipse will be in process of evolution for about two hours.

Lincoln Graduating Class Is Technically Yet an Entity.

Failure of Last Meeting to Adjourn in Form Causes Unusual Situation.

ALTHOUGH all of its members have been graduated, the February, 1916, class of Lincoln High School, according to all the laws of parliamentary procedure, is still an entity.

Last Thursday, before the graduation exercises had been held, the last meeting of the class was called by its president, Adolph Bloch. When the time for adjournment came every member refused to put the necessary motion, so after tedious wait the meeting was dissolved by action instead of words. Thus the lack of proper motion or declaration by the proper authority still leaves the organization complete.

Members of the class, the president, received from the former librarian, Miss Gladys Smith, a telegram of congratulations. Miss Smith, who is believed to have changed her name since her departure from this city about a year ago, is now in Wallace, Idaho.

The first reunion of the February class has been arranged by Miss Anna Hart, the hostess, for Thursday night, February 3. Members of the class will gather at the home of Miss Hart, 769 Third street.

MOTHER TRAILS CHILDREN

Former Yoncalla Rancher Is Held in South on Non-Support Charge.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—R. H. Jennings, for many years a prominent rancher near Yoncalla, was arrested at Santa Cruz, Cal., early today, according to a telegram received by Sheriff Quine, of this city. Mr. Jennings left here a few months ago unknown to his wife and was accompanied by his two daughters. To regain possession of the children, Mrs. Jennings caused a warrant to be issued charging her husband with non-support. Mrs. Jennings tracked her husband through Washington and recently learned that he had located at Santa Cruz.

His arrest followed. Mrs. Jennings says she will go to the courts and try to gain possession of the children. Mrs. Jennings left for Santa Cruz today and will be followed tomorrow by Sheriff Quine.

De V. K. Wellington Koon, the new Chinese minister in the United States, who graduated from Columbia University in 1909. Less than 20 years of age, he is credited with being one of the youngest men ever sent to fill such a diplomatic position at Washington.

PEOPLES Today Tomorrow Wednesday. Two of Filmdom's Brightest Stars. Hazel Dawn My Lady Incog A Rare Combination of Laughs and Thrills. Anita Stewart In the Fourth Chapter of The Goddess A Show You Can't Afford to Miss. 10,000 Souvenir Photos of Miss Dawn Given Away. Be Sure to Get One.

2500 IN CITY IDLE Commissioner to Submit Unemployed Report to Council.

RELIEF WORK IS INTENT Sermon Thoughts From Portland Churches.

Men Are Heads of Families and Are Not Applicants for Charity, Desire Being to Make Own Way by Honest Toil.

Report of the unemployed in Portland, their condition and the need of work for them will be submitted by City Commissioner Baker to the City Council within the next few days with a recommendation of some sort of a plan whereby relief work may be given.

There are some 2500 unemployed married men registered for work in the city bureau for employment. They are not the floating class of laborers, but citizens of Portland with families, who do not want nor will they accept charity as such, but who want something to do to make their way, according to Mr. Baker.

Mayor Albee recently talked to the labor department committee of the Women's Christian Temperance Union on the question of the unemployed and pointed out that there were less of the floating and criminal classes in Portland than ever before, but that the question of the unemployed would be one of moment which the administration was trying to meet with the aid of those who were interested in the problem.

It is understood that with his report, Mr. Baker will probably call a meeting of some of the civic bodies and

ask them to aid in formulating a plan to meet the requirement; or that a direct appeal will be made to Portland people to aid in furnishing work for those who are waiting to do it.

The Baker report will be based on investigations covering the entire city and from sources that are official. He has had the aid of the police and other departments of the municipal government in this work, covering many weeks. The purpose of this concrete statement will be to base a systematic plan of relief in the way of work for those who need it—private as well as public.

expected that the total contributions will approximate at least \$15,000. Ben Selling, treasurer of the committee in charge of Portland contributions, had the headquarters closed yesterday and no reports were made as to additional contributions.

He will be at his office today at Fourth and Morrison streets and contributions may be sent there, in any of the banks in the city or to The Oregonian.

The charitable spirit has inspired Portland people and many articles of jewelry have been given in lieu of cash or checks.

A farm in England is devoted exclusively to raising butterflies, of which upward of 50,000 are sold each year.

The great judgment of God comprehends the investigative and the executive features," said Rev. E. W. Catlin last night at the Knights of Pythias hall.

"The Lord has appointed a set time, which prophecy reveals to have commenced in 1844 A. D., for the investigation of every case. One comforting fact is that the Lord is the judge and he cannot be influenced," by politics, money, or friends. Each will receive a just reward.

"Each case is called according to the names entered in the Book of Life, which records every professed believer—for the judgment was to begin with the House of God, and when Jesus comes again the Scriptures tell us that he will bring his reward with him, showing that then the investigations of judgment will have been completed."

\$15,000 IS MARK NOW SET Many Give Jewels as Contributions to Jewish Relief Fund.

Contributions to the relief of the Jews in the war zone will be received until Saturday, February 5, and it is

TODAY LENOIRE ULRICH ORIGINAL "LUANA" The Bird of Paradise. IN The BETTER WOMAN A Remarkable Drama of Love, Jealousy, Hate and Heroism. Special Music by PICKFORD ORCHESTRA Also PATHENEWS All the latest picture news. The PICKFORD Washington at Park. TODAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MARIE DORO The bewitching beauty, as the "next-to-nature" girl in the Wood Nymph. A Griffith five-part feature that is part idyll, part satire and part drama—a story as romantic as any Robert W. Chambers novel. This is Miss Doro's first Triangle feature; it gives a new side of this stage beauty's genius. A Modern Enoch Arden A Keystone comedy in four parts, featuring JOE JACKSON The Tramp Comedian and his bunch of famous laugh-makers. A SURE CURE FOR ALL BLUES. Tea served daily in our Rest Room, from 3 P. M. to 5 P. M. FREE. COLUMBIA