

PEOPLE ARE PROSPEROUS

CONDITIONS OF WORKING CLASSES NEVER WERE BETTER.

Washington State Labor Commissioner in His Biennial Report Gives Interesting Statistics.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special).—State Labor Commissioner Blackman, in his biennial report, which was filed today, has compiled statistics relating to the condition of the working classes of the state, one of the most important particulars of which is obtained from the replies of 109 real estate firms in answer to the following question: "To the question, 'Is business more active than in 1901?' 32 answered in the affirmative. In reply to the question, 'Are values higher now than in 1901?' 109 answered, 'Higher.' To the question, 'Give an estimate of the activity,' 32 most invariably the answer is, 'Increased immigration, good crops and steady employment.' In answer to the question, 'What per cent of laboring men are buying property?' 31 of the returns show that 46 per cent are buying homes. The reports show that small farms, garden tracts and residence property for working people is mostly in demand.

The Commissioner's report shows daily wages to be as follows: Day laborers or city work average \$1.26, farmhands average \$1, including board; railroad laborers, \$1 to \$1.25; street railway employes, \$2 to \$2 per day; mill laborers, \$1.50; skilled workmen, \$1.22; domestic servants, \$20 to 25 per month.

In connection with other statistics, the Commissioner says: "From a canvass of about 100 skilled mechanics of the state, representatives of their different callings, we obtain the following figures: One-third of the wage-earners canvassed were of foreign birth, a little over two-thirds being native-born. Exactly 26 are married. The average number those with families have to support is 2.77 persons. Average number of hours constituting a day's work was 12.25. Average number of days per year furnished with work was 300. Of the number canvassed 2.6 own their own homes; 3.6 rent and pay an average monthly rental of \$12.11; 16 board at an average expense of \$5.

The principal recommendations of Mr. Blackman are the authorization of a strike arbitration board to be created in cases where the Commissioner has been called in but is unable to settle the dispute; a factory inspector's office for enforcing employment of children under 14 years, and a law compelling the employer to pay cash for all services at the time the employee leaves such service, in order to remove the cause of employe leaving.

MEDFORD'S CITY ELECTION.

Complete Ticket.

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Friday evening a citizens' convention was held at the City Hall to nominate candidates for Recorder, Treasurer and three Councilmen, to be voted on at the city election, which will take place on Monday, January 13. Recorder J. E. Toft and Treasurer Charles Straug were each nominated by acclamation, and after a spirited contest E. D. Elwood, Ivor H. Johnson and D. Van Dyke were nominated for Councilmen for the first, second and third wards. While the meeting was being held, there was quite a noisy attendance of voters, for during the day it had become noised about the streets that the Socialists were planning to pack the convention and nominate a Socialist ticket, but the convention, held at the City Hall, but instead of several independent candidates will be nominated by petition, so that the election promises to be more lively than at past elections. The bills were discussed in the city campaign, the only difference of opinion being as to the fitness of the candidates.

TURKED HOSE ON PRISONER.

Arrested Ravaged Drunkard, but Man Died Next Morning.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special).—Yesterday morning an early hour Prince, a drunkard, and an inmate of the Lincoln County Jail, died in his cell. He was recently confined to the county jail to await trial at the coming term of Circuit Court and was assigned to the charge of stealing a watch and other valuables. The man was very heavy drinker and became afflicted with the delirium tremens shortly after being confined, and when he could no longer have his drinks, he raved and called like a mad man, making the hours agonies for the other inmates of the jail. One Miller, the jailer, occupied a room in the jail and found sleep an impossibility because of the man's ravings. As he did not quiet him in any other way, he

NOBODY IS EXEMP.

New Preparation which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later.

Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the consequence of this is to take some one or more of those so-called blood purifiers, which in many cases are merely strong cathartics. Such things are not needed, if the organs are in a clogged condition, they need only a little help, and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels, and often do more harm than good. Purging is not what is needed. The thing to do is to put the food in condition to be readily digested and assimilated. Dr. Cassell's Tablets do this perfectly. They gently digest what is eaten, and give the stomach just the help it needs. They stimulate the secretion and clean the congested condition of the glands and membranes. They put the whole digestive system in condition to do its work. When that is done you need take no more tablets unless you need them. Agree with you? Then take one or two tablets—give them needed help, and you will have no trouble.

Doctors Want Board of Health.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—(Special).—The Marion County Medical Society held a meeting this evening and decided to hold a special meeting January 21, when all physicians who are members of the Legislature will be invited to meet with the society and consider the subject of creating a State Board of Health. The society has asked the Marion County Legislative delegation to support such a measure.

Town Hears Bookers T. Washington.

ONTARIO, Cal., Jan. 2.—The banks and most of the business houses closed today in honor of Booker T. Washington, who addressed the treated audience over assembled in this city. His address was on characteristic lines for the benefit of the Tuskegee Institute, for which liberal contributions were made.

Is Adjudged Insane.

GOLD BEACH, Or., Jan. 2.—Sterling B. Gibb, of Eckley, was taken to Port Orford, Saturday, to be examined as to his sanity. After examination by Dr. Caldwell, Gibb was adjudged insane, by County Judge Bailey and was taken to Salem in the custody of Thomas Lane and Al Miller, Saturday.

"Lucky" Baldwin Admits It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The Examiner says that E. J. Baldwin, the capitalist, admits that he is being treated for cancer under the name of E. Jackson. His physician states that the case is not serious.

Arrested for Shooting Out Windows.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 2.—Privates Earl Goo and Walter Corley, of the Thirty-first Infantry, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Charles S. Painter on a charge of malicious destruction of property. The men

A HARVEST FOR CASH BUYERS

\$25,000 Worth of Choice Pianos Sacrificed for Spot Cash.

During the coming week we offer some startling bargains in choice pianos for spot cash. The question of profit does not concern us just at this time. It simply an out-of-the-ordinary effort to make a turn, and if you have no piano and the money to pay outright for one, we will make it to your interest to get a piano now.

Our stock may be found for prices of almost any make, pianos for which we are the regular representatives, and pianos new and used that come to us in various ways through our wholesale channels. Every instrument sold is unconditionally warranted, and every instrument is also sold with a positive price guarantee—that is to say, if the same style or make of piano can be obtained elsewhere for less money, we serve to take back the instrument and refund all money that has been paid up on same.

Here are to be found the world-renowned Chickering, the beautiful and equally famous Weber, and the good old-fashioned Kimball, as well as the Steinway and the Knabe, together with instruments of various in good grades, such as Chase, Fischer, Ludwig, Ivers & Pond, Wing & Son, Hardman, Harvard, etc.

Remember these prices are for spot cash. The best in the market. Come in early tomorrow, and take choice. Telegrams from out-of-town subscribers for certain pianos till letter can reach us will be carried out for 18 hours only. We pay all long-distance charges for inquiries during this sale.

Remember, everything is guaranteed. Money back if not satisfied. About a dozen of the subscribers to the fund were present. With the proxies on hand they represented about \$11,000 of the \$16,000 subscribed. Among those present were W. J. Bolles, H. Wittenberg, H. Devers, Ed Ehrman, Julius L. Meier, William Killingsworth, F. V. Drake, Colonel R. C. Judson, L. G. Clarke, F. J. Hard, W. I. Beharrell and G. H. Johnson.

Mr. Devers and Mr. Meier fanned up a small breeze by that sufficient notice had not been given of the meeting, and that the election of directors should therefore be put off for some other time. This seemed to be an unnecessary delay to the other gentlemen, and the election of the above named directors was carried unanimously. Mr. Devers' loud "No" was the only dissenting voice.

The meeting decided that incorporation of the bureau was not necessary at this time, and that the directors reported that they were willing to run the enterprise without it, and inasmuch as any other procedure would cause loss of time and money, the report was as follows:

"We have fully considered the contract of subscription to said fund, the purposes sought to be attained and the proposed incorporation, and we recommend as follows:

"That no incorporation be made or attempted, for the reasons: First, it is certain from the subscription agreement that incorporation was not contemplated by the subscribers, and that any departure therefrom would invalidate all obligations thereunder; second, at

JAN. CLEARING SALE



THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS--BREWER HATS AND E. & W. COLLARS

Our CLEARANCE SALE has met with a ready response. The public appreciates the fact that the PRICE CONCESSIONS at our sales are always positive. YOUR DOLLAR will do almost double duty here this month. Wherever there is a broken or small lot left-- prices are cut almost in half--and every article in our magnificent stock has felt the effect of our pruning knife.

Men's Overcoats

The same kind that we have sold hundreds of during the past 3 months are included in this great sale.

Men's Oxford Cheviot Overcoats, serge lined, velvet collar, great \$10.00 values-- \$7.85 Sale Price

Men's Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, \$12.50 values-- \$9.85 Sale Price

Men's Oxford Raincoats, great \$12.00 values-- \$9.85 Sale Price

Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats, bearing his stamp, \$15.00 values-- \$13.15 Sale Price

Priestley's Cravenette Raincoats, in olive and Oxford Mixtures, \$20.00 values-- \$16.85 Sale Price

Our entire stock of Overcoats will be priced in above proportion. We have 400 Overcoats on our counters. They will be on some one's back in short order.

Men's Suits

Heavy Blue Serge and Black Clay Worsted, Fancy Cheviots and Cassimeres, regular \$12.50 values-- \$8.85 Sale Price

Men's Elegant Cheviot and Fancy Cassimeres Suits, all hand-tailored, great \$15.00 values-- \$12.65 Sale Price

Men's Choicest Effects in Fancy Cheviots, best \$20.00 values-- in the city-- \$16.85 Sale Price

Men's Sox

50 doz. Men's Cotton Half Hose, in stripes and fancies-- 25c values 19c

50c values 39c

Underwear

Every garment in this vast stock reduced--at prices that will move them rapidly.

Men's Fleece-lined and Heavy-ribbed Underwear, 50c values-- \$39c Sale Price

Men's Natural Wool, also Camel's Hair and Derby-ribbed Underwear, best \$1 values in 85c city-- \$1.50 Sale Price

Men's Heavy All-wool Fleece-lined, also Natural Wool, with Double-breasted Shirts, \$1.50 values-- \$1.29 Sale Price

Men's Sweaters

Complete lines of Men's All-wool Sweaters, in solid colors, also in fancies, excellent \$1.50 values-- \$1.15 Sale Price

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

We have only a few Boys' and Children's Overcoats left. Our sales have been phenomenally large. If we have the size your boy needs, the price will be sure to please you.

Boys' Fancy Cheviot Overcoats, ages 14 to 19, regular \$7-- \$5.85 Sale Price

Boys' Fancy Mixed Cheviot Overcoats, velvet collars, vertical pockets, ages 4 to 6 only, regular \$3.95-- \$2.95 Sale Price

Boys' Oxford Overcoats, slash pockets, velvet collars, sizes 5 to 8 only, regular \$2.95-- \$2.35 Sale Price

Boys' Norfolds

Prices cut nearly in half. Boys' Heavy Cheviot Norfolds, sizes 6 to 16, regular \$6.00 values-- \$3.45 Sale Price

Boys' Fancy Cheviot Norfolds, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values-- \$2.45 Sale Price

Boys' KneePants

Boys' All-wool Cheviot Knee Pants, 50c values 29c Sale Price

Navy Blue, All-wool Cheviot Knee Pants, 50c values 39c Sale Price

Boys' Best \$1.00 Knee Pants-- \$85c Sale Price

NECKWEAR

Prices cut in half.

\$10.00 Vestees, sizes 3, 4 and 5, only-- \$5.00 Sale Price

\$8.00 Vestees-- \$3.50 Sale Price

\$5.00 Vestees-- \$2.50 Sale Price

\$2.50 Vestees-- \$1.59 Sale Price

BOYS' CAPS

50 doz. Boys' Golf Caps, navy blue and fancy mixed colors, 25c values-- \$13c Sale Price

Boys' Blue Serge and Cheviot Caps, 50c values-- \$39c Sale Price

IRONCLAD HOSE

Double heels and triple knees, always 25c-- \$19c Sale Price

BOYS' UNDERWEAR

Fleece-Lined Underwear, shirt and drawers, 35c values-- \$21c Sale Price

BOYS' SWEATERS

Boys' All-Wool Sweaters, great 75c values-- \$59c Sale Price

All our Boys' \$1 Sweaters 83c Sale Price

All our Boys' \$1.25 Sweaters 98c Sale Price

All our Boys' \$1.50 Sweaters-- \$1.29 Sale Price

Boys' Pure Worsted Sweaters, \$2.00 values. \$6.85 Sale Price

Neckwear

All our thousands of men's plain and fancy Neckwear included in this sale.

50c values 39c

75c values 50c

\$1.00 values 75c

\$1.50 values 98c

Men's Percalé Shirts in stripes and fancies 50c and 75c values 39c

Men's Percalé and Madras, stiff bosom shirt, \$1 values 85c Sale Price

Men's Plaited Stiff Bosom Shirts in light and dark patterns, \$1.50 values \$1.15 Sale Price

Night Shirts

20 Doz. Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts, fancy, also plain patterns, \$1.00 values 85c Sale Price

Boys' School Suits

All broken lines of School Suits heretofore sold at \$2.50 and \$3.00--ages 9 to 15 \$1.65 Sale Price

Boys' School Suits, regular \$3.95 values-- \$3.35 Sale Price

Boys' School Suits, the best \$5.00 suits in the city--double seams and double knees-- \$4.25 Sale Price

YOUTHS' SUITS

We have made some deep cuts in this stock. Quantities remaining on hand are not large. What there is will go at low prices.

Youths' Cassimeres and Cheviot Suits, ages 14 to 19, \$6.50 values-- \$4.35 Sale Price

\$8.50 values-- \$4.85 Sale Price

\$10.00 values-- \$6.85 Sale Price

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tempts to reorganize will involve protracted and needless delay, where immediate action is indispensable to success; third, attempts to reorganize by proceeding through incorporation will prove impracticable, if not impossible, for the reason that many of the subscribers to the present fund will refuse to join an incorporation of any kind; fourth, incorporation means abandonment of the articles of agreement already subscribed to and now binding upon each subscriber, with probable failure of the entire project.

"We therefore recommend that a committee be selected by the subscribers to the present fund for the purpose of collecting the funds subscribed and to disburse the same."

On motion of Mr. Wittenberg, seconded by Mr. Bolles, this report was adopted unanimously. The committee had been directed to prepare articles of incorporation. Mr. Bolles at the former meeting had made the motion by which they had been so instructed, but he said yesterday that his purpose was that of protecting the directors from personal liability for the debts of the enterprise, if any should accrue beyond the fund on hand, but since the directors were willing to undertake the work without this protection he was willing that they should do it. The others present held the same opinion.

The enterprise is well thought of by the business men of Portland, and the board of directors is looked upon as good as any that could be chosen. There are not five better men in the state," was the unanimous sentiment of the meeting yesterday.

COAL DUST EXPLODES.

Four Miners Fatally and Many Others Seriously Burned.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 3.—Four miners were probably fatally injured and a number of others badly burned and cut by falling coal in an explosion of mine dust in the Chicago mine, at Auburn, this afternoon. Three hundred and fifty men

Volcanoes in Eruption.

General Outburst in Central and South America.

CORINTHO, Nicaragua, Dec. 15, via San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The volcano of Santiago, about eight miles from Granada, is shooting out fire and at night illuminates the heavens for many miles around. Monotumbo, near the sea coast, is belching forth smoke.

Izabal, in Salvador, shoots forth smoke and lava every half hour, and at night forms a brilliant spectacle, as its molten lava runs down the mountain side in a stream of fire.

The inhabitants of Guatemala City fear that the volcano Atitlan will break out at any time.

The sea coast and ocean for many miles is strewn with pumice stone from the volcano Santa Maria.

British Minister to Mexico Ill.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—The British Minister, George Grenville, is in such delicate health that he has decided to give up his house in this city and seek some place where the climatic conditions will favor his full recovery.

Rockefeller Buys a Hotel.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2.—The Weddell House, for many years the leading hotel in this city, was sold at auction today on mortgage foreclosure proceedings, instituted by John D. Rockefeller. The mortgage was to cover loans for nearly \$400,000 made to the Weddell estate. The hotel sold for \$231,250, or about two-thirds of its appraised valuation. It was bid in by the Cleveland Trust Company,

CABLE WORKS WELL.

Great Feat in Sending Associated Press Dispatch First Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The new cable between San Francisco and Honolulu is already in fine working order, and a large number of messages are being sent. Through the courtesy of Mr. Clarence H. Mackay and other cable officials, no charge has been made for sending messages to and from Honolulu during the past two days. The achievement yesterday of sending the 350-word Associated Press story from Honolulu in addition to many private messages is considered remarkable work for the first day of the new cable's installation.

CHEAP RATE, LONG TIME.

O. R. & N. Extends Tickets to Kansas City to Sixty Days.

Those who desire to go East will be interested to know that the Great Northern has extended the limit of the tickets to Kansas City to 60 days. Tickets, \$60, on sale January 2 and 10, with stop-over privileges on return trip. Call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and learn particulars.

VACCINATION AND DANDRUFF.

There is a Sure Prevention of Baldness as There is of Smallpox.

It is now accepted that vaccination renders the vaccinated person exempt from smallpox; or, at worst, he never has anything but the lightest kind of a case. Now as sure a preventive and cure for dandruff, which causes falling hair and baldness, has been discovered--Newbro's Herpicide. It kills the dandruff germ. C. H. Reed, Victor, Idaho, says: "Myself and wife have been troubled with dandruff and falling hair for several years. We tried remedies without effect until we used Newbro's Herpicide, two bottles of which cured us." Hundreds of similar testimonials. For sale by all druggists. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

NOT A RELIEF BUT A CURE

Perrin File Specific Cures Immediate Relief URRANA, Ill., Oct. 20, 1902. Dr. PERRIN, Helena, Mont.: Dear Sir: I have been trying through the druggists here to obtain another bottle of your specific, as I have been a sufferer from them of some ten or some years. I saw the ads. in the U. S. L. of Seattle, Wash., some time in May last. At that time I was 100 miles north of Seattle, so I went down to Seattle and found it. I have used it up and have been trying to get more. It has helped me very much, more so than anything I have ever used, and I have seen very anxious to use another bottle. Yours respectfully, H. S. CHANTLER.

PERRIN'S DILE SPECIFIC.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS Original English Specific for Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache, etc. Each box contains 100 Pills. Sold in U.S.A. by all druggists. Beware of cheap imitations. Price 10c per box. Wholesale price 50c per dozen.

MEN NO CURE

THE MODERN APPLIANCE.—A positive way to perfect manhood. THE VACUUM TREATMENT cures you without medicine of all nervous diseases of the generative organs, such as lost manhood, exhaustive drains, varicocele, impotency, "old" Amlier quickly restored to perfect health and strength. Write for circular. Correspondence confidential. THE HEALTH APPLIANCE CO., room 47-88 Safe Deposit building, Seattle, Wash.

Advertisement for Dr. Cassell's Tablets, describing its benefits for indigestion, nervousness, and general health. It mentions that it is a "healthy stimulant and scientific way" to improve one's condition.

Advertisement for "77" For Colds and GRIP, featuring the number 77 in a large stylized font and describing the medicine's effectiveness.

Advertisement for Coal Dust Explosions, detailing the tragic incident at the Chicago mine in Auburn, Illinois, where four miners were killed and many others injured.

Advertisement for the British Minister to Mexico's illness, mentioning George Grenville's delicate health and his decision to leave Mexico City.

Advertisement for the Rockefellers buying a hotel, mentioning the Weddell House in Cleveland, Ohio, being sold at auction.

Advertisement for Vaccination and Dandruff, promoting Newbro's Herpicide as a cure for dandruff, baldness, and other skin conditions.