EMPLOYMENT BUREAU WILL BE MAINTAINED

Cities of Oregon to Continue United States Service.

ASTORIA AND EUGENE FIRST

Welfare of Returning Soldiers and Sailors Regarded of Primary Importance to State.

Failure of congress to appropriate sufficient funds to maintain the United States employment bureau on its present basis will not result in shutting down the 11 branch offices in different parts of Oregon, according to announcement yesterday of Wilfred F. Smith, director of the Oregon bureau.

Although government funds will not be available to carry on this work, the various cities and towns of Oregon are so vitally interested in the welfare of the returning soldiers and sailors that the citizens, almost with one accord, have come forward to maintain these branch bureaus until such a time as the government again appropriates sufficient money to carry on the work.

Eugene and Astoria Volunteer.

"Eugene and Astoria are the first to come forward with offers to maintain these employment bureaus for soldiers and sailors," said Mr. Smith yesterday. "The people in these two cities are not willing that this work should be halted summarily just because a senate filibuster resulted in delaying action on the employment bureau appropriation. We expect public sentiment will crystallize in other communities to such an extent that other cities will follow the splendid example."

A government order issued late last week commanded the Oregon bureau to cut its force in half. This will mean that the Portland office must be reduced to a mere skeleton of 18 workers, while under ordinary conditions it would likewise mean a shutting down of the 11 branch offices about the state.

Mr. Smith announced that the sailors' and soldiers' employment bureau at Liberty temple will be maintained as usual, as this has become one of the most important branches of the federal employment bureau work.

Other Cities Expected to Follow.

If other cities follow the lead of Astoria and Eugene, branch offices will be maintained temporarily to take care of the employment of soldiers and sailors. The civilian labor department in these branch bureaus will be eliminated.

"We are not going to ask for assistance for the United States employment bureau, but we are going to ask these communities to keep the bureaus open under authority of the municipalities or some of the various war organizations," said Mr. Smith.

"This placing of our returned soldiers and sailors is too important to be stopped in this manner, and we will appeal to the cities to keep their offices open at all hazards. We will loan them our office furniture, our typewriters or anything else they want, and give them all the credit for carrying on the work if they will only do this work."

Special Session Hoped For.

Mr. Smith and other officials of the United States employment service in Oregon are hopeful that a special session of congress early this summer will appropriate sufficient funds to restore the federal employment bureau to its normal status. Mr. Smith says the work of the bureau has assumed such large proportions in finding employment for returned soldiers and sailors that it is practically imperative that the branch bureaus be maintained.

J. M. Waggener, superintendent of the branch office at Astoria, was in Portland yesterday conferring with Director Smith with reference to the Astoria office.

"Every industry and every organization in Clatsop county has promised to co-operate in keeping our bureau open indefinitely," said Mr. Waggener. "The people have seen the results of our work in placing soldiers and sailors in employment, and they are not willing that our branch office be closed simply because federal funds are lacking. So far as I am personally concerned, I will gladly donate my services if it becomes necessary."

Spirit of Help Is General.

Mr. Smith said that other employes of the bureau had shown the same spirit as Mr. Waggener, several of them having refused more remunerative positions in order to remain at a work where they knew they were doing something for the soldiers and sailors.

"One of my men was offered a position at a 50 per cent advance in salary," he said. "But he told me he could not take it because he would not desert the soldiers and sailors at a time when the employment bureau faced such a serious condition. He declared he would stay by me and sink with the ship. This is the sort of spirit which has made the employment bureau in this state an institution which has been of real service to the men in uniform."

PATHE EXCHANGE TO OPEN

Offices of Motion Picture Concern in New Quarters.

Tomorrow Pathe Exchange, incorporated, the big motion picture concern, will open its new office at 392 Burnside street with a full force of workers, including manager, salesmen, cashier, bookkeeper, booker, shipper and stenographers. B. J. Sperry, an old-time employe of Pathe, is the new manager and L. A. Samuelson, also well known to the theater men in the Oregon territory, will be the booker. The Pathe company is one of the oldest in the motion picture industry and recently has contracted with several big producing concerns to distribute their film features.

The establishment of the Portland office means that the films for the theaters in Oregon and Washington will hereafter be shipped out of Portland instead of Seattle.

Westminster church tonight—"Colonel Watterson's Religious Confession." —Adv.

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YEW TREE OF RECORD SIZE DISCOVERED.

SPECIMEN LOCATED NEAR EAGLE CREEK IS 29 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

The largest yew tree on record in the northwest and probably the largest in the United States has been located near Portland at Eagle creek camp on the Oregon national forest by A. G. Jackson, district forest educational director.

The tree, four feet above the ground, measures 29 inches in diameter. Close to it stands another yew tree which exceeds all formr northwest records, being 22 inches in diameter. Yew trees do not grow larger than 17 or 18 inches in diameter usually.

MAUD POWELL TO RETURN

NOTED VIOLINIST WILL PLAY HERE MARCH 26.

Programme Will Be Given Under Direction of Ellison-White Musical Bureau.

The announcement that Maud Powell, who has the honor to occupy a leading position among America's violinists, will appear in recital in Portland always calls forth great interest and enthusiasm. No other artist has enjoyed such a sustained popularity among her own countrymen as has Maud Powell.

Maud Powell to play in Portland March 26.

Since her last visit to Portland many cantonments and base hospitals have been visited by her and the boys made happy by the unreserved giving of her art. She was a pioneer in showing that there was a place in the training camps for the highest kind of beauty, and the impression she made on "the boys" was proven in her New York recital recently, when the largest soldier audience known to the recital world greeted her.

The recital here March 26 is under the direction of the Ellison-White musical bureau.

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BUILDINGS AID TO SHOW

LETTERS FROM LIVESTOCK SECTIONS SHOW VALUE.

Unanimous Opinion Expressed in Favor of Permanent Home for Exposition.

Preliminary to the launching of its big stock-selling campaign, the objective of which is to be the securing of a $250,000 fund for the erection of a great permanent exposition building for the entire northwest in Portland, officials of the Pacific International Livestock association recently sent out a series of letters to leading bankers, stockmen and mercantile men in Denver, Kansas City and other centers of extensive stock-raising districts, inquiring as to the beneficial effects of the permanent exposition buildings in these cities.

The great benefit, not only to the livestock industry, but to all banking and mercantile enterprises and to the community in general, of such exposition centers, is attested in the prompt and cordial responses from those to whom the inquiry was addressed.

"These letters are unanimous," said E. G. Crawford, vice-president of the United States National bank and manager of the big flying squadron now being organized for the stock-selling drive, "in their indorsement of the permanent exposition building plan as a means of upbuilding the livestock industry of any great stock-growing district. All are agreed, too, that incidental to this direct industrial benefit, the establishment of a great livestock center inevitably brings many important indirect benefits which reach out through all mercantile industries and conduce to the greater prosperity and growth of the community."

Ten million to fifteen million bushels of sweet potatoes are lost very year through disease.

FAWCETT IN WASHINGTON

AVIATOR TO STAY IN HOSPITAL FOR TIME.

Former Sporting Editor of The Oregonian Appears to Be in Best of Health.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 15.—Roscoe Fawcett, former sporting editor of the Oregonian, is in Washington and will remain at Walter Reed hospital for a short time until some of the marks of a serious airplane accident are removed. Although the accident was one from which few aviators escape, he appears to be in the best of health with only faint evidences of ugly fractures of the jaw and the upper portion of the cranium.

The citizens of Warrenton, Or., were advised by the interstate commerce commission today to file a separate complaint setting forth their grievances with reference to the railroad rate differential in favor of Astoria.

The commission advised that, this method of opening the case would be better than to intervene as in some cases now pending, involving questions of coast rates.

Colonel Francis J. Koester, cavalry, is ordered today to proceed to Vancouver barracks, Wash., and take command of that post.

Chaplain Berton of the Bronson, Vancouver barracks, is ordered to duty at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Assistant Forester Returns.

W. T. Munger, assistant district forester, returned to Portland yesterday after a week spent in the Puget Sound country. Mr. Munger attended the trial of he United States against the Reliance Lumber company in Seattle in which the government was awarded a verdict for fire trespass. He inspected the forest headquarters in Seattle, Bellingham and Tacoma.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Union Central Life Insurance Co.

of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, on the 31st day of December, 1918, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount capital stock paid up	$ 2,000,000.00
Income.	
Total premium income	19,462,817.96
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	7,584,861.88
Income from other sources received during the year	1,075,115.17
Total income	$ 28,062,795.01
Disbursements.	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	$ 12,360,695.00
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year	3,477,424.51
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	200,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	3,042,891.07
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	515,383.16
Amount of all other expenditures	1,961,085.11
Total expenditures	$ 21,557,478.65
Assets.	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	$ 2,666,460.87
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	4,626,996.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	93,744,042.28
Premium notes and policy loans	20,423,495.31
Cash in banks and on hand	1,582,646.03
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	852,758.78
Other assets (net)	4,268,085.19
Total assets	$128,164,484.46
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$128,164,484.46
Liabilities.	
Net reserves	$105,693,983.00
Total policy claims unpaid	1,033,587.97
All other liabilities	14,693,204.62
Surplus	4,743,708.87
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $2,000,000	$126,164,484.46
Total insurance in force December 31, 1918	$563,428,654.00
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total insurance written during the year	$ 617,519.00
Gross premiums received during the year	38,129.55
Losses and claims paid during the year	23,994.12
Losses and claims incurred during the year	28,994.12
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1918	$ 1,693,976.00
Total premiums contracted for	$43,889.44
Dividends applied in reduction of premiums	5,759.89
Gross amount of premiums received	38,129.55

THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Citizens Insurance Co.

of St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, on the 31st day of December, 1918, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital stock paid up	$ 200,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year	$ 400,847.05
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	33,381.28
Income from other sources received during the year	102.60
Total income	$ 434,330.93
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses	$ 162,642.42
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	16,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	133,816.71
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	6,782.58
Amount of all other expenditures	19,636.59
Total expenditures	$ 338,878.30
Assets.	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	$ 518,545.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	41,100.00
Cash in banks and on hand	440,960.15
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1918	177,351.31
Interest and rents due and accrued	8,711.48
Total assets	$1,186,667.94
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$1,186,667.94
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 47,713.07
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	252,337.83
All other liabilities	399,819.74
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $200,000	$ 699,870.64
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Gross premiums received during the year	$ 50,896.96
Premiums returned during the year	10,405.83
Losses paid during the year	6,016.39
Losses incurred during the year	5,396.49

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