

PUBLIC OFFICIALS FOR LAW

How Did Women, Now Seeking Pensions, Make Ends Meet Before? Is Asked.

SMALL COUNTIES HIT HARD

In Many Communities Drain Will Be Heavy on Treasuries With No Provision Made in Tax Rate to Take Care of Depletion.

In view of the proved fact that only a fraction of them were receiving public aid before, how did the women, now being placed on the widows' pension roll throughout the state, manage to make ends meet prior to the enactment of the law? Will they now allow their individual initiative to lapse and become pensioners pure and simple?

These are the questions being pondered upon by public officials in small parts of Oregon as a result of the many applications for pensions being received. It is admitted that the law will be a hindrance rather than a help to society if these women are dependent. Another thing worrying the smaller counties is the great drain on their public treasuries. In many of them the tax rate will be increased materially.

From all parts of the state come reports showing that many women in comparatively comfortable circumstances have applied for pensions. They are willing to swallow their pride and the hope of earning a living for nothing, a tendency towards the eradication of which society has trended. In other words, the law bids fair to be destructive of the individual initiative and become a step towards Socialism.

The applicants with private means are consistently being refused help, but there remains the fact that when their substance is gone they will become eligible. Will this encourage wastefulness and lack of thrift? Multnomah County's treasury will be hardest hit, which is natural, as it is the most populous county of the state, and includes the city of Portland. Already there have been as yet granted none of the petitions, careful investigation following every application. All conditions of life and financial statements are being made, and the proposed pensions run from \$10 for one child to the highest at \$25.00 per month.

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This is your long-looked-for opportunity of securing a piece of brass which you have set your heart upon, but on which you have thought the price prohibitive. Our one-half-price sale now brings this same within your reach.

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Size 16x20, burnished oval frame with ornamental mountings. Former price \$5.00, now \$2.50.

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Both domestic and foreign, frame in genuine Cretaceous walnut, rosewood, etc. Former price from \$2.50 to \$15.00, now offered at ONE-HALF PRICE.

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Blue and gold, ranging from small size Vaselets up to mammoth size Fern tubs. Regular price from \$2.00 each up to \$10.00, now on sale at ONE-HALF OFF.

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Special parchment etchings are now on hand up to \$20.00 now offered at ridiculously low price of \$4.95.

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July inventory shows \$67,670 piano values now offered at \$43,850 for quick disposal. See Graves Music Company removal sale adv., page 5, section 3.

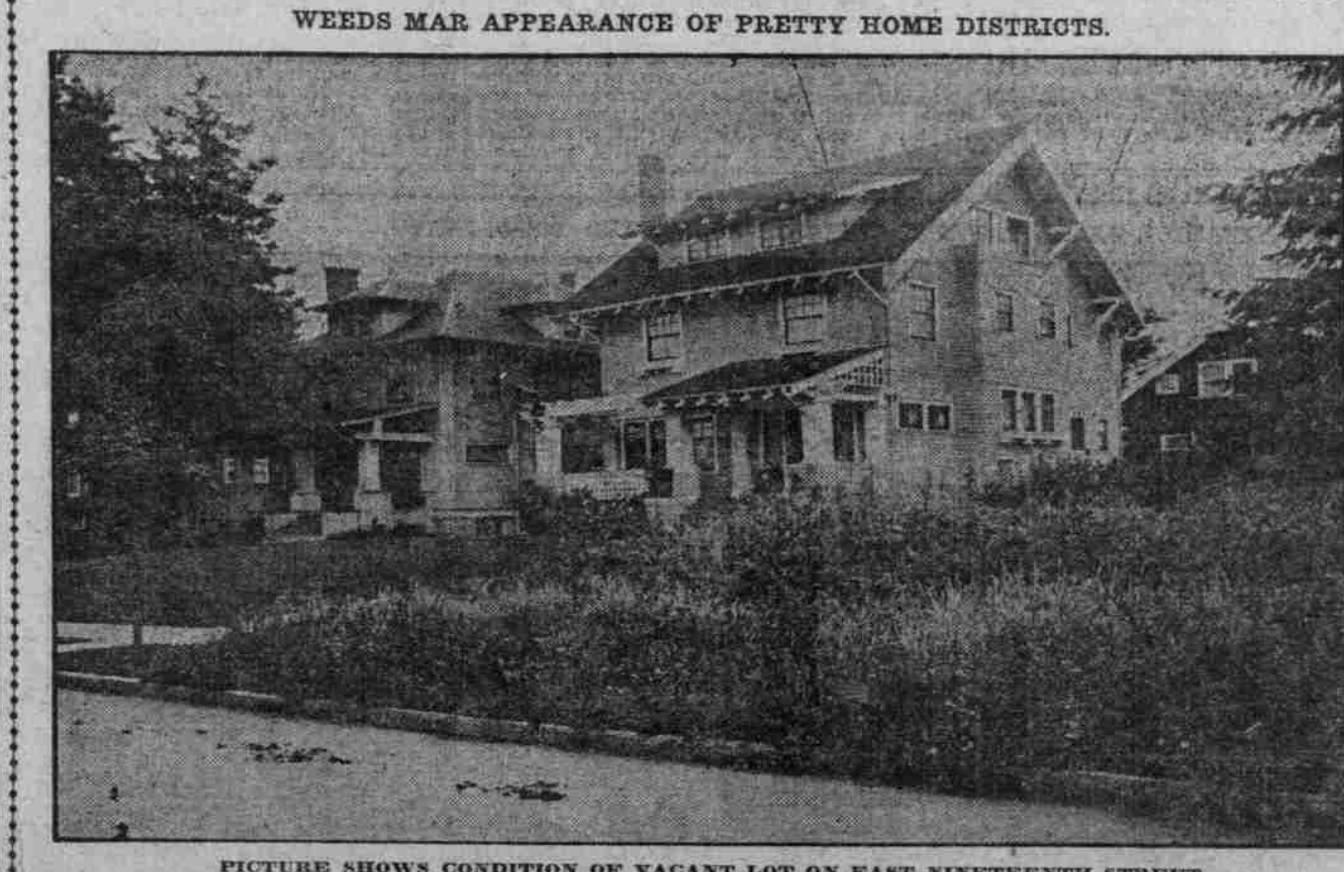
MISS LILIAN TINGLE SAILS
Head of Domestic Science in Portland High Schools Goes to Europe

SOME CLASS
The best Kodak finishing I ever had done. Say, I'll bring all my work here. You do such good work.

Expert's Bill Questioned
Bridge Superintendent Thinks Civil Engineer Has Been Paid Enough.

W. A. Grondahl, civil engineer, who was employed by the City of Portland, together with Robert Wakefield, to expert the Burnside bridge last year, designed a truss for the bridge which cost \$2000 and which must now be sold as scrap iron, as it is useless for the purpose.

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Don't let an object of derision, of scorn, of disdain, by carrying around an ugly and disfiguring lot of disgusting hair on your face, neck, arms and bust, every woman wants to look her best, but she cannot if she has hair all over her features. We can remove your hair in just a few seconds and leave you a dainty thing of beauty. Our treatment is a dainty thing of beauty. No electric needles used to tear you. With the hair removed we supply a delightful face cream and this combination is designed to lead to several happy growths: face, neck, arms, chest, shoulders and bust. Write for particulars free to
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PICTURE SHOWS CONDITION OF VACANT LOT ON EAST NINETEENTH STREET.