EMPLOYMENT STATUS STEADILY IMPROVES

Labor Surplus to Be Absorbed in Month, Is Prospect.

NEW JOBS ON INCREASE

Federal Bureau Prepares to Obtain Good Positions for Men Who Arrive From Overseas.

The employment situation in Portland is steadily improving, according to statements made by the various department heads at the federal employment bureau yesterday. Before the middle of March, it is expected, jobs will be available to absorb the surplus in the labor market.

Various estimates placed the number of unemployed in the city at the present time at about 8000, but Wilfred F. Smith, state director of the bureau, declares that there are a large number of men here who were thrown out of work by the strikes in Seattle. These men are not being placed in positions unless they are "very clever liars," and successfully deceive the employment bureau officials. An average of 1800 men has been placed weekly, and this number is said to be increasing steadily.

Farms Want Married Men.

The farm-labor department reports that the demand for men in the rural districts is greater. There is a demand for married men on the farms, and especially in the fruit ranches. Milkers especially are needed.

Ninety-seven per cent of the men who apply for railroad jobs are being placed by the railroad department of the bureau. Here, too, the number of jobs is said to be increasing steadily and the number of applicants decreasing.

Pre-War Occupations Taken.

In the shipyard department considerable more men apply than can be placed at present. This is caused, said an official of that department yesterday, by the great number of wooden shipworkers discharged steadily. The men are not so numerous for jobs in the highly skilled crafts necessary in steel shipbuilding.

A great many of the men who before the war left lumber mills and lumber camps for the higher wages in the wooden shipyards are returning to their pre-war occupation, according to the department of logging mills and logging camps. The mills and camps are reported to be opening one after another at present, and most of them are expected to be in operation by March 1. Some of these, it is said, are operating now on prospects and not actual contracts, and lumber is being piled up in the yards so that orders, when they come, will be filled immediately. The situation in this department is said to be better than at this time of any previous year except 1918, owing to the activities of the federal employment service.

Professional Men Placed.

In the miscellaneous department there are still more men than jobs. This department lists jobs for granite cutters, tiemen and refrigerator engineers.

A. B. Brown is in charge of a new department of the federal employment bureau which is finding positions for high-class technically trained persons, such as cost experts, credit managers, dentists, physicians, nurses, journalists, safety engineers, lawyers, social, civic and religious workers. Mr. Brown placed two dentists and two doctors in good positions in Oregon and Washington towns in one day this week. He placed also a number of newspaper men and school teachers.

Overseas Men Want Good Positions.

The employment bureau for soldiers at Liberty temple, under Captain James O. Convill, is preparing to handle the men who are expected to arrive soon in large numbers from overseas.

A higher percentage of men who have been overseas want highly paid positions, according to Captain Convill, and it is harder to place them. Three $2000-a-year men were placed in the past 24 hours, but one man, who claimed to have been making $700 a month before he enlisted, could not be placed in a similar position.

Camels are fit to work at five years old, but their strength begins to decline at 25, although they usually live to 40.

NUXATED IRON

"I believe my own great physical activity is largely due to my personal use of 'Nuxated Iron'", says Former Health Commissioner Wm. R. Kerr, of the City of Chicago. "From my own experience with Nuxated Iron I feel it is such a valuable blood and body building preparation that it ought to be used in every hospital and prescribed by every physician in the country." Nuxated Iron helps to make healthier women and stronger, sturdier men. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. At all good druggists.

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SOCIETY NEWS

BY GERTRUDE P. CORBETT

VAUDEVILLE theaters of the city are furnishing a programme for the united war auxiliaries' valentine dance this evening at the city auditorium that promises to excel all previous features offered at Portland benefit dances. The programme arranged yesterday by theater managers and Mrs. George L. Williams, chairman of the united war auxiliaries, consists of the following numbers, each in its own theater the headliner attraction:

Orchestral music, by the augmented Orpheum orchestra, under the direction of George E. Jeffery and by permission of the Musicians' Mutual association; the "Kulolins," six persons in Hawaiian songs and dances, furnished by the Strand theater; violin selections, by Albert Creitz, accompanied by Lucien Becker; Mildred Fagin, known as "entertainer de luxe," from the Pantages theater; selections by the Royal Highlanders, Scottish bagpipes and dances; selections by Miss Mae Alameda George, the girl who sang for Marshal Joffre, and an act from the Hippodrome theater. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock.

Decorations, consisting of innumerable flags of the allied nations, are being put up in the auditorium hall under the direction of Lee Clarke. The ticket sale is progressing under the direction of a huge canvassing committee, and it is estimated that nearly 8000 tickets of the 12,000 printed have been sold. It will be possible to obtain tickets at the door. The only tickets necessary for men having had overseas service will be their gold chevrons, as the entire entertainment is being given in their honor.

James McCarren is chairman of the entertainment and dance committee, and is assisted by Mrs. M. E. Daniel, Mrs. E. E. Martin, Mrs. H. F. Wheeler, Lieutenant Albert Breedlove, Mrs. William Coplan, Mrs. E. J. Elvers, Miss Viola Ortschild and Mrs. F. H. Brown.

Patrons and patronesses are:

Governor and Mrs. Withycombe, Mayor and Mrs. Baker, General and Mrs. Beebe, Colonel and Mrs. Campbell, Colonel and Mrs. North, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Muck, Lieutenant Gandy, Mrs. M. E. Daniels, Mrs. W. Tisdale, Mrs. E. McEntee, Mrs. F. C. Norris, Mrs. E. E. Libby, Mrs. M. H. O'Connor, Mrs. E. L. Doneneka, Mrs. E. Colvell, Mrs. James Roberts, Mrs. E. E. Ward, Mrs. M. B. Marcellus, Mrs. George Funk, Mrs. John Eubanks, Mrs. George White, Mrs. Harriet Hendee, Mrs. H. V. Reed, Mrs. Alice Thompson, Mrs. Julia Stevenson, Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Mrs. Fred T. Warner, Mrs. William Coplan, J. C. Walch, Lee M. Clark, Mrs. Catherine Beach, Frederick W. Stadter, Mrs. Maud Gilman, Miss Harriet Thayer, Mrs. J. A. Springton, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. Ada Farmer and S. Shirek.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Alexander, 567 Nehalem avenue, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a little son February 10. Mrs. Alexander will be remembered as Miss Alice Hume before her marriage.

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Miss Eleanor Ewing, who took training for the Young Woman's Christian association work at the Portland association, is now one of the secretaries in Bremerton, where clubrooms were established by the national war work council about two years ago. Miss Ewing takes the place of Miss Sutherland Griffith, who is now in the publicity department of the national board in New York city. Her special work is the collection of films for publicity work.

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Miss Mary Jacobs, former physical director of the Portland Y. W. C. A., who is now in France, has been sent to an American camp at Is Sur Tille to open a foyer for 250 French girls who were working with the ordnance signal corps.

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Miss Doris E. Miller left Portland Wednesday evening for New York city, where she will attend a conference called by the national war work council on religious education. Miss Miller is director of religious education in the Portland Young Woman's Christian association.

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An entertainment and dance will be given tonight in the Comforter Center, assembly room, Portland hotel, which is open to all who are interested. The programme follows: Piano duet, "Dance of the Demons," Marie and Carol Hamilton; solo, "Alone in Love's Garden," Miss Collier; reading (a), "Wood Ticks," (b), "The Dead Pussy-cat," Pauline Jones; violin and piano, selected, Miss Zulima Brown, Mr. Johns; solo, "Rose Songs," Laura Shay; dance, "The Daisy," Daphne Sommers; solo, "Butterflies," Arline Scanlon; reading (a), "The Tiniest Dove," (b), "When Papa Holds My Hand," Clare Grove; solo (a), "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," (b), "John O'Dreams," (c), "The Secret," James MacWhorter; dance, "The Dragon Fly," Daphne Sommers; solo, "June Morning," Leola Struble; orchestra. There will be dancing from 9 until 12 o'clock.

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The women of Rotary are anticipating a large gathering at their prettily appointed Valentine tea to be given in the crystal room of the Benson hotel today from 3 to 5. This is to be a get-together meeting of the wives of Rotarians, in anticipation of the convention next week.

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Irvington club members are showing great interest in the farmers' dance and Valentine party to be given at the clubhouse this evening. Mrs. J. B. Ettinger, Mrs. A. J. Stewart, Mrs. J. E. Durhaw, Mrs. C. E. Kiernan and Mrs. T. W. Watts are planning many novel stunts. Everyone is to dress in farmers' best" and bring Valentines. The party is for adults only.

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Miss Stevenson, Y. W. C. A. secretary from Australia, was a guest of the association Wednesday evening. Miss Stevenson has been in this country for more than a year and during that time she took the course in the national Y. W. C. A. training school in New York City. She is now on her way to Australia, where she will fill the position of national industrial secretary for both Australia and New Zealand. Miss Helen Hallgren is taking training for Y. W. C. A. work in the Portland association. After the practical work she later will take the course of lectures in Seattle.

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The "senior prom" of the Jefferson high school mid-year class, which will be graduated this evening, will be given tomorrow night in the school gymnasium. Elaborate preparations are being made. Mothers and fathers of class members will act as patrons and patronesses and the class officers will be assisted in receiving by the Jefferson high faculty.

The "prom" has been limited to the 82 members of the class, with the exception that each member has the right to invite a partner who may not belong to the class or to the high school. Miss Margaret Scott and Robert Desiata are the committee in charge of all arrangements. Class officers are Oliver Carlson, president; Marion Lawrence, vice-president; Constance Nichols, secretary; Warner Fuller, treasurer, and Howard Schade, sergeant-at-arms.

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Congratulations are being received by Lieutenant and Mrs. Leonard Buoy on the birth of their first child, Kitty Maude, at the Portland maternity hospital. Lieutenant Buoy recently was mustered out of the service and returned to Portland from Fort Canby. Mrs. Buoy was formerly Miss Edith Siggins, well known in University of Oregon circles. Mrs. Helene Williams, Portland singer and wife of Lieutenant B. H. Williams of the 69th coast artillery, has been named as godmother.

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Mrs. William Mahoney and daughter, Miss Rosemary, expect to leave Portland Monday on the steamer Admiral Schley for San Pedro. From San Pedro they will go to Los Angeles, where they expect to remain for about two months.

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A recent wedding that came as a surprise to Portland society circles is that of Miss Vera Garratt and Lieutenant Holt W. Bradford. The ceremony was quietly solemnized at St. Luke's Episcopal church in San Francisco on February 1, by Rev. Edward Morgan. Miss Garratt is the daughter of Mrs. L. Garratt Hamlin of San Francisco, while Lieutenant Bradford is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradford of 395 East Fifteenth street north. He returned from overseas duty but a few months ago, having experienced active duty in France. Lieutenant and Mrs. Bradford will make their future home in Portland.

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The marriage of Miss Byrdella C. Holt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mather Holt, to G. Murl Gordon was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday, February 12. Rev. William A. Waldo, pastor of the White Temple church, officiated. Only immediate relatives of the bridal couple were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are at the Multnomah hotel for a few days before leaving for their wedding trip, which will take them through the eastern states. Mr. Gordon is a mechanical designing engineer.

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One of the Valentine parties scheduled for this evening will be given by the young women of St. Clement's parish at St. Johns. Miss Grace Royer, Miss Ida Tealing, Miss Lillian Gatton and Miss Eileen Barry have been appointed as the committee in charge of arrangements for the social. Chaperones for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKenna.

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In compliment to Miss Florence McGuire, a pretty dinner and theater party was given last Friday evening by Miss Ruth Woodruff and Miss Florence Moore. A color scheme of gray and yellow carried out by artistic pussy willow sprays and daffodils was used on the table. After dinner Miss Florence Moore sang a number of popular songs and ballads and later the party adjourned to the Baker theater to see "Here Comes the Bride." Guests of the evening were Miss Mazie Vandemair, Miss Florence McGuire, Miss Lucile Oswald, Miss Gussie Martin, Miss Hazel Miller, Miss Florence Moore, Miss Dorothy Paxson, Miss Blanche Cowgill and Miss Beth Woodruff.

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Miss Marie Louise Allen, who has been at the Campbell hotel since early fall, is in the apartment of Mrs. C. R. Fenton at the King's Hill while Mrs. Fenton is in California. Miss Winifred Forbes, Portland violinist and formerly head of the violin department in the University of Oregon school of music, recently has moved to the Campbell hotel.

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A masquerade dancing party is being arranged for February 26 at the Kenton club. The dance given last Wednesday evening at the Kenton club proved so popular that it has been decided all future dances must be limited to club members only.

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Announcement that the Arcadian gardens at the Multnomah hotel will be opened for dancing is creating much interest. The gardens have been closed since the first of the influenza scare and will be opened to the public Saturday evening with many new and elaborate features. The Victorian orchestra of 17 pieces will furnish part of the music, but in addition there are a number of pleasures which are being kept as a surprise until that evening. Valentine decorations and motifs will be in evidence.

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Miss Thelma Campbell, who has been visiting Mrs. Sam Weil of Hillsboro, is expected to return today. She has been a guest at the Weil home since Wednesday evening.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

A LARGE number of reservations are being made for the luncheon to be given by the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs at the Portland hotel Monday at 12:30 o'clock, honoring Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, the only woman member of the northwest conference of the League to Enforce Peace. Mrs. Moore is a past president of the general federation of women's clubs and her visit is of unusual interest to club women of the city. Prominent club women of Washington and Idaho will join women of Oregon in entertaining Mrs. Moore at what will be one of the largest functions in a week replete with club affairs of unusual magnitude.

Because the seating capacity of the dining room will be taxed to its capacity it will be necessary to admit by ticket only. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. J. A. Pettit, Tabor 69, or Mrs. Solomon Hart, Marshall 3077.

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Auxiliary to company C, 116th engineers, will meet today in the Lipman & Wolfe workroom to sew on refugee garments.

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The Wegfaf club held a most interesting Valentine party in the social hall of the Y. W. C. A. last evening. The room was decorated appropriately with hearts and cupids and each member of the club had to make Valentines.

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Josef Rosenblatt, the Hebrew tenor, and Stuart Ross, accompanist, from New York city, were guests at lunch yesterday at the Benson hotel, given by the musicians' club, Dr. Emil Enna, president.

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The Mayflower club will meet in the blue room of the Portland hotel Monday evening at 8:15. An interesting feature of the meeting will be an address by E. C. Calloway on "Milk as a Human Food."

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The Red Cross unit of the First Presbyterian church, augmented by Multnomah chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will sew today from 10 to 4 in the workrooms of the church house. There is a large quota of refugee garments to be finished, and the chairman urges a large attendance.

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Miss Guia Gamble, national secretary of girls' work for the Y. W. C. A., will arrive in Portland Monday and will remain here for a fortnight. Monday evening Miss Gamble will address a meeting of Y. W. C. A. workers in the association rooms.

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The E. T. C. club of the Y. W. C. A. has arranged for regular Wednesday afternoon club swims.

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Willamette chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the home of Mrs. George L. Brown on Eighteenth street Wednesday afternoon. An interesting programme of Indian reminiscences by Mrs. Bagley, Indian legends by Mrs. Knight and Indian music by Mrs. May was given. Hostesses assisting Mrs. Brown were Mesdames Albaugh, Albright, Ambler, Asher, Baird, Bates, Beamer, Beaumont, Becher, Bolderston, Briese, Cage, Coles and Miss Birdsey.

SAVE MALHEUR LAKE, PUPILS OF CITY PLEAD

Assets as Game Reservation Declared Greatest.

BLOCK DRAINAGE IS APPEAL

Student of Holladay School Writes to The Oregonian Destruction of Spot Would Be Crime.

Pupils of the sixth grade, A class, of the Holladay school are working for the passage of house bill No. 376, which will make the Malheur lake a permanent game reservation under federal jurisdiction.

"We, children of Holladay school, think that Malheur lake should not be drained but should be left as a monument to Theodore Roosevelt," Elizabeth Rawson of that grade has written to The Oregonian.

"There are no such birds anywhere else in America," declares Edward Duane in his letter to The Oregonian, urging support of the bill. "If you drain this lake these beautiful birds will have no home."

Pupil Writes to Governor.

Another letter from the same school but from a seventh-grade pupil is by Winford Collins to Governor Withycombe. The following is an extract from the letter: "I have much sympathy for bill 376 for the sake of the wild birds of Malheur lake. If this bill is not passed the pupils of our school will be very sad, and so will I, and that is why I am writing you, so you will try your best to have it go through for the sake of the birds and not the promoters who are trying to buy the lake."

Among the letters received by The Oregonian from the "grownups" is one from George T. Willett. "The state of Oregon has the greatest natural attraction of living birds in the United States," he has written. "It was set aside as such by Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. It will be a crime against the people of the United States to permit the lake to be drained, the bird retreat ruined and the alkali basin disposed of."

Asset to Tourists Great.

"A vote 'Yes' means to conserve the assets of the state by preserving the greatest natural attraction of living birds," Arthur K. Downs, president of the Oregon Sportsmen's league, has written. "As an attraction to tourists it will be a far greater asset than as a drained lake."

"The reservation was established because the tule land and the shores surrounding it were of no value from the agricultural standpoint," writes J. K. Reerdin of the Morgan building.

"Watch your representative vote on house bill No. 376 and see whether he votes for conservation of the lake or to turn it into a poor commercial enterprise for the benefit of land sharks and promoters," warns Norris R. Cox, 382 Thirty-second street north.

CITY WILL DIG CHANNEL

CONTRACT SIGNED TO PROVIDE SEWAGE FACILITIES.

Portland to Co-operate With Drainage District in Use of Columbia River Slough.

By unanimous action the city council yesterday authorized the execution of a contract between the city and Multnomah county drainage district No. 1 and the Peninsula drainage district No. 2 whereby the city will dig a channel from the Columbia river slough to Columbia river to increase the flow of the slough and make it possible to use that waterway for sewer purposes.

This action is the first step in the plan for providing sewage facilities for the entire northeastern portion of the city. Under the proposed contract the city will co-operate with the drainage district in its plans for reclamation of a large area of land along the slough by building the banks of the proposed channel high enough to keep the high waters of the Columbia from overflowing on the drainage district land.

A proposed dam, authorized by the United States war department, at Union avenue will be moved to a point opposite McBride's slough, about three-fourths of a mile east of Union avenue, under the agreement drawn by the city. McBride's slough is the channel which the city plans to deepen to increase the flow of the slough.

Under the contract the city of Portland must complete its preliminary work by January, 1920, after which time the actual building of sewers in the Peninsula district can begin.

ALLEGED EVADER ON TRIAL

Charles Stevenson Accused of Testifying Falsely in Affidavit.

Charged with having made false statements on his draft questionnaire, Charles James Stevenson of Mehama, Or., went on trial before Federal Judge Wolverton yesterday. Stevenson is alleged to have said that his wife was entirely dependent on him, claiming exemption on this account.

Mrs. Stevenson, on the witness stand, said that her husband had not contributed much toward her support in the past 10 years and that he gave her nothing during 1917. She made something as an employe of the telephone company, but the work lasted only four months. Kind neighbors helped her in getting a living for herself and children, she said.

"Are you still married to the defendant," she was asked.

"I guess so," was the laconic reply.

SOLDIER'S WIFE LONESOME

Second Husband Taken With First in France Brings Trouble.

Pearl Neave came to Camp Lewis from Illinois to marry a boyhood sweetheart who was shortly to leave for France. She married him April 19, 1918. In July he left for France and is still there.

It was lonesome when he left, it continued so until she met Walter Rose on December 17, 1918, a few days after his discharge from the army at Camp Lewis. He was 23, she 21. Two days later she married him in Portland.

The authorities learned of the illegal marriage, and the pair were indicted on a statutory charge.

Before Judge Stapleton yesterday they pleaded guilty. Rose was sentenced to six months in the county jail and paroled. In the woman's case judgment was suspended.

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