

IMMEDIATE HOUSE SURVEY IS SOUGHT

Government Asks Portland for Report on Available Home Resources.

NEW INDUSTRIES MAY COME

Intimation Is That Something of Importance Awaits City If It Is Found Able to Provide Ample Accommodations.

The United States Government, through the Department of Labor, yesterday called upon officials and representatives of the city of Portland to aid in making an immediate and speedy survey of housing resources now available. The aim of the survey is to determine Portland's ability to handle additional war industries.

In connection with the survey the Government will ask people with single rooms to rent them to war workers and urge home owners to rent available premises. Landlords who now bar children from their houses will be asked to remove the barrier for the duration of the war.

Two Committees Merged. The request for aid in the survey by appointment of a committee was made at a meeting of the more homes and housing committee in Mayor Baker's office yesterday.

Because of the immediate need of the survey a committee was formed by merging the more homes committee and the housing committee and the addition of several other persons. The committee which will conduct the survey under auspices of the Government will be known as the United States homes registration committee, and is composed of the following:

Mayor Baker, chairman; Ira F. Powers, vice-chairman; J. C. Almsworth, James B. Kerr, F. E. Taylor, Ellis Lawrence, Eric Hauser, John H. Burdard, W. F. Smith, C. B. Waters, John P. Daly, E. W. Sleeman, Otto Hartwig, Miss Ida V. Jones, E. J. Stack, H. E. Plummer, James J. Sawyer, H. B. Beckett, Lloyd J. Wentworth, Henry L. Corbett and William F. Woodward.

Bureau to Be Established. A permanent placement bureau will be established with a manager in charge for the purpose of constantly keeping in touch with the housing situation in Portland for the Government. This bureau will co-operate with the employment service of the Department of Labor.

Intimation was made that something awaits Portland if the city is found in a position to handle it, because the two Government representatives told the committee they had been instructed to make an immediate survey in Portland and report by telegraph on the results to Washington.

At the request of the Government officials, Mayor Baker also named a committee, "for the purpose of putting an end to profiteering in rents. In all cases affecting war workers failure to adjust disputes over rents between this committee and the landlords will result in commandeering of the houses in question by the Government.

Portland's Action Praised. The Fair Rental committee is composed of H. B. Beckett, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, B. F. Sleeman, representing organized labor, and F. E. Taylor, representing property owners.

Portland was praised for the manner in which the housing problem thus far has been handled. The Government officials declared that Portland had done much to solve its own problem.

FAIR CROWDS ARE LARGE

MUSIC BY CAMPBELL'S BAND ONE FEATURE OF SHOW.

Striking Songs on Kaiser and Liberty
Leads Thrill Visitors—Saturday's
Racing Card to Lure.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
SALEM, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—As the State Fair is drawing to a close it ought to be said that one of the outstanding features of this year's meetings has been the music furnished by Campbell's American Band and the singing to the band accompaniment of Monte Austin. He has rendered some striking songs on the Kaiser and the liberty loan each day, but his hits today were more warmly received than on the preceding occasions, perhaps because he was in better voice and showed more versatility as an actor than heretofore.

PORTLAND CLOSED TOWN

SELLING OF MERCHANDISE SUNDAYS UNDER BAN OCTOBER 1.

Drug Stores, Partly Exempt From Late Order, Restricted to Handling Prescriptions and Medicine.

Portland is to be a "closed" town on Sundays after October 1. Every establishment handling merchandise, except drug stores, will be required to keep its doors locked, and drug stores may engage only in the disposal of medicine and the filling of prescriptions. Cigar stores, soft drink houses, fruit stands, bakeries and other

places handling merchandise for sale are included in the ban.

Such was the announcement made yesterday by Chairman Kollock, of the State Council of Defense, who explained that the programme was to be observed rigidly and to remain in effect until the end of the war.

At a recent meeting of the State Council of Defense, resolutions were adopted, setting forth the requirements of that organization as a war measure, and notice has been given that the order for Sunday closing will be enforced by the letter for the duration of the war.

The resolutions follow:

Resolved, That on and after October 1, 1918, all places of mercantile trade within the state of Oregon, on the first day of the week commonly known as Sunday, at any time after 9 P. M. on Saturday, and at any time after 9 P. M. on any other day of the week should be discontinued during the continuance of the war; provided, that such sales may be made at any drugstore until 8 P. M. of any day of the week except Sunday, and that the foregoing prohibition shall not apply in the case of drugstores in the filling of prescriptions, sale of medicines or sickroom necessities, any or all of which may be sold on any day at any hour; provided, further, that the selling of meals or articles of food in restaurants, hotels, lunch counters and eating rooms shall not be deemed the sale of merchandise under the terms of this resolution; and, provided, further, that the sale of gasoline, distillate and lubricating oil in garages and public filling stations, except in the supplying of motor trucks actually engaged directly or indirectly in war industries, shall be deemed the sale of merchandise and subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution.

BALLOON ON WILD FLIGHT

LIBERTY BAG BREAKS AWAY AND NIGHT ATTACK FAILS.

Automobile Party Reports Seeing Craft Several Miles West of St. Helens. Couriers Are Sent Out.

Portland was denied the experience of a liberty loan attack by air last night.

It was planned that between 9 o'clock and midnight a great "blimp," of the type used for observation purposes on the western front, should sail through the skies from the north carrying with it a great banner bearing the words "Are You Pledged?" But the balloon broke loose and now is many miles away. Late last night it had not been heard from after passing high over Forest Grove and St. Helens.

Joseph M. Rieg, owner, was donating the bag and its services to the fourth loan and was personally supervising its inflation at Linnton. The balloon was filled and ready for its trip to Portland when it broke away from the launch which was to have towed it to the Morrison bridge.

The local liberty loan organization immediately sent out couriers and telegrams trying to ascertain the position of the alrhip.

There is a forest fire near Banks and Buxton and if the bag dropped there it will be a total loss. However, with the east wind and the heavy charge of gas which it carried, the bag may have passed beyond the fire zone.

An automobile party coming down the Columbia River Highway said they had seen the balloon several miles west of St. Helens. From the Highway it appeared many miles to the south and could hardly be discerned in the haze of smoke.

OREGON CALLS DRAFT MEN

State Will Furnish 652 Selects for Entrainment October 7.

Oregon state elective service headquarters had received no instructions at 7 o'clock last night concerning the entrainment of selectives called for October 7 because of the Spanish influenza epidemic. It was thought possible that if conditions were satisfactory at Coast camps delay of the entrainments may not be effective here.

Proceeding on this theory the office announced that the office would call registrants to be sent to Camp Lewis in the period of five days, starting October 7. The aggregate of this call in class 1 from registrations of June, 1917, June, 1918, and August, 1918, is: No. 1, 10; No. 2, 20; No. 3, 30; No. 4, 8; No. 5, 15; No. 6, 18; No. 7, 8; No. 9, 12; No. 10, 20.

JUDGE ROSSMAN CONDUCTS LIBERTY DRIVE IN POLICE COURT.

Seven defendants in the Municipal Court yesterday availed themselves of Judge Rossman's offer to "Buy a bond and go free." John H. Jones, a negro, was charged with violating the prohibition law, was one of them, but his patriotic purchase won only a lightening of the sentence. He was fined only \$100 on condition that he buy a \$100 liberty bond.

Six men arrested on charges of gambling were released without fines after they had subscribed for a \$50 bond each.

A total of \$516 was collected yesterday from 25 speeders who appeared before Municipal Judge Rossman. The lineup included one woman, Miss Elsie Jones, who was fined \$10 for driving 30 miles an hour on Corbett street.

TWO DECLARED DISLOYAL

Shepherd and ex-Police Member Held at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Two men are held here by the military police to be taken to Portland, where they will be tried for alleged violation of the espionage act. They are Thomas Fretwell, a sheep herder, and Elmo Sheldon, former member of the military police.

Fretwell was arrested at Pilot Rock. He has worked around here as a sheep herder and is fairly well known. It is charged that he has been making remarks that savor strongly of L. W. W. radicalism.

Sheldon, given a dishonorable discharge from the service, recently was charged with sedition but also with mutiny. He, it is alleged, after his discharge, rallied at the Government.

G. MEUCKE PASSES AWAY

Ex-Austrian Consul at San Francisco Dies at His Aurora Farm.

G. Meucke, of 205 East Sixth street, died Thursday while on a visit to his farm at Aurora, Or. He was born in Hungary 77 years ago, and went to San Francisco when 29 years of age, one making America his adopted country. For several years he was the Austrian Consul at San Francisco, where he was engaged in business until 1888, when he went to Aurora and engaged in the farming business.

A widow and four children survive him: Edward Meucke, who recently returned from Chile, where he was American Consul for a number of years; Hugo and Karl Meucke, of Aurora, and Clara Meucke, who is married and living abroad.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS SOPRAN SEARCH

War Emergency Squad Prevented From Entering Pullman Coaches.

UNITED STATES HAS HAND

Sheriff Hurlburt Says Deputies Not Legally Commissioned and May Have Stars Taken Away From Them.

United States District Attorney Haney, William Bryon of the Department of Justice, and Lieutenant Harvey Thatcher of the War Emergency Squad, locked horns last night with the deputy sheriffs in the employ of the Pullman Car Company, at the Terminal yards. The deputies refused admittance to the coaches Thursday night, of officers of the War Emergency Squad, when they appeared at the station to search the trains for liquor.

Lieutenant Thatcher complains that four of his officers were blocked by Sheriff Hurlburt W. H. Souser who, it is declared, said he would use force to keep the officers from entering the coaches.

United States Takes a Hand.

Lieutenant Thatcher immediately placed the facts before the United States District Attorney and Mr. Bryon who say that they will back up the War Emergency Squad in searching the trains. As a result of this conference Lieutenant Thatcher has been empowered to arrest and detain a deputy sheriff who bootleggers have appointed officers in catching the bootleggers and other offenders of the "suitcase" brigade.

This action is the result of a recent circular letter addressed to the police department by the General Manager of the Pullman Company of August 12, in which it instructs its employees to stop at nothing short of force to keep the officers from searching baggage and suspected bootleggers on the trains.

This policy, it is alleged, has greatly interfered with efforts to apprehend bootleggers. It is alleged that Pullman Company employees in some instances have aided bootleggers to escape the vigilance of the officers and have received money for such aid.

Bootleggers Evade Law.

The Pullman Company has advanced the argument that officers expecting to inspect baggage for contraband liquor must have a specific warrant naming the persons whose baggage is to be searched and describing the baggage. Lieutenant Thatcher says they will send his officers hereafter to meet the trains from California and that they will be instructed to arrest and detain any deputy sheriff who attempts to interfere with their search of the coaches.

As a result of the Pullman car company's notice to the police force August, startling methods have been revealed whereby bootleggers have evaded the law, say the officers. It is alleged that bootleggers have hidden their contraband liquor in Pullman trains carrying contraband liquor at Oregon City and that confederates have taken torpedoes on the track and flagged the trains near Millwaukie station so that the bootleggers on board could drop off and disappear with the liquor.

Liquor Shipped North.

The officers are not authorized to search trains in motion. It is only after the trains have arrived at the terminal station that they cease to be trains. A through sleeper to Seattle which arrives from the south at night is immediately switched to the Seattle train and the Pullman Company believes a large amount of illicit liquor has been shipped north by this method.

As a result of the alleged continued opposition to the Pullman Company, W. H. Souser, deputy sheriff for the Terminal Yards, was in conference last night at the police station with Lieutenant Thatcher of the War Emergency Squad.

Sheriff Makes Statement.

Sheriff Hurlburt last evening, when the situation was called to his attention, made the following statement: "Those merely acting as watchmen in the employ of the Pullman company as I understand it, and Deputy Sheriff badges were lent them to aid them in their work. They have not been legally commissioned as Deputy Sheriffs and had no legal right, I think, to deny regular officers admission to the cars in performance of their duty. If I had been there I would have been inclined to arrest them and proceed with the search."

"I shall call those men in in the morning and it is probable, after an investigation, I shall take their Deputy Sheriff stars away from them."

LOGANBERRY TAX HEAVY

Administration Told Revenue Bill Will Wipe Out Industry.

Representations were made yesterday by Oregon business interests to William B. Lamb, of the United States Food Administration, that the passage of the war revenue measure now pending before the Senate would wipe out the loganberry juice industry, and Mr. Lamb was so influenced that he has been inclined to prevent the placing of a prohibitive 20 per cent tax on that article.

Mr. Lamb was present at a conference held in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon and received suggestions as to the effect the proposed tax would have on the loganberry juice business.

The bill has passed the House and now is before the Senate.

FIRES SPREAD IN FORESTS

Logging Companies Send Out Employees to Fight Flames.

C. J. Conover, forest ranger, who had been assigned to duty in the Bridal Veil section of the National Forest, returned to Portland yesterday and reported that a number of big fires were raging in the Larch Mountain section. The brisk wind of yesterday and Thursday served to spread the flames and a number of big fires were reported. The logging companies found it necessary to send their crews into the forest to prevent the fire communicating with their plants.

The worst fire reported by Mr. Conover is in the Larch Mountain district, and is a serious one, although not in the National reserve. On both sides of the river, he said, fires are in progress.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Marriage licenses were granted by the County Auditor yesterday to Harry B. Oatman and Leah Alice Welch, of Portland, and to James H. Murray and Mary E. Rambo, of Tacoma.

MILL FEED IS NEEDED

Scarcity of Vetch, Clover and Other Crops Serious.

ALL VANCOUVER TO MARCH

Patriotic Parade to Boost Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.

HEAD OF DAIRY DIVISION OF UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION DECLARES CONDITIONS IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON ARE ACUTE.

Conditions in Oregon and Washington relative to mill feed for dairy cattle are worse than in any other state of the Union visited, according to William B. Lamb, head of the dairy division of the United States Food Administration, who was in Portland yesterday, and who conferred with local officials and dairymen at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Lamb heard testimony from dairymen of Washington and Oregon, who last week adopted resolutions asking the Government to have Northwest wheat milled in the Northwest, and also secured data from M. H. Houser, of the grain corporation; W. B. Ayer, State Food Administrator for Oregon; J. D. Mickle, State Dairy Inspector, and others.

These speakers pointed out that drouth and the aphid had robbed Oregon dairymen of vetch, clover and other roughage, and that idleness on the part of the mills had so reduced the supply of mill feeds that it was out of the question for producers of dairy products to remain in business.

H. G. Wells, Food Administrator for Washington County, exhibited a number of advertisements that had appeared in papers, to show that the dairy industry was threatened, and that many owners of herds are endeavoring to dispose of their property.

It was estimated that 75,000 to 100,000 tons of mill feeds will be required to carry the state through the winter season, and Mr. Lamb was asked to use his influence toward having the milling allotment increased during the Fall and Winter months, when there is no pasture, rather than keeping the mills in operation on a limited output for the entire year.

They suggested that the mills be closed in the Spring, and showed Mr. Lamb the importance of running at full capacity this Winter.

At the close of the conference, Mr. Lamb assured those present that he would report the true condition to Mr. Hoover, and would make such recommendations as he felt were justified. He had been to Seattle for a similar conference prior to coming to Portland, and found the dairy industry in the sister state badly demoralized. Drouth conditions there, combined with aphid and other pests, had so reduced the alfalfa and other hay crops that the supply was inadequate, and they, too, were appealing for the milling of Northwestern grain, in order that by-products might be utilized in relieving the situation.

AUTO CRASHES INTO HOUSE

Driverless Machine Surprises Family Eating Dinner.

A driverless automobile started down the hill on Ninestown street in Portland last night and after running four blocks in the center of the

Gasoline for Sale 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. Only, Beginning October First

The Pacific Coast Director of the Oil Division of the Fuel Administration has requested that the sale of Gasoline and engine Distillate be limited to the hours between 6 A. M. and 6 P. M.

The Standard Oil Company is glad to comply with this request and, beginning October first, will serve the public between these hours only.

This request is made for the purpose of conserving man power, and we know that our patrons will patriotically co-operate with the Fuel Administration in carrying out this important measure.

Standard Oil Company

(CALIFORNIA)

STREET JUMPED THE CURBING AND RAN ACROSS THE LAWN AND CRASHED INTO THE RESIDENCE OF MR. VAN DUSER, OF 581 JACKSON STREET.

Mr. Van Duser reported to the police that he and his family were eating dinner at the time.

The machine is owned by the Sherman Clay Company.

WORKMAN KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—James Gallagher, a rancher, living at Elsie, was instantly killed today by the premature discharge of a stick of dynamite while clearing right-of-way for a county road. He was about 70 years of age and his only known relative is a sister, Mrs. David Keefe, of John Day.

CASE AGAINST MASTER SET.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The case against the master of the purse seining craft President Lincoln III, on a charge of malicious destruction of personal property, is set for

trial in the Circuit Court next Thursday. The defendant is accused of running over and destroying a fishing net.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

AMUSEMENTS.

Last Chance TONIGHT

To Hear "The Doug Fairbanks of Song"



MONTE AUSTIN

in the Big Pavilion at COUNCIL CREST PARK

Closing Dance of the Season Tonight

Hear Austin sing, "It's a Long Way to Dear Old Broadway," the song that Elsie Janis is singing to the boys in the trenches. Austin will sing seven farewell numbers with the dancing tonight.

Hop a C. C. Car to One Last Grand Good Time at COUNCIL CREST PARK

Social Dance TONIGHT

APOLLO TEMPLE
231 1/2 Morrison

Important Schedule Changes Oregon Electric Railroad

In Effect Tuesday, October 1

SALEM-EUGENE LINE

Trains Leaving Portland

No. 1 will leave Portland 6:40 A. M. instead of 6:30, make local stops to Garden Home, and be discontinued Tualatin to Eugene.

No. 5 will leave at 8:15 A. M. instead of 8:30, arrive Salem 10:15, Eugene 12:30 P. M., making local stops Tualatin to Eugene.

No. 7 will leave at 10:40 A. M. instead of 10:45, make local stops to Garden Home, and be discontinued Salem to Corvallis.

No. 21 will leave at 11:30 P. M. instead of 11:45, and be discontinued Wilsonville to Eugene.

ARRIVING PORTLAND

No. 2 will be discontinued Eugene to Wilsonville; leave Wilsonville 5:30 A. M. instead of 5:35, arrive Portland 6:45 A. M. instead of 6:50.

No. 6 will arrive 9:20 A. M. instead of 9:25, running slightly earlier than heretofore, Tualatin to Portland.

No. 12 will arrive 2:25 P. M. instead of 1:20; leave Salem 12:15 P. M. instead of 11:10 A. M.

No. 14 arriving 3:55 P. M., will be discontinued Eugene to Portland. No. 20 arriving 7:40 P. M. will make local stops Garden Home to Portland; will be discontinued Corvallis to Salem.

FOREST GROVE LINE

Leaving Portland

Nos. 31, 35, 45 and 47 leaving 6:50 A. M., 10:25 A. M., 7:45 P. M., and 11:00 P. M., will be discontinued.

No. 33 will leave at 7:45 A. M. instead of 8:15.

No. 19 leaving at 9:20 P. M., will connect at Garden Home, 9:55, for Orenco, arriving there 10:15.

Arriving Portland

No. 30 will arrive 7:35 A. M. instead of 7:40, leaving Forest Grove 6:10 instead of 6:20.

No. 34 will arrive 10:30 A. M. instead of 9:35; leave Forest Grove 9:15 instead of 8:15.

Nos. 48, 36, 38 and 42 arriving 11:00 A. M. (Sundays), 11:50 A. M., 2:20 P. M., and 7:55 P. M., will be discontinued.

No. 44 arriving 8:50 P. M. will be discontinued Garden Home to Portland; leave Forest Grove 8:35 P. M. instead of 7:35, arrive Garden Home 9:15 P. M., connecting with No. 22, arriving Portland 10:00 P. M.

No. 46 will arrive 11:15 P. M. instead of 10:45, leaving Orenco at 10:20 P. M.; will be discontinued Forest Grove to Orenco.

Portland time shown above is at North Bank Station; time at Jefferson-Street Station is fifteen minutes later on trains leaving the city, and fifteen minutes earlier on trains arriving.