

### NEW MINIMUM WAGE FOR WOMEN LIKELY

#### Industrial Welfare Commission to Hold Conference With Employers and Employees.

### LIVING COST DEMANDS RISE

#### Scale in Oregon Lower Than in California and Washington, While Shorter Hours Are in Effect in Both States, It Is Asserted.

Adoption of a new minimum wage scale for women employes in the mercantile and manufacturing firms of Portland, made necessary, it is asserted, by the ever-increasing cost of living, will be proposed and discussed at a meeting to be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow under the auspices of the Industrial Welfare Commission, at its office, room 643 Courthouse.

According to statistics compiled from Government reports by Mrs. Mills R. Trumbull, of the Commission, the cost of food has advanced 42 per cent during the past year, making it almost imperative to grant a new minimum wage scale for women, she declares.

Conference Meets Tomorrow. At the conference tomorrow there will meet three representatives from the public, three representatives from the employers and three representatives from the women employes. If, after a full discussion and investigation, it is determined by this conference committee that a new minimum wage scale should be adopted, immediate steps will be taken to draw up a new scale.

Representing the public will be E. C. Bronough, Elliott R. Corbett and Mrs. W. L. Brewster. The employers will be represented by Adolphe Wolfe, of Lipman & Wolfe; Ralph Hahn, of the Free Electric Works; and Wilbur E. Coman, of the Northwestern Electric Company. The employes will be represented by Mrs. Katherine Barker, of Oida, Wortman & King; Miss Anna Nelson, of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, and Mrs. Beatie Brady, of the Hazelwood.

Present Scale Adopted in 1916. The present minimum wage scale, which was adopted by a conference committee in September, 1916, establishes a minimum weekly scale of \$2.25 for experienced women in mercantile establishments, and \$1.84 for experienced women in manufacturing concerns. For inexperienced adult women workers, a minimum weekly scale of \$1.40 for the first four months is now in effect. For the second four months the salary is \$1.70, and for the third four months it is \$1.80. After the first year the employe is classed as experienced and receives the minimum scale provided for.

Mrs. Trumbull said yesterday that the minimum wage scale in Portland is lower for women than in the sister states of Washington and California. In Washington the minimum wage in mercantile establishments is \$10 a week, and \$12.50 in manufacturing work. In California the minimum scale is \$10. Mrs. Trumbull further asserted that shorter hours are in effect in these two states.

"I firmly believe that this conference committee will find that the minimum wage scale must be raised in order that the women workers of today may meet the rapidly increasing living cost," said Mrs. Trumbull.

### NEW MILLS TO BE BUILT

#### Umpqua River Expected to Become Industrial Center.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special).—The Umpqua River is expected to become one of the industrial centers of the state and the first of three new sawmills now under construction will be ready for operation in two weeks, probably, and in three certainly.

A second mill at Reedport will be finished within a month and the third, at Reedport, within 45 to 75 days. Two of the mills are being equipped with machinery and room for sawing ship timbers and the third will run largely on spruce, of which there is a large area near Reedport.

Late reports from that vicinity indicate a shipbuilding company is seeking contracts and expects to construct a yard early this year.

### PITTMAN NOT CANDIDATE

#### Monmouth Educator Says He Is Not Seeking Senatorial Toga.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special).—Professor M. S. Pittman, head of the department of rural education, who at the recent meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' Association in Portland was mentioned as a candidate by a special group of educators, who formed themselves into a "Pittman Booster Club," denies that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate.

Professor Pittman has devoted the greater part of his life to the betterment of the rural schools. He says he believes he can be of greater service in the capacity of instructor.

### DIVIDE TRACK PERIL TO END

#### Overhead Crossing Just Authorized Will Be Welcomed by Motorists.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special).—The recently announced ruling by the Public Service Commission requiring the building of an overhead crossing over the Southern Pacific tracks at Divide is welcome news to motorists who travel the Pacific Highway. The Commission finds that it will be equitable that the county pay 40 per cent and the railroad company 60 per cent of the cost of the crossing.

The Divide crossing is regarded as one of the most dangerous on the Pacific Highway. The overhead structure must be erected within one year, a "stop" crossing, lighted at night, must be installed within 30 days, the Commission rules.

### Firemen Raise Service Flag.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special).—A service flag with 11 stars is displayed at headquarters of the Hood River volunteer fire department. The enlisted men of the department are: W. J. A. Baker, Walter W. Shay, Edwin C. Eberly, Ivan Dakin, Walter Ford, Edgar J. Franz, Willard Young, William E. Bailey, Rudyard Imholz, Herbert Lee Foust, and Will McGee.

The new flag was made and presented to the fire department by J. C. Meyer and Harry Wood, local tailors.

### OREGON BOYS ENLIST AND WIN QUICK RECOGNITION

#### One Recruit Is Selected for West Point Training and Others Make Showings Which Bring Them Advancement.



Lieut. F. H. Haynes of Roseburg Robert Morrison



Alden Abbey



Oscar E. Edlund

ROBERT MORRISON, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Morrison, who enlisted at the outbreak of the war, has been selected from among the soldiers at Fort Stevens to enter West Point. He has received his appointment and has been sent home on a furlough. He is preparing to take his examinations.

Private Alden Abbey, of Corvallis, who enlisted in Company B of the 116th Engineers last July, died in France of measles and pneumonia January 11. He was the son of R. H. Abbey, of Elk City, Or. His grandfather was Alden Abbey, better known as "Kit" Abbey, a pioneer of Benton and Lincoln counties. Prior to Private Abbey's enlistment he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company on bridge construction.

Oscar C. Edlund, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edlund, 945 East Twenty-fifth street North, is now rated second-class electrician on the U. S. S. South Dakota. He was with the Home Telephone Company, of this city, for four years before leaving with the Oregon boys last April.

LEBANON, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special).—Russell F. Hall, graduate of the Lebanon High School and student at the University of Oregon at the time of his enlistment in the Army last April, has received his commission as First Lieutenant in the Aviation Corps and has

### HARDWARE MEN COMING

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL OPEN IN PORTLAND TUESDAY.

Ben R. Vardaman, President of the National Community Betterment Association, to Lecture.

The 12th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association will be convened in the assembly-room of the Imperial Hotel at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The convention will continue in session until Friday evening.

The programs for the four days' sessions is replete with entertaining features, including addresses by a number of prominent men. Among them will be Frank R. White, managing director of the Agricultural Publishers Association, Chicago. He will discuss

the following subjects: "Selling the Farmer Through the Retail Dealer," "Holding the Farmers' Trade in the Local Trade Center," "Community Welfare" and "Co-operation Between Farmers and Merchants for Building up a Healthy Community."

Another prominent speaker who will address the convention is Ben R. Vardaman, president of the National Community Betterment Association. He is also associate editor of the Merchants' Trade Journal and is the author of notable works on leadership. Mr. Vardaman will give three lectures on the following subjects: "Merchandising," "Advertising" and "Salesmanship."

Arrangements are also being made for the appearance of a chartered account who will explain the Federal Income and war income tax laws and answer all questions that may be asked by the delegates.

The railroads have granted special rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan. Selling dates, going, January 15 to 24, and returning, January 21 to 28. Portland manufacturers and jobbers will hold open house throughout the week.

The officers of the association are: G. W. Hyatt, of Enterprise, president; W. A. Hudson, of North Powder, vice-president; and E. E. Lucas, of Spokane, Wash., secretary. The members of the executive committee are: Charles R. Archerd, of Salem; Lot L. Pearson, of Salem; N. A. Bonn, of The Dalles; W. A. Hudson, of North Powder; A. P. Stearns, of Oakland; F. H. Churchill, of Roseburg; George Larkin, of Newberg; G. W. Griffin, of Eugene; G. W. Hyatt, of Enterprise; Perle L. Love, of Woodburn, and E. A. Franz, of Hood River.

Portland jobbers are looking forward to a record attendance at the convention. Many entertainments have been planned by the jobbers, the main feature being the "Jazz Jinks," to be held at the Multnomah Hotel Thursday night for the men, and a theater party for the ladies. The committee in charge of entertaining the visiting dealers say they have several surprises in store for Thursday night, and the dealer who fails to reach Portland by that date will miss a good time.

The entertainment committee consists of the following: Chairman, Edward Newbegin, of R. M. Wade & Co.; E. E. Tresler, of Simonds Manufacturing Company; George Young, of Marshall-Wells Hardware Company; H. L. Slaver, of John Deere Flow Company; W. K. Slater, of Hoopman Hardware Company; E. C. Ward, of Marshall-Wells Hardware Company; J. L. Fuller, of M. F. Niles Co.; G. Smith, of Cribben, Saxton Co.

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### MILK IS CHEAP FOOD

#### FOOD ADMINISTRATOR TELLS WHY HE OPPOSES ORDINANCE.

#### W. B. Ayer Declares Elimination of One and Two-Cow Dairies Will Increase Infant Mortality.

W. B. Ayer, state food administrator, yesterday made clear his reasons for opposing the proposed new milk ordinance, introduced by Commissioner Mann at a Council meeting last Tuesday night. Any increase in the price of milk, says Mr. Ayer, invariably results in the death of babies.

"It is a peculiar fact," he continued, "that no matter what the price of butter, eggs, bread or most of the other common foods may be, their consumption goes on, and is practically constant. With milk, though, it is entirely different. As soon as the price goes up a little, people begin using less of it, and as a consequence the babies suffer."

"What its food value, in comparison to other foods is taken into consideration, milk is one of the cheapest foods available in Oregon. Moreover, the food administrator has never urged a decrease in milk consumption. Of course, any waste, such as allowing milk to sour and then throwing it away, is inadvisable, but people are making a good investment when they use as much milk as they like."

"These were my reasons for opposing the milk ordinance proposed the other evening. An ordinance such as the one proposed, that would put the one and two-cow dairies out of business, could

have but one effect on the price of milk, and that would be to raise it materially. And the rate of infant mortality goes up and down with the fluctuations in the price of milk."

Dun's Manager to Talk. William Young, Portland manager of R. G. Dun & Co., will be the speaker at

the luncheon tomorrow of the members' council of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He will discuss the business outlook for 1918, and tell what the past year brought the state in the way of business and new industries.

Mailcarrier Claims Record. NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 19.—(Special).

The best record of rural mailcarriers in Oregon in the sale of war savings stamps is claimed by Ray Hanville, carrier on route No. 3, out of Newberg. One day this week his sales amounted to between \$1200 and \$1300. Mr. Hanville had circulars printed advertising the thrift stamps, which he distributed to people on his route, and these boosted his sales.



### The "Big Drive" of Winter Is On!

MEN and women in all walks of life—heavily clothed railroadmen, bundled up policemen, carefully wrapped firemen—brave the drive of icy blasts, the cut of sleet, the swirl of snow. The stiff necks, rheumatic twinges, strains, sprains, pains that follow, are routed by Sloan's Liniment. A warm, tingling, comfortable, blood-circulating sensation comes quickly from its first application. Don't rub—simply apply and let it penetrate to the source of the



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