

MODERN HOUSES AT PREMIUM HERE

Demand for Rental Homes Is
Such Agents Cannot Meet
It in Some Sections.

BUNGALOWS SOON TAKEN

Even Old Structures Not Equipped
With Up-to-Date Facilities Are
Renting With Surprising
Fastes in Portland.

The rental situation has improved so greatly in Portland within the past year, and particularly within the past six months, that today it is difficult, in many localities, to obtain a modern house.

There are still vacant houses in Portland, it is true, and quite a number of them. But there are not nearly so many as there were a year ago. They are snapped up about as fast as they become vacant. If the older houses were fitted up there would be a demand for them, too, the demand being for modern houses.

This is particularly true of the houses of five, six and seven rooms. Virtually no bungalows are for rent anywhere in the city, like South Portland, is very strong," said Frank L. McGuire, president of the Portland Realty Board, yesterday. "We have no trouble at all in renting a modern house today. A year ago rental houses were too often a drug on the market."

"There are unquestionably many thousands more of persons in Portland today than there were a year ago. The shipbuilding industry is the largest factor in bringing them here. There are also a good many persons here on business of various kinds for the allied interests, who are looking for houses to rent during their stay here."

"Naturally it is harder to rent the older houses and those that are run down on the outside or inside, but there is a demand even for them. In some localities rental houses are so scarce that renters will take any that are to be had."

"Rents have not increased much as yet, but my own experience is that there is no longer complaint on the part of those looking for houses about the rents asked."

Donald G. Woodward, rental agent, also said that the rental situation was very much improved over what it was a year ago.

"Furnished Bungalows in Demand." "There seems to be especially a demand for furnished houses," he said. "Any reasonably modern furnished house can be rented for \$10 to \$15 a month. There is a big demand for the smaller houses, whether furnished or unfurnished; that is, those of five and six rooms. The larger houses of eight, nine or ten rooms have not rented so quickly."

"It is just about impossible to find a bungalow for rent in the city. Bungalows are taken as fast as they are vacant."

"While rents remain at about the same figure as a year ago, there is a good prospect that they will increase in the spring. Rents now range from \$8 or \$10 to \$15 a month, depending on location and size of the house. With some houses bringing \$25."

"If the demand for rental houses continues, it will be but a short time before the supply of them will be exhausted. In some localities now, particularly in South Portland, it is difficult to obtain houses."

HOW TO KEEP WELL By Dr. W. A. Evans.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Wherever possible, the subject of the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations and where stamped addressed envelopes are enclosed, Dr. Evans will not make diagnoses or prescribe for individual diseases. Requests for such services cannot be answered. (Copyright, 1916, by Dr. W. A. Evans. Published by arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.)

Air in Schoolrooms.

Palmer tells us that while schoolroom air is dryer than a desert, it is not so drying. He says "warm, dry schoolrooms have without doubt been the cause of many headaches, lowered vitality, colds and inattentiveness, but even so, the results do not seem as severe as the effect of desert air."

Huntington says: "In such a place as Death Valley in the desert, the thermometer at 109 to 135 in the shade it is almost impossible to drink enough water to preserve normal physiological conditions." Certainly schoolrooms never approximate conditions as bad as these.

Some desert relative humidities have been recorded as follows:

Trans-Caspian desert in Asia.....19 to 40

Sahara.....27

Death Valley.....25

Yuma.....25

Near Santa Fe.....29

As compared with this note the following schoolroom relative humidities:

A typical New York City schoolroom, 20

Public school C, humidified.....88

Public school A, unhumidified.....25

Public school B, unhumidified.....28

Eight fan ventilated schools.....11 to 17

Topeka (Kan.) schools.....22

But while schoolroom air is dryer it is less drying than desert air by reason of the following considerations, evaporation of moisture depending upon three considerations:

1. Heat of the water and of the air.

2. The relative humidity of the air.

3. Rate of movement of the air.

All three of these must be taken into consideration and not the relative humidity of the air alone.

While the schoolroom air is the dry-

er, it is less drying because its temperature is lower and its wind velocity is less. The difference in temperature is greater, being the difference between 70 to 75 on the one hand and 90 to 130 on the other. Schoolroom air moves at the rate of about 25 feet a minute, while desert air that moves at the rate of 500 feet a minute (5.7 miles an hour) would be said to be almost breezeless. The usual wind movement is greater than that.

The dryness of schoolroom air and of desert air have been tested with two instruments—the anemometer and the thermometer. Both of these show that desert air is the more drying when the temperatures and humidities are about the same. With the desert air at 100 degrees, 40 humidity, and 50 feet a minute velocity and schoolroom air at 70 temperature, 20 humidity, and 25 feet velocity the dryness of the desert would be 15.3 as compared with 15.3 for the schoolroom.

These tests show that schoolroom air is never as bad as Death Valley. But then who would want children subjected to conditions anywhere nearly so bad as Death Valley? Nobody but the hardest of men try to live in Death Valley. The lure of fortune tempts few men to go in there. Of those that go in many die, many escape, but a short stay, few think of remaining there 10 school months on a stretch. On the other hand, young children are forced by law to stay in school for 10 months out of the year.

Moisture a Good Sign. "In a five-room modern flat, stove, heated, bathroom, window, kitchen, transom, one bedroom window and one dining-room window usually open from the top inch or more always during the day; a dish of water always on the back of the heating stove; two good thermometers, but no hygrometer on hand. Temperature is always at 70, sometimes as much as 4 degrees over that mark."

"What is the reason for this in a flat of this description? The moisture is quite heavy at times. Is it a good or a bad sign? Is it a sign that there is not enough ventilation, that the air is too moist, or what?"

REPLY.

Sweating windows in a flat of residence is a sign of humidity. You have so much moisture unless the pan on the stove evaporates a good deal. Do not evaporate less. More would be better. Temperature of 70 to 74 is too high; 68 to 70 is right.

Locomotor Ataxia.

S. E. writes: "Would you please answer the following questions:

"1. What are the symptoms of locomotor ataxia, the cause, cure, and is it contagious?"

"2. What diseases is salvarsan used for?"

REPLY.

1. The most characteristic early symptom is ataxia of gait. The patient complains of a feeling of instability when he walks. The gait is unsteady and the patient is unable to walk in a straight line. The ataxia is usually in the legs or abdomen or even elsewhere. Later, symptoms in the arms of the feet, inability to stand when the heels are together and the eyes are closed. Loss of knee reflexes, due to ataxia. In a certain sense there is no cure. Muscle training and muscle education are curative so much as to give the patient a few other infections with animal parasites.

2. No. Salvarsan is of limited service in locomotor ataxia. It is a powerful disease usually do not come until several years after the infection has occurred. The diagnosis is usually made by the presence of ataxia. For both these reasons it is not of great service. Nor is it easy to get the salvarsan into the spinal canal in effective concentration.

RAIL SCHEDULES CHANGE

HEAVY MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT IS CAUSE.

Various Switches Made in Minor Branch Trains as Well as Those To and From South.

Heavy movement of freight over the main line of the Southern Pacific between its Oregon terminus and California cities is assigned as one of the reasons for slight changes in time tables that affect three through trains and a number of local branch lines.

The running time of train No. 13, leaving Portland daily at 8:25 P. M., will be lengthened making its arrival at San Francisco 8:50 A. M., instead of 7:30, as at present.

Train No. 54, north-bound, will leave San Francisco at 11 P. M. daily instead of 11:40 P. M., as at present, and will arrive in Portland at 7:30 A. M. daily instead of 7:40 A. M., as at present.

Train No. 16, also north-bound, will leave San Francisco at 7 P. M. daily, instead of 7:40 P. M., as at present, and will arrive at Portland at 8:25 A. M. daily, instead of 7:30, as at present.

Various local changes in minor branch train operation are announced.

Train No. 81, on the Wendling branch, will leave Eugene at 2:10 P. M. daily, instead of 2:30 P. M., as at present, and will arrive at Wendling at 3:20 P. M. instead of 3:40 P. M.

Train No. 84, in the opposite direction, will leave Wendling at 3:38 P. M., instead of 4 P. M., and will arrive at Eugene at 4:48 P. M., instead of 5:10 P. M.

There will be a slight change in electric line service between Portland and Oswego. Train No. 263 will leave the Union Station at 3:50 P. M. instead of 3:55 P. M. daily, and the Jefferson street station at 4:05, instead of 4:10 P. M. daily.

Train No. 264 will leave the Union Station at 4:25 P. M. and there will be no change in the schedule beyond Oswego.

All the train changes are effective next Sunday, December 16.

CLOR RICHES IS NAMED

EDITORIAL MAN SECRETARY OF

New Official Formerly Published Standard and is Well Known Throughout State.

Lloyd Riches, manager of The Weekly Oregonian, has been appointed secretary of the Oregon State Editorial Association to fill the unexpired term of Philip S. Bates, who has resigned. The selection was made by unanimous vote of the executive committee.

Mr. Riches has been active in the state association for the last five years and is widely known among the members. He was formerly publisher of the Standard.

Mr. Riches was notified yesterday of his appointment by A. E. Voorhies, of Grants Pass, president of the association. Mr. Bates tendered his resignation because his new work made it impracticable for him to handle the office. He recently disposed of the Pacific Northwest and is not now closely allied with the newspaper business.

Pendleton Is Headquarters.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Luther Goldman, biological assistant and predatory animal inspector of Idaho, is to make Pendleton his headquarters.

ONLY 10 SHOPPING DAYS TO XMAS—DO YOUR BUYING EARLY

Eastern Star Red Cross Workers Will Meet in the Auditorium on the Fourth Floor Today From 10 to 5—All Members Are Invited



See Santa Claus in Toyland

—Big, jovial Santa holds full sway in Toyland every day from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 5. Let the children come in and see him and the new Toys, Dolls, Games and Christmas things he has assembled here.

Portland's Great Toy Store

—A veritable wonderland of gifts dear to the heart of every child! There are Electrical Toys, Mechanical Toys, Trains, Boats, Toy Animals, Tool Chests, Meccano outfits, Ten Pins, Coasters, Sleds, Velocipedes, and hundreds of other things that will please the youngsters on Christmas morning. Double Stamps given with all charge or cash purchases—an additional cash saving you should not overlook. Christmas purchases made now will be stored free; delivered when desired.

Merchandise Bonds and Glove Orders
—An OWK Merchandise Bond or Glove Order is always acceptable as a Christmas gift. Issued for any amount, good at any time. Buy them at Special Bond Booth on the First Floor.

Women's Neckwear at \$1.25 Made in Portland

Main Floor—Dainty gift Neckwear—very latest Parisian styles reproduced right here in Portland. No better neckwear made anywhere at the price! Women's fine washable Satin Collars, Georgette Crepe and Petunia Collars—epaulet styles—hemstitched, lace trimmed and tailored—also many styles in stocks and jabots. Extraordinary values. Very special—your choice

\$1.50 Xmas Slippers 98c

Bargain Circle, Main Floor.
—Women's and Misses' Crocheted Slippers in a splendid assortment of the wanted colors. Wool 98c insoles. \$1.50 kind. Special 98c
—RED KID SIESTA Slippers with pompon at toe, and chrome elk soles. Very appropriate for gifts. Usual \$1.35 grade. Priced 98c
—BOUDOIR SLIPPERS of felt; various colors, with fancy 98c collar. Sale price, pair for

Men's Gift Slippers Bargainized

Two Lots—Special \$1.98, \$2.69
Bargain Circle, First Floor.
Men's Christmas Slippers, good grade felt, in black, white, gray or tan. All sizes. \$1.98
Ask for your S. & H. Stamps. Priced special, the pair

Women's Novelty Boots Thursday—\$6.98

Shoe Department, Main Floor—Women's Fancy Boots—8 and 9-inch tops, in a remarkable sale. Beautiful, high-class Footwear in laced and buttoned styles. Gray kid, mahogany calf with cream-colored fabric tops, black kid with gray cloth tops, black kid with white or silver gray tops, champagne with harmonizing cloth uppers, and various other combinations. Some lines are slightly broken. Standard \$8.00 to \$12.00 Boots. Pair \$6.98

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The Standard Store of the Northwest
Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

Christmas Gift Sale of Women's High-Class Coats

Garment Salons, Second Floor—Two special groups of Women's and Misses' High-Class Coats have been greatly reduced for this sale. One of these garments would make a handsome gift for wife, sister, mother or daughter. DOUBLE STAMPS given with all charge or cash purchases in all departments. Ask for your Stamps.

Coats at \$43.75

Second Floor—In this assortment there are beautiful styles for evening wear and also the more serviceable models for street wear. Garments from our regular stock—some in neat tailored effects, others with novelty belts and collars of fur or self material. Very newest models with fancy linings. Materials include wool velours, French broadcloth, Bolivia, burella, etc. Splendid range \$43.75 of the leading shades. Good assortment of sizes. Priced \$43.75

Coats at \$49.75

Second Floor—Dressy Coats for evening and street wear, in any number of beautiful models, many in the popular high waistline effects with belt and large buckle. Such wanted materials as silvertone, Bolivia, chiffon broadcloth, velours, burella, etc. Many have large fur collars and cuffs with band of fur at bottom. Black, taupe, browns, greens, wine, plum and other desirable shades. Exclusive styles. Priced special, at \$49.75

Christmas Gloves

Department, First Floor—New shipment of the famous Reynier Real French Kid Gloves just opened up, and ready for your choosing. All the popular styles are shown in one or two-clasp, pique or over-seam. Reynier's Oland Suede grays, extra quality suedes in 3 shades of gray, Reynier's Tan in tans, Reynier's Boneval 2-Clasp Glass Gloves in white, black and colors; Reynier's best quality Real Kid in white and black. Prices range from \$2.00 up to \$3.00 a pair.

\$35 "Hotpoint" Electric Cleaner \$27.50

Third Floor—For her Christmas gift this year buy one of these celebrated Hotpoint Electric Cleaners. It will not only please her, but it will save her an endless amount of labor throughout the coming year. Sold on easy-payment plan if desired. Standard \$35.00 Cleaners, \$27.50 similar to cut, priced special at

Other Hotpoint Gifts

Percolators, Chafing Dishes, Electric Irons, Boudoir Sets, Stoves, Toaster, and hundreds of other articles from which to choose—Dept., 3d Floor.

DOGGS AND MONKEYS ACT

FEATURE ACT IN NEW STRAND BILL IS PLEASING.

Other Acts of Merit Round Out With Vampire-Plot Photo Play Interesting Bill.

Not alone for the children, but for grown-up children as well, is the appeal made by the big featured act on the new Strand bill on the 11th road show opening yesterday. It is Buckley's miniature animal show, with monkeys and dogs enacting all sorts of human-like roles. The smart little simians and the sagacious doggies offer the cleverest sort of an act, with plenty of comedy maneuvers introduced into the bright tricks of the animal actors. They are all well trained and go through their act happily, quite as though they enjoyed it all themselves.

"Varietyville" is the billing of a remarkably entertaining act, presented by Roy and Mada Wood. The girl dresses attractively and is herself attractive. The two dance delightfully and sing cheery ballads, introducing new and bright repartee. Their eccentric dancing is particularly noteworthy. Another pair of meritorious

entertainers are Rose and Thorne, the Tale boy in college atmosphere, and his charming partner, the Swedish maid, who keep the audience closely interested with their antics.

The Majestic trio is here again, decorated bill with new and melodious songs. Their close harmony effects are especially pleasing. The Murose are an act with their artistic act, entitled "Dresden China Painters," in which they create pleasing paintings on the stage. A trio of sensational hand-balancers are the two Bohns, with Liberty Bohn featured in the act. The photoplay is a William

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THE DOCTOR'S ADVICE

The questions answered below are general in character, the symptoms or diseases are given, and the remedy will apply in any case of similar nature.

Those wishing further advice, free, may address Dr. Lewis Baker, College Ridge, College Elmore street, Dayton, Ohio, enclosing self-addressed stamped envelope for reply. Full name and address must be given. No initials or fictitious names will be used in my answers. The prescriptions can be filled at any well-stocked drug store. Any druggist can order of wholesaler.

cold from your system. The following prescription will check your cold and cough. Get a 24-oz. package of concentrated essence of mentho-laxene and make according to directions on the bottle. Take a teaspoonful every hour or two or until your cold is better. This will relieve you in a very few days.

Miss C. W. R. asks: "I have tried for two years to diet so as to increase my weight and improve the quality of my blood, but in vain. Please prescribe for me."

Answer: Thin, scrawny, bloodless people need assistance in absorbing nutrition from the food eaten, and for this particular purpose I always prescribe three-grain hypo-nutrient tablets. These tablets have been used regularly and persistently, and it seems to increase the red and white corpuscles of the blood, thus affording health, strength and increased weight.

Geo. V. G. writes: "Perhaps you can prescribe for me, as I am at a loss to understand my condition. For the past year have suffered extreme nervousness, trembling and extremities are cold. Have poor appetite, am restless and no ambition to work or seek recreation. Am tired all the time and in no sense the strong capable man I was a few years ago."

Answer: Powerful rejuvenating nerve medicine should revive the dormant sluggish condition and put new ambition and energy into your blood and nerves. Obtain three grain sado-mene tablets in sealed tubes, take as per directions.

NOTE: For many years Dr. Baker has been giving free advice and prescriptions to millions of people through the "Doctor's Advice" columns. He has helped in relieving illness and distress more than any single individual in the world's history. Thousands have written him expressions of gratitude and confidence.—Adv.

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