

NEW PLAN HASTENS
VOCATIONAL AID HEREOregon, Washington, Idaho
Red Tape Cut Out.

REFERENCE NOT NEEDED

Action Now Can Be Taken on Cases
Without Awaiting Reports
From Washington, D. C.

While the New York Evening Post is publishing a series of articles setting forth the alleged failures of the vocational educational board in that city to take care of ex-service men, the worst criticism being red tape delays, etc., director No. 13, embracing Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, is functioning so well that the Washington, D. C. office issued an order that its cases need not be referred to headquarters effective January 3. Such is the announcement made here yesterday by Kenneth L. Cooper, placement officer in charge of the Portland and Oregon work.

"So far as I know," said Mr. Cooper, "this district is the only one in the United States which is not required to refer its cases first to Washington headquarters before they receive an O. K. But Claude H. Anderson, our chief, with district offices in Seattle, resolved authorizing to take care of the situation on his own authority, subject, of course, to the rules and regulations governing our work, and since January 3 this has been done."

Advantage Found in Change.
There is no denying the great advantages accruing from this direct authority, Mr. Cooper said yesterday, when asked concerning the progress of the work in this district. Prior to January 3, he said, there was necessarily considerable delay, caused by correspondence between the Portland and Seattle offices and the headquarters in Washington, when every case had to be passed upon by the regional director. Now that this is eliminated, the average case, from time applicant is received until he is placed in some suitable position, requires about four weeks; many are handled much more quickly.

There are about 400 ex-service men in various degrees of war handicap, who are now receiving the benefits of the government's provisions, according to Mr. Cooper, in Oregon, Washington, and in the combined district approximately 1100. In this state the men are distributed in the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, Benson Polytechnic, Bohne-Walker Business College, Adcox Automobile school, Railway Telegraphers' institute and the Y. M. C. A.

Men Placed in Shops.
"While we appreciate the wonderful advantages to be received in the schools, our chief effort is along the line of actual placement in the workshops," said Mr. Cooper. "Our average applicant is beyond the age where, as a rule, school attracts him; he wants to get into a place where he can earn his living and we are having great success in getting them into positions where they are familiar with the government's programs."

After placing a man in the shop, Mr. Cooper reports, he is encouraged and trained until he is as efficient in production as his fellows—more so than some of them, in fact.

BIG TIMBER CUT PLANNED

Opening of Tract East of Castle
Rock Is Proposed.

The opening of a tract of 34,000 acres of timber located east of Castle Rock, in the Clatsop county, containing an estimated 1,500,000,000 feet of lumber, is proposed by the recently organized Prudential Lumber & Timber Co. of Tacoma, the logging railroad to Spirit Lake from the Northern Pacific tracks has been planned as one of the first developments.

The timber will cost \$2 a thousand, it was stated, making a total price of \$68,000. George A. Osgood of Tacoma is president of the company, and other officers are: John L. Harris of Kelso, vice-president and general manager; G. L. Burland, Castle Rock, treasurer; Ralph Metcalf, Tacoma, secretary.

INJUNCTION IS FOUGHT

Vancouver City Attorney Demurs to
Editor's Complaint.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—In the case of P. E. Dunaway, publisher of small weekly here, who brought an injunction suit against the city of Vancouver, to prevent the letting of a bid, higher than \$100,000, to the Vancouver Columbian, the city attorney, William C. Bates, today filed demurrer to the complaint.

Mr. Bates alleged that the superior court has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the facts stated do not constitute cause for action.

Argument was held Monday, March 1, at 9:30 A. M.

PERMIT DEMAND DENIED

Fight for Right to Build Apartment
Will Go to Supreme Court.

Demand was served yesterday on H. E. Plummer, chief of the bureau of building, to issue a building permit for the erection of the Berkshire apartments at King and Main streets or appear before the state supreme court on March 10 and give a good and sufficient reason for not so doing.

The permit was denied by C. V. Everett and G. H. Kelly, upon instruction of the city council, after residents in the vicinity of the site of the proposed apartment house had protested.

ASTORIA APPEAL HEADED

Curb on Liquor Violators to Be
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