

ISSUES A WARNING

Women Should Not Come to Seek Work.

NO FIELD FOR THE UNSKILLED

Portland Y. W. C. A. Fears That Many Young Women Will Come to the Fair Hoping to Secure Employment.

What shall be done to prevent the ill results from unemployed women hurrying to Portland, because it is the Exposition year, in the hope of finding employment here?

That was the central thought underlying the meeting last night at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, of the Portland Travelers' Aid Association and the various committees which are now being organized for the purpose of reaching out to the 10,000 tourists, 1000 placards and 5000 folders are being prepared to be scattered broadcast over the country. This literature is intended to reach those who are in the habit of reading papers and magazines in the hope that such warnings may be published.

"We are all anxious that the right kind of visitors should come to this city and see the Lewis and Clark Exposition," said Mrs. Walter J. Honeyman, who presided, "but we may expect young women here who are not prepared to work and who are expecting to get employment. In other words, they will be stranded. Who is going to take care of them? It is our duty to reach out to them with money to send them home? One month recently 90 young women called at the Y. W. C. A. rooms asking for employment. I remember another month where we decided that 70 young women who applied to us for work were not of the kind that we could recommend for work, largely because they were unskilled."

Another woman remarked that she had lived in two different cities where exhibitions had been held, and that in each case tents and food along lines of private benevolence had to be provided. "I heard of a case from Jefferson street depot," said Mrs. Tate. "A woman friend of mine was taking a girl she had just engaged to her home at Oswego, and left the girl at the depot for a few minutes while she made a purchase. In the interval a strange man approached the girl and asked her to go with him. She refused, and he offered to treat her and to give her theater tickets. She again refused, and he went away. When her employer returned the girl related what had taken place, and asked if she had treated the man right, and if she should have gone with him. The answer should be taken very soon, to work along preventive lines in meeting girls and women arriving at depots and ferries."

Committees Are Named. Adjutant Organ, of the Salvation Army, and Captain W. E. Arvinks, of the Volunteers of America, promised to co-operate with the association in securing employment and help for unemployed women.

Mrs. Honeyman was appointed to wait upon the Ministerial Association tomorrow and ask if the work of the Travelers' Aid Association could be explained from the church pulpits next Sunday morning. These committees have so far been appointed: Finance, Mrs. C. H. Templeton, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. M. C. C. Wilson, W. P. Oide; printing, Miss Gotshall, Mrs. E. E. Fulton, Mrs. E. Whitehead, and Dr. Mary A. Thompson; distribution of literature, Mrs. Baidler, Mrs. J. G. Wilson, Mrs. Adolph Dekum, Mrs. L. E. Rookwell, Dr. Sarah Whitehead, Mrs. D. D. Sigleish, Mrs. Taubehelmer, Miss Cornwall and Mrs. F. R. Myers; news, Mrs. Marsh, chairman; Mrs. L. Donald, Mrs. J. A. Nash, Miss Wynn Coman, Miss Edna I. Protzman and Miss Gertrude Metcalfe; employment committee, Mrs. Millie H. Trumbull, chairman; W. T. Gardner, W. R. Walpole, Adjutant Organ and Captain Arvinks. Other committees will be appointed later. An appeal is made for a larger membership.

WILL PROHIBIT IT. Small Hand-Board Nuisance Must Go—Council Requested to Act.

The small handboards used to advertise theatrical performances and entertainments, which are distributed promiscuously about the business and along routes, will be prohibited altogether by the ordinance to be introduced into the Council by A. R. Bentley Wednesday. The larger billboards will be restricted in size, 50 feet in length by 12 feet high being the maximum dimension. The ordinance is now being prepared in the City Auditor's office and will be proposed to tax billboards at the rate of 2 cents a square foot, but this has not yet been determined. This would bring \$10,000 or more a year into the City Treasury, it is said.

At present the city gets \$300 a year from the billboards. There are two companies here, which pay a license of \$200 each. Only one company owns any billboards. Several years ago the license was \$100 a year, then it was increased to \$200, and last October the license committee of the Council raised it to \$400. One company is reported to have done \$20,000 worth of business last year.

In view of the strong public sentiment for billboard regulation it is probable that the Bentley ordinance will pass, possibly with a few amendments. Here is a suggestion from a well-known Portland man: WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 8.—(To the Editor)—Seeing through the columns of The Oregonian that the City Council has under consideration an ordinance looking to the correction of the "billboard evil," permit me through your columns to call attention to an ordinance existing in Chicago that requires the consent of three-fourths of the frontage in any one block where it is proposed to erect any "eye-sore." I would also suggest that all such nuisances as billboards be kept away from ten to 100 feet from the street line, so that all litter, paste, etc., become as nearly as possible the private property of the "good citizen" who owns the ground on which the abominable obstruction is erected. The proposition to tax a "surface" tax on these "variegated blots" is a just one. Their height should not exceed four feet, and they should be prohibited in the business district and those near the city center. The idea that a billboard is preferable to the rubbish-bag view in some localities is not a good one, as there would be a greater likelihood of getting things cleaned up if set across in this manner. The eye has a strong claim on municipalities as the nose or ear. Let the good work go on. GEO. M. HYLAND.

Hazers Finally Catch Young Gould. NEW YORK, March 11.—Hazers at Columbia University have, it is reported, finally succeeded in capturing their arts and Kingdom Gould, son of George Gould, who caused considerable excitement some time ago by drawing a revolver and driving off a band of sophomores when they attempted to capture him. Six sophomores, representing a secret organization of the sophomores, are said to have taken young Gould by surprise as he was leaving the university. They placed him under parole until night, when he

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