### SPRUCE CORPORATION POLICIES DEFENDED

Bids Rejected to Prevent Business Disruption.

PROPERTY WELL GUARDED

Brokerage Pian Applied to Grocery Stock to Save Expense of Developing Big Sales Force.

An outline of the activities and poli-cies of the spruce production corpora-tion, since the signing of the armistice.

If wish to make special acknowl-edgement of your bulletin, entitled 'School Architecture,' received some day by Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Stearns,

day by Lieutenant-Colonei C. P. Stearns, who Succeeds Brigadier-General Brice P. Disque as head of the big government project.

Defining the policy of the spruce production corporation with respect to the sale of the 310,000,000 equipment property, used by the spruce division in the production of airplang stock, the statement covers every phase—past present and future—of the activities of the sales board and the disposition of the immence property.

Colonei Stearns' statement is as follows:

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Upon the signing of the armisetoe orders were immediately issued to the property officers in our various districts to inventor, collect and ship the property for which they were responsible to Vancouver Barracks, Wath.

Arrangements were made on a large scale to receive this property at Vancouver; to unload to sort out, and to put in salable condition by such channe, ciling, painting and repairing as might be justified in each case. A catalogue board was appointed to make careful inventory of the property received at Vancouver and prepare catalogue for this property.

for this property. For salvage purposes it was necessary for salvage purposes it was necessary to continue certain field activities of the division, so from such activities it was impossible that the property could be returned to Vancouver at once, and property from such operations is still arriving at Vancouver Barracks. Since the signing of the armistice 1324 carloads of property belonging to the corporation have been shipped into Vancouver Barracks. In round numbers, the value of property at that place is \$10.000,000.

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Persons who are unfamiliar with our operations and methods have referred to this enormous accumulation of property as a "brak pile." Nothing could be further from the truth. The engineers in charge of receiving this equipment are to be commended for their accomplishments. Approximately 1000 different clarges of items, from canned salmon to mill machinery, are placed in an orderly array, cleaned, oiled as painted, as the case may require, and except for certain articles such as locomotives donkey engines and motor trucks, too bulky for under-cover-storage, all have been placed under suitable shelter and catalogued.

All have been completely inspected as to condition and such condition has been recorded. In fact, so well taken care of it this equipment that on a recent visit and imposition of the secretary of war and the chief of staff they made repeated comment upon the spiendid condition and care taken of the property. Similar comment has been made also by numerous technical experts and men of affairs who have visited the plant.

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In addition to the catalogue board, a sales board was organized, immediately after the signing of the armistice, to dispose of the property. In order to give the widest publicity, and give persons interested an equal chance to purchase at least the more important items, as soon as these items could be catalogued, bids were called for and a month's notice given for prospective beyers to fook over the items upon which they desired to make bids. These bids were publicly opened on February 15, 1919, but in spite of the fact that publicity had called attention to the fact that not belief had called attention to the fact that most of the tids were income of the equipment would not be accepted, it was found that most of the bids were income of the excepted.

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There were many disappointed bidders, consequently, much criticism was directed at the sales beard, but when the corporation wastertook the liquidation of its effairs it made gublic the fact that it would do no betth as little disturbance to business conditions as possible, and it has endanovered. Bids Rejected Because Too Low.

with as little disturbance to huniness conditions as possible, and it has enduavored
to carry out this policy. Had this equipment been damped on the market far below the market price the result upon the
huniness of the northwest would have been
as disastrous that it would have been
the district that it would have been
the state of the government
and, consequently, the taxpayers would
have lost millions of dollars that they are
properly entitled to have returned. It is
to the interest of the government and this
community that this corporation close out
its affairs slowly and receive the best
price possible for the property it has to
sell. In short, if the corporation failed to
do what it has been criticised for doing;
namely, holding its property for the best
prices obtainable, it would be subject to
condemnation, and property so, by not only
the entire northwest but the country which
it represents.

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The sales board gradially gave war to a sales department of this corporation, and ill purchases are now being handled by that department. Purchasers who desire any of the saleshe equipment, except grocovies and clothing, do not need to deal with brokers but may deal directly with representatives of sales department at Vancouver flarrache. Or Feon building. Portland. Stationients which have been made to the effect that property could be obtained only through brokers are incorrect—this has never been in was found that the expense of handling powers and still grocery and clothing items called for by the public were making the handling of these articles in this manner inspectitable, due to the necessity of building up a large sales organization for a constitutive diminishing stock. It was also necessary, in view of the perishable mature object of such brokers is to handling object of such brokers is to have property to the attention of propertive buyers. For this reason broker were emissioned only the satablished channels of trade, and it is of the property in the property in the sales of the principal object of such brokers is to have a purchase through a broker is used to the security of the stabilished channels of trade, and it is to the security of the sales and the sales of the property in the property in the quart of the property in the sales of the proper

Business Disturbance Precluded.

Business Disturbance is being used to object the property in the property at Vancouver.

Military guards are thickly scattered around and through the property prospective purchasers are attended and given assistance and information concerning what they may desire, and nothing is allowed to leave the enclosure without the proper signed release by a corporation representative who is familiar with the facts.

The United States Sprace Preduction correction is the same organization that carried on the war-time production division. Since the armistice it has been possible to cut down day by day this force, and this has been done, but the men who remain in important positions in the corporation are near who took part in its activities during nar-time and are proud of its accomplishments. Some are still in the service, some are still in the service, some are still in the service, some are formaling in a civil capacity. It is the war departments desire Mat the corporation liquidate its own affairs, and it is the fixed pelicy of the officers of the comparation to re out of business with as attic disruption as possible for the industries and businesses in the northwest, with the hope that when the corporation and its activities have passed entirely into know high it operated.

South Bend Defendant Held.

\*OUTH BEND. Wash., March 25. (Special.) - Marion Cooper, who was ar

rested at Marshfield, Or., on advices from the sheriff's office here on a charge of jumping his bail bond, was brought to this city last week by Dep-uty Sheriff Stevens. Cooper was ar-rested in Raymond last fall, charged with bringing in ten cases of whisky on the steamer Avalon. Associated with him was a man named Johnson. Johnson also jumped his bail, but was apprehended. At his trial he was ac-quitted, though he was sent to McNells

SCHOOL BULLETIN POPULAR

Requests Received From All Parts of Country for Copies

SALEM, Or., March 25 .- (Special.)-That the bulletin on rural school architecture prepared by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, for the use of the boards of directors in rural school districts of this state is attracting attention in all parts of the United States is shown by requests being received by the department for copies of this bulletin. Walter Burr, head of the rural organization of the Kansus State agricultural college,

GERVAIS Or., March 25.—(Special.)

The funeral services of the Rev. Charles Crespeau, resident priest, who died Monday, will be held at St. Louis, Or., Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Louis ceme-

The Dalles Poultrymen Organize. THE DALLES, Or., March 25 .- (Spe

cial.)—At a meeting held Saturday local poultrymen perfected a co-operative organization, adopting a constitution and by-haws. U. L. Upson, poultry expert from O. A. C., explained the State Poultrymen's association and the local body will affiliate. Plans also were made by the local poultrymen for grading their product.

High School Students Aid Drive.

UMATILLA, Or., March 25. — (Special.)—The high school civics class has taken the initiative to make a great drive for memberships in the Oregon chamber of commerce, with the result that the city's quota was oversubscribed the first day. Essays have been written by the class and sent to the local papers showing the strong features of the chamber. tures of the chamber.

The Best Cough Syrup Is Home-made

Here's an easy way to save \$2, and yet have the best cough remedy you ever tried.

You've probably heard of this well-known plan of making cough syrup at home. But have you ever used it? When you do, you will understand why thousands of families, the world over, feel that they could hardly keep house without it. It's simple and cheap, but the way it takes hold of a cough will quickly earn it a permanent place in your home. Into a pint bottle, pour 2½ ounces of Pinex; then add plain granulated sugar syrup to fill up the pint. Or, if desired, use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. Either way, it tastes good, never spoils, and gives you a full pint of better cough remedy than you could buy ready-made for three times its cost.

It is really wonderful how quickly this

It is really wonderful how quickly this It is really wonderful how quickly this home-made remedy conquers a cough—usually in 24 hours or less. It seems to penetrate through every air passage, loosens a dry, hoarse or tight cough, lifts the phiegm, heals the membranes, and gives almost immediate relief. Splendid for throat tickle, hoarseness, croup, bronchitis and bronchial asthma. Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and has been used for generations for throat and chest allments.

Avoid disappointment by asking your druggist for "21/2 ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed-to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded.

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Glenwood Butter 2 lbs. \$1.25

Fourth Floor - No delivery of butter except with other purchases made in the Grocery Dept. Best Butter, 2 lbs. \$1.25

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Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

Canned Goods Reduced

-Monopole Tomatoes, can 18¢ Peas, priced special, a can 22¢ -Preferred Stock Corn at 24c

## BASEMENT UNDERPRICE STORE WEDNESDAY SAVING SALES

Women's \$1.25 Silk Hose Special \$1.00 a Pair

Silk Hose with lisle top, reinforced heels and toes. Shown in black, white and brown. \$1.00 \$1.25 grade Hose, pair \$1.00 -WOMEN'S fine Cotton Hose in black, white, brown and 25c gray. Priced special, pair 25c

Basement-Women's Pure Thread | white, black and brown. Beautiful in appearance. Good 59c wearing—special, the pair -UNION SUITS with bodice tops; shown in white and a few pink. Special, 90¢ and \$1.00 -SLEEVELESS VESTS in sevray. Priced special, pair 25C eral neat styles. Full range 25C -WOMEN'S Fiber Silk Hose in of sizes. Wednesday, only 25C -WOMEN'S FULL FASHIONED SILK LISLE HOSE, 59¢ PAIR.

Coverall Aprons at \$1 Basement-Women's Coverall

Aprons in good full styles with belt and pockets. Excellent quality percales, in pink, \$1.00 blue and other colors

-COVERALL APRONS in light and dark colored percales. Large full styles with all around belt and pocket. Several pat- \$1.29 terns. Basement sale -WE GIVE S. & H. TRADING STAMPS WITH PURCHASES.



Men's Spring Shirts

Special \$1.19

On Sale Wednesday in Basement

\$2.69

Hat Shapes

Basement-Extraordinary values at the above low price. Smart new spring styles - turbans, colonials, sailors, droops and many other shapes. Milan hemps, lisare, chip, novelty braids and rough straws in black and a good selection of the most desirable colors. Spe-\$2.69 -SPECIAL SHOWING OF NEW MILLINERY TRIMMING

81x90-Inch **Bleached Sheets** At \$1.25

Basement - 81x90-INCH FULL BLEACHED SHEETS of splendid quality. Limit 6 to a customer, and positively no telephone or mail orders accepted.

81-In. Sheeting 50c Yd.

Basement-81-INCH BLEACHED SHEETING of good quality; 800 yards in this special one-day sale. Limit 15 yards to a customer. No telephone or mail orders filled.



Basement Underprice Sale of 185 Women's Spring Coats \$15-\$19.50-\$23.50

-WEDNESDAY the Basement Store will feature a sale of women's and misses' new Spring Coats at the above special prices. All are new-all are stylish and well made in every particular-and not one of them but what is a real bargain. Coats of silvertone, velour, poplin, jersey, serge and other desirable fabrics. Excellent assortment of colorsmodels in checks-3 GREAT LOTS-SPECIAL, \$15.00, \$19.50, \$23.50

Women's Suits at \$23.50 Extra Special for Wednesday Only

Basement-See the suits other stores show at \$27.50 to \$30.00, and then come to our Basement and inspect these at \$23.50! We are confident you will look no farther. Very smartest spring models-all just in by express. Novelty mixtures, poplins, serges and other material. Braid and buttoned \$23.50 trimmed. Specially priced in our Basement Sale Wednesday, at \$23.50

Women's Spring Dresses New Dress Skirts At \$17.50

Basement - Women's and Misses' Dresses in charming new spring styles. Plain and striped messalines, crepe de chine and wool jersey. Braided and tucked effects. Light and \$17.50 dark colors. Special at -S. & H. Stamps with purchases.

Women's

Basement - Women's Dress Skirts in many smart styles for street, sport and dress wear. Novelty plaids and various plain colors. Messalines, taffetas, poplins and serges. Wide belts, fancy pockets, etc. Priced \$3.98 special for Wednesday, only

## Beautiful Wash Voiles

-Values to 65c—Special at

Basement - Sheer materials are certain to be in great demand the coming season, so don't overlook this great opportunity to buy high-grade Voiles at about half price. Very pretty and effective for summer dresses and waists. Widths 36 to 44 inches. We also include in this sale several hundred yards of Batistes and Organdies. Some pieces have slight imperfections. See display of these fabrics on Main Aisle Tables

in Basement Underprice Store. SHOP EARLY FOR BEST SELECTION. For Spring Suitings

-Linen-Finish Suitings that launder so well and give such good wear. Ideal fabric for middles, skirts, pillow cases and children's needs. Full 36 inches wide. Wednesday in Basement, 25¢ a yard.

2000 Yards New Curtain Goods Wednesday Special, Yard

Basement - What a surprising difference fresh new draperies make in the appearance of a room! Every woman will be anxious to share in this sale of curtain goods for the values are exceptional. Pretty figured nets-plain and bordered marquisettes, some with hemstitched and lace edge -figured madras - imported Swiss voiles, etc. PRICED SPECIAL AT 35¢ A YARD.

Basement-Men, here's your chance

to lay in a good supply of fresh

new spring Shirts at a substantial saving! 1200 of them in this new

shipment - choice assortment of

patterns. Stiff cuffs. \$1.19 Wednesday in Basement

\$1.50 Work Shirts

At \$1.00 Basement-Limit 4 Shirts to a cus-

tomer. Made from good heavy material. Full range of \$1.00 sizes. \$1.50 Shirts at \$1.00

Men's Sox

Basement - Men's Black Cotton

Socks of good quality. Easily worth

25c a pair. On sale Wednes- 60c day in Basement, 3 pairs

#### Boys' Overalls At 89c

Basement-Good heavy quality Blue Denim Overalls of standard make. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 only. Just the thing for knock-about 89c wear. Basement sale, pair -BOYS' WAISTS of good dependable wash materials, neat patterns and good colors: Basement 25c

## Hundreds of Remnants

Basement-Remnants and Mill-End Pieces in a great one-day clearaway at just half regular prices. Ginghams, Percales, Madras, Voiles, Batistes, Organdies, Table Damask, Drapery Goods-HALF PRICE.

Dainty Undermuslins Special \$1.39 Basement-Garments in this sale worth fully double the above price. Envelope Chemise,

Night Gowns and Skirts in a great assortment of styles, trimmed with laces and embroideries. Made of extra good grade mate-rial. Special, yard \$1.39

Camisoles

Basement-Of white or pink silk trimmed with dainty laces and ribbons. Choice of several pretty styles. Full range of sizes. In \$1.29



Women's Corsets at \$1.98

coutil. Low or medium bust, long heavy lace, front fastening or skirt. A few front-laced models bandeau styles. Sizes 34 77 skirt. A few front-laced models in this sale. Sizes 19 up to 30, to 44. Special Wednesday 75c

Basement-Corsets of fine grade | -BRASSIERES trimmed with

Embroideries, 12 Yds. for O--Neat Embroidery Edges and Insertions of fine cam-

-Neat Embroidery Edges and Insertions of line cambric and nainsook-special Wednesday, 12 yards \$1.00 -Embroidery Flouncings, priced special at 19¢ a yard.

#### Easter Ribbons at 25c Yd. Chiffon Veils at 50c

Basement - Fancy wide Dresden Ribbons in a large assort- 25c ment of patterns—the yard -WOMEN'S NECKWEAR - odds and ends of various kinds remaining from previous sales. Somewhat soiled and mussed. Principal- 5c ly collars. Priced special only -WARDROBE BAGS - moth and dust-proof-priced very special for Wednesday's Basement \$1.00 | —CHIFFON AUTO VEILS 50c Sale — Three for only \$1.00 | in all colors—priced special 50c

-VEILINGS-a great Wednesday offering in the Basement Underprice Store. Fancy mesh effects in black, taupe, brown, navy; good quality. Priced for Wednes- 25c day's Basement sale; yard -MALINE in a good assortment of the wanted colors for millinery and other uses. On sale 25c in Basement Store, the yard

Boudoir Caps, Special 50c Basement-Women's Boudoir Caps-200 of the prettiest ones we have

seen this season—on sale Wednesday in the Basement Store. Made up in dainty silks trimmed with laces, ribbons, etc. Remarkable values at 50c

#### Dinnerware Specials

Basement - High-grade American Semi-Porcelain Dinnerware at special low prices to close out odd lines. Gold band decoration —DINNER PLATES, 20c large size; priced special Coffee Cups and Saucers, priced special at 25c
Oatmeal Bowls with gold edge and flower; at 15c Tea Plates with gold 13c Cream Pitchers at 20¢ and 23¢ -42-Piece Dinner \$6.98 Sets, gold and white -42-Piece Dinner \$7.68 Sets, pink and gold \$7.68

#### \_\_\_\_\_ CENTER CIRCLE SPECIAL Coverall Aprons! Special \$1.39 Center Circle, First Floor-A special assortment of Aprons taken

from our Second Floor and underpriced for Wednesday. Women will find this a good opportunity to buy aprons for the spring house-cleaning. Good full styles, made of excellent quality percales in assorted light and dark patterns—fancy plaids, checks and figures. Round, scalloped or V necks. Belts and pockets. \$1.39

Men's Overalls at \$1.89

Men's Khaki Pants \$2.39

Basement-Men's Overalls of | -Men's Khaki Pants-a small lot

splendid heavy quality blue denim. of 85 pairs on sale Wednesday.

Cut in full standard sizes and well made. All sizes. \$1.89

Fine for garden, farm or shop. Made with belt loops. \$2.39

Priced special, a pair \$1.89



**Notions and Small Wares** At Special Low Prices Bargain Circle, First Floor- | -Pearl Buttons priced, card 76

Kleinert's Justrite Lace Edge Dress Shields, special today 59¢ -Silko Mending Cotton, regular 8e kind, box of 12 65e, spool 6e -Tolson's Dress Binding on sale Wednesday at special, a yard 2¢ -Stickerie Edging priced at 19¢ -Sterling Skirt Markers at 33c -Itsoeze Trouser Hangers 12¢

-Art Gum, special, the cake 8¢ -Ribbon Wire, black, white 4¢ -Children's 15c Hose Supporters priced for Wednesday, pair 10¢ AT NOTION COUNTER

-R. M. C. Crochet Cotton 10c -Clark's Crochet Cotton 121/2 @ -Clark's O. N. T. Crochet at 5¢ -Tarine Garment Bags priced

special Wednesday, 75¢ to \$1.25

-Bachelor Buttons, per box 8¢