

MOST SUCCESSFUL BUYERS WEEKENDS

1000 Merchants From All Parts of Trade Territory Guests of Jobbers.

MILLION SPENT IN CITY

Financial Phase Is Considered to Be Smallest Feature Since Retailers and Wholesalers Have Had Chance to Meet.

With a procession of automobiles bearing visiting merchants up the Columbia Highway and back again, the Jobbers and Manufacturers' Association and the Portland Chamber of Commerce closed yesterday the entertainment features of the fourth annual Buyers' week.

Aside from the enthusiastic assertions of the members of the committee, from Chairman Nathan Straus down, and the declaration of the retail merchants who have made their visits to Portland this week, the success of the week is mathematically demonstrable in comparison to Buyers' weeks of previous years.

Approximately 1500 retail merchants, representing all the states of the Pacific Coast group, attended. Registration at headquarters alone shows 900 and scores of retailers came in yesterday from nearby cities who did not take the trouble to leave their registration at the headquarters.

\$500,000 at Least Is Spent

M. E. Smead, in charge of the registration headquarters throughout the week, reports that practically all of the merchants who have registered are turning in their purchase blanks and reclaiming the amount of their fare to Portland and return. The provisions for Buyers' week were that every retailer who purchases aggregating at least \$500 among the jobbers and manufacturers in the association should receive the amount of his transportation to and from Portland.

Reports from various jobbers and wholesalers, however, indicate that few of the retailers have fallen to the \$500 minimum and that in most cases the aggregate of purchases mounted into the thousands. Until the various members of the association in reports to the committee the total amount of cash represented in Buyers' week cannot be given, but indications are that it was more than a \$1,000,000 week easily.

Benefits Are Widely Scattered. The attendance was practically double that of last year, which had been the record for the establishment of Buyers' week.

But it is neither the immediate money results nor the mere fact of big attendance that counts most heavily as the success of Buyers' week, according to the visiting business men and the business men who have been their hosts.

"It is the opportunity that is given our retailers from out over the Northwest to get in personal acquaintance with our wholesalers that counts for most after all, and this opportunity is given under ideal circumstances in Buyers' week," said Nathan Straus, chairman of the committee. "We have been delighted to welcome our retail customers here from all parts of the trade territory of Portland and we believe that the business relations between us all have been strengthened by the better understanding that comes from personal contact and acquaintance."

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Merchants Expect Prosperity. "The unvarying predictions of prosperity for the coming year that have been made by the visiting merchants are one thing that should have an encouraging effect on the importance of which can hardly be estimated. The success of Buyers' week will be realized in an increasing ratio as the year advances and the results of the past week begin to make themselves apparent."

The registration headquarters on the fifth floor of the Chamber of Commerce will be kept open all day today for the return of railway ticket vouchers to merchants who desire to leave today. The tickets do not expire until August 16 and many of the merchants may remain over until after tomorrow before leaving the city.

The final list of registration announced from headquarters yesterday was as follows:

- C. E. Child, Dallas, Or.; Frank McGraw, Mrs. McGraw and son, Grandville, Idaho; Leslie Buttan, Soap Lake, Wash.; C. A. Simons, Odele, Priddy, aggregating Lindsay, Shegwood, Or.; Mrs. Frank Blake, Payette, Idaho; H. R. Vinber, Kennewick, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. George Schallesberger and Dan Shallenberger, North Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. J. M. Silver, Oregon City, Or.; Alpha M. Bascus, Pearl Beach, Independence, Mo.; R. Nelson, Gresham, Or.; J. Nelson, St. Paul, Or.; F. C. Freeman, Salem, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Lacey, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Plank, Grande, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Adams, Miss Lottie Schick, Portland, Or.; Sturdevant, South Bend, Wash.; J. W. Wascott, Gaston, Or.; J. Keil, Walla Walla, Wash.; W. Metzger, Gresham, Or.; Miss T. Feneck, Tacoma, Wash.; W. S. Holt, Payette, Idaho; R. T. W. Gresham, Or.; Mrs. William M. Gitchrist, Jr., Salem, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Mather, Clackamas, Or.; Mrs. Leta King, Heppner, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. Giesler, Olney, North Yakima, Wash.; Jess Hood, Jessie Howard, Gresham, Or.; Mrs. C. Case, Mrs. Abrams, Aberdeen, Wash.; Ethel Brown, Mrs. I. O. Smith, Richland, Or.; Martha Marzary, Clackamas, Or.; Ploeger, J. P. Bryan, Eugene, Idaho; Mrs. Alton Hampton, Eugene, Or.; Mrs. M. M. Moore, Wash. Andrew, Karastan, N. B. Mitchell, Willamina, Or.; Miss M. Sullivan, Oregon City, Or.; C. H. Jenson, Junction City, Or.

Aberdeen Wants Taxes Cut.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—C. M. Weatherwax, S. R. Bowes, J. C. Hoggan, E. C. Finch and E. B. Benn were appointed a committee at a mass

meeting of taxpayers to appear before the board of equalization and protest against the high taxation placed against Aberdeen. A horizontal cut of 25 per cent in tax valuations will be asked. The meeting developed into the Aberdeen Taxpayers' League, which will be a permanent organization and will demand a pledge of strict economy from candidates.

ROAD COMPROMISE URGED

City Willing to Spend \$50,000 on Linnton Road if Owners Pay Up.

Negotiations were started yesterday by City Attorney LaRoche for the settlement of the lawsuits between the city and property owners along Linnton Hillside boulevard in connection with the assessment for construction of the boulevard. Mr. LaRoche has been authorized by the City Council to bind the city to spend \$50,000 in macadamizing the boulevard if the property owners will agree before September 1 to pay their assessments in full.

Mr. LaRoche yesterday sent out letters to all property owners assessed asking whether or not they were willing to settle on this basis. The letter reads in part:

"The city will, on or before October 1, 1917, expend not less than \$45,000 nor over \$50,000 for macadamizing the boulevard, providing the property owners representing at least 90 per cent of the amount of the assessment made by said ordinance will, on or before September 1, 1916, pay or bond their respective assessments made by said ordinance. It is intended purely as a basis of compromise and if not accepted or carried out it is not to be taken or used in any way prejudicially to the city. We are mailing a letter similar to this to the other property owners and would thank you for an early reply, to the end that we may have time to obtain an execution thereof and the payment or bonding of the existing assessment before September 1."

Brawny Bull Used as Pack Animal on Hillside.

Curry County Girls Tire of Carrying Goods to Mountain Home, so Impress Faithful Oxen.

GOLD BEACH, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A homesteader living along the Rogue River, 25 miles up stream from Gold Beach, has four daughters whose duty it is to meet the mail boat that brings up supplies from town. Their home is on a butte top, 1500 feet above the river's edge. Even the most husky girls could not carry sacks of flour and heavy boxes and parcels up that steep trail, a mile and a half the way they had to go.

For many years they drafted the services of a 1400-pound bull. With him the girls would meet the boat whenever they expected supplies. They would put 200 pounds on him, secure the load to his spacious back with a diamond hitch, and turn him loose. The bull did not have to be led or directed—he knew his duty and did it. He shined up that trail with a dispatch that would put a packhorse to shame, sweat pouring from his flanks and the girls panting at his heels.

At one season their father could not get the black butte from the yoke. The girls with ready resource thereupon trained a 2-year-old to take his place.

ALBANY MAN IS DELEGATE

E. M. French to Attend National Jewelers' Convention.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—To represent Oregon at the annual convention of the American Retail Jewelers' Association, E. M. French of this city, will leave Tuesday for Minneapolis. He will be the only delegate from Oregon at the convention, which will be attended by 600 jewelers from all parts of the United States. Every state will have at least one representative.

This will be the second time for Mr. French to represent Oregon at the National convention. He was the Oregon delegate at the convention at Kansas City four years ago. For the past year Mr. French has served as president of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' Association.

Boat Landings Are Changed.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The wharfbottom of the People's Navigation Company was removed today from the slough on the Columbia River north of the business district of the city to the permanent low-water landing east of Hood River. Other boat landings moved out of the slough a week ago. The landing places of ferry systems plying between Hood River and points on the Washington shore, too, have been moved because of the fall in the Columbia.

Hood River Ships Vegetables.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Record shipments of garden truck and produce will be made from Hood River this season. The Fruit Growers' Exchange, which, in addition to apples, berries and other fruits, is handling all kinds of produce this season, has already shipped large quantities of cucumbers and vegetables and will begin next week on carlots of tomatoes. The exchange estimates that tomato shipments will reach a total of six carloads.

DARING ACROBATS WHO COME TO HIPPODROME TODAY.



Tan Chin Troupe

PASTORS, JUDGES SAY LAW NO GOOD

Physicians, Too, Declare Oregon's Attempt to Regulate Marriage Is Valueless.

FEDERAL RULE DESIRED

General Opinion Appears to Be That Nation-wide Requirement for Examination of Both Sexes Would Be Beneficial.

Physicians, Judges and churchmen combine to condemn as farcical Oregon's eugenic law.

"Give us a real law or none" is the cry. No one attempts to deny the ultimate good of a law curbing marriage of the unfit, but all protest against an inoperative statute.

How can chapter 187 of the General Laws of Oregon for 1915 be made effective? Suggestions include its amendment to embrace both sexes, a provision for a thorough medical examination, and the appointment of county or state examiners and their payment at public expense.

A Federal law would meet with much favor in Oregon, and is believed by many to be the only method by which the final result of the law will be accomplished. Marriage of the unfit can never be successfully checked, it is argued, while a jaunt across the boundary lines of a state brings freedom from medical restriction.

Judge for Uniform Laws. "I hope that the day is coming when all marriage and divorce laws will be uniform and under Federal restraint," commented Circuit Judge W. N. Gatens yesterday. Judge Gatens has performed hundreds of marriage ceremonies. He continued: "The Oregon eugenic law is not a good one. Theoretically, it is an excellent statute. Its intention is that the best required shall be of real value, that the future generation shall be freed from the sins of the parents."

"The superficial examination now provided is not a real test. The spirit of the law is not carried out in practice, and the law is such that it cannot be efficiently carried out. The eugenic law never will work out in Oregon while a neighboring state has no similar law. It is too simple. Of course, a judge may be suspected of ulterior motive in criticizing a law which takes marriageable couples out of the state," the Oregon eugenic law is not a good law when it falls in practice. I would like to see a real law, one accomplishing what the present one aims at, on the statute books."

Pastor's Views Given. Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church, thinks little of the law as it now stands. "Either strengthen the present law or repeal it," he said yesterday. "If it could become operative with proper efficiency and under proper direction I would approve heartily of the law. The present method of carrying it out in this state, however, is a farce. No reputable physician can give the examination properly for the fee allowed. The ends of the law are defeated by restricting the examination to men only."

"A first-class, national eugenic law is a thing much to be desired. A haphazard, inefficient law is worse than none." Dr. Andrew C. Smith has a similar viewpoint. "Make it more effective or do away with it," he asserted. "If it is to apply to both sexes and make it include an adequate examination, with Wasserman blood test, etc., I believe the minimum fee a physician can charge for his services in making a thorough examination is \$10." The law provides for a fee of \$2.50.

Blood Test Declared Necessary. "How can physicians determine absolutely without these expensive tests?" Dr. Smith was asked. "We can't," was the reply. "To some extent we have to take the word of the applicant."

While considering the Oregon law a step in the right direction, Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, of the Episcopal Church, believes in an efficient law. Requiring a medical certificate from the bridegroom alone does not appeal to him. He has refused to marry couples unless both presented medical certificates showing clean bills of health.

"The law takes a large amount of money out of the state, and does no good," commented Circuit Judge Robert G. Morrow. "If Oregon and Washington had similar laws and the laws applied to both sexes, something might be accomplished. As with liquor laws, to be effective both Oregon and Washington need similar legislation."

"Without the co-operation of the patient, the most painstaking test may not be successful," maintained Dr. Thomas W. Rose. An alcoholic drink may ruin the blood test. "The fee of \$2.50 is wholly inadequate. Fifteen dollars would be a reasonable compensation for a thorough examination."

Dr. Louis J. Wolf, acting City Health Officer, said that it is generally conceded that the intention of the law is excellent, but that in operation it is not thorough enough. Laboratory work, including microscopical tests, should be required, but can't be given under the terms of the law," he asserted.

"I'm in favor of something that's real," commented Dr. David N. Rogers, secretary of the State Board of Health. "The present law gives a false sense of security. It is not being enforced properly and cannot be for the fee allowed by law."

The State Board of Health, pointed out Dr. Roberg, wrote the Oregon Social Hygiene Society April 2, 1916, suggesting that an amendment be prepared to chapter 187, the eugenic law, because of present improper enforcement. It was suggested that the amendment be presented to the next session of the Legislature, and provide that only "conservative and able physicians" with proper laboratory facilities be permitted to make the examinations.

H. H. Moore, secretary of the Hygiene Society, said yesterday that the matter had been referred to a sub-committee of the society, which had not yet reported upon the matter. He asserted that no details had been worked out yet, and that the committee probably would not get to work on the amendment before September or October.

ALBANY CALLS PROFESSOR

W. E. Lugenbeel to Succeed Late David Torbet.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Professor W. E. Lugenbeel, of Winona Lake, Ind., has been chosen professor of mathematics at Albany College to succeed the late Professor David Torbet, who held that position for more than a quarter of a century.

Professor Lugenbeel has been serving recently as professor of mathematics in Winona College. He has had many years' teaching experience, having served as president of the Southern Indiana Normal School, president of Borden College, president of Austin College, instructor in mathematics in McKendrick College, Lebanon, Ill., and instructor in mathematics in the Illinois State Normal University.

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LIQUOR MEN WATCHED

OFFICERS ON TRAIL OF ILLICIT WHISKY IMPORTERS.

Evidence Against Operators in Alcoholic Importations on Big Scale Being Gathered.

Bootleggers in Multnomah County are finding the investigation of police and Sheriff's officers too comprehensive for comfort, and the District Attorney's office expects to break up the leading ring of illicit liquor importers within a week.

"We have under surveillance now men who we believe are the heads in Portland of the systematic importation of liquor in large quantities from California," said Deputy District Attorney Collier yesterday. "The men to whom I refer are those who have been engineering shipments of 10 gallons and more at a time in trunks or boxes marked 'Household Goods.'"

"Not only state but Federal authorities will have a word to say to these law-breakers, and in a few days I am confident they will feel that breaking the prohibition and interstate commerce laws is a discouraging occupation at the most."

Mr. Collier pointed out that the series of cases now under investigation are far more important than the sporadic instances of bootlegging unearthed earlier in the year.

"We always will be troubled more or less with the small-ry bootlegger," he said. "As long as so-called 'whisky' can be manufactured out of a little pure alcohol obtained from 'extracts' and colored water, we will have him with us. He is not dangerous, for his activities cannot be on a large scale. The man we want to get is the one who is successful in importing large quantities of liquor by some ruse, and disposes of it wholesale."

How Coins Wear Out. Youth's Companion. In the latest report of the British mint, Sir Thomas K. Rose, a well-known metallurgical expert, calls attention to the effect of grass derived

RECRUITS ANSWER SLOWLY

Effects of Training Camp Date Change Yet in Doubt.

Recruiting in Portland for the citizens' training camp at American Lake, while it had reached 100, may fall far below that unless answers are hurried from those 100 to the query as to whether the change of date would affect them.

When the date was changed to August 28 letters were dispatched to all who had enlisted asking if they desired still to remain on the roll. Up to date 25 replies have been made.

General Beebe expects, however, that responses will be received in the next few days from the remainder and that Portland may send more than 100 civilian recruits to the training camp.

No Assessments Protested. POMEROY, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—After holding a three-day session as a board of equalization, the

from the sweat of the fingers, or from other sources, in accelerating the wear of coins, which is usually attributed entirely to abrasion. Sir Thomas says that the fatty acids of the grease have a corrosive action upon the metal. Copper, in particular, even if present only in small quantity as an alloy for gold or silver, is converted into an oleate, stearate or other salt. Haagen Smit, of the Utrecht mint, found by analysis that the dirt on a bronze coin contained 36 per cent of copper in the form of powdered compounds of the fatty acids. When the coin is handled the dirt is in part detached, and the coin undergoes a loss of weight.

Board of County Commissioners adjourned without being called on to attend to any complaints. This is the first time in the history of the county that this has happened.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to extend to our many friends our heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown us in our late bereavement and death of our beloved daughter, Lillian May Cunningham. Adv. Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham.

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