

STATE INSTITUTIONS ECONOMICALLY RUN

Increase During Year of Advancing Prices \$4496.57.

SOME COSTS ARE REDUCED

Comparative Reports Show Conditions on November 30, and Officials Are Pleased.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—That the state institutions of Oregon are being conducted economically under the present administration, despite the steadily increasing cost of living, is attested in a comparison of the reports submitted by the heads of the several institutions for the month of November, 1919, with those of November, 1918.

According to reports filed with the state board of control at its meeting Friday, there were a total of 2593 persons in the several institutions on November 30, 1919, as against 3399 on November 30, 1918. Despite the increase, increases in the cost of commodities from 20 to 50 per cent, the expense of providing for these charges during the month just closed was only \$4496.57 more than during the month of November, 1918.

The report of the state hospitals for the insane located in Salem showed that on November 30, 1919, there were a total of 3749 persons housed in the institution, as against 3673 a year ago. The per capita for this hospital in November, 1919, was \$18.80, while in November, 1918, the per capita was \$18.72, an increase per capita of only eight cents.

The Eastern Oregon state hospital on November 30, 1919, had a total of 490 persons receiving treatment, while on November 30, 1918, the enrollment totaled 524. The per capita of this institution in November, 1919, was \$17.55, while the per capita for last month was \$19.40. The increase in the cost of conducting this institution last month over a year ago can partly be explained, according to officials, by the decrease in population, without corresponding reductions in overhead expense.

Increase in Shows. The November, 1919, report of the state penitentiary showed there were a total of 260 men and women confined in that institution, as against 251 a year ago. The per capita of this institution also shows a slight increase, advancing from \$17.55 in November, 1918, to \$18.40 in November, 1919. As in the case of the Eastern Oregon hospital, the increased per capita of this institution is mainly attributed to a decrease in population, without any lessening of overhead.

The population of the home for the feeble-minded on November 30, 1919, was 381, while on November 30, 1918, the number of charges had increased to 447. The per capita for last month was \$19.99, as against \$17.42 a year ago.

The report of the state training school for boys shows that there were 113 persons confined in that institution on November 30, 1919, while on November 30, 1918, the enrollment had advanced to 152. The per capita for conducting this institution in November, 1919, was \$36.62, as against \$31.47 for November, 1918.

The per capita expense of caring for the 76 patients at the state tuberculosis hospital in November, 1919, was \$47, while the cost of treating the 60 patients housed in the institution during November, 1918, was \$50.07. Natural increase in the cost of commodities and medicines is given as the cause of the increase per capita in conducting this hospital.

There were 41 persons housed in the state school for the blind on November 30, 1919, with a per capita expense of \$36.42. On November 30, 1918, the institution had on its rolls 42 persons, with a per capita of \$39.50. In the state school for the deaf on November, 1919, there were 90 persons, while on November 30, 1918, the enrollment had increased to 111. Despite this increase in population, the per capita of this institution was reduced from \$35.48 in November, 1918, to \$30.31 in November, 1919.

The following table gives the comparative cost of operating the several state institutions for November, 1918 and 1919:

Institution	1918	1919
State hospital, Salem	\$32,381.20	\$32,381.20
Eastern Oregon hospital	9,208.90	9,208.90
Penitentiary	10,440.73	11,238.40
Feeble-minded	8,716.20	8,716.20
Boys' training school	4,123.06	4,314.91
Tuberculosis hospital	4,063.60	4,063.60
Blind school	1,494.45	1,693.00
Deaf school	1,278.65	1,466.04
Soldiers' home	3,943.07	3,943.07
Total	\$74,999.15	\$79,485.70

As a result of the abnormal times and reports of increased costs in operating the state institutions of other sections of the country received here, the officials are proud of the savings made by the local government departments during the past year.

LIME PLANT IS PROBLEM

Insufficient Appropriation, Labor Scarcity and Car Shortage Blamed for Failure.

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—With the closing down of the state lime plant at Gold Hill for the winter, it is a question with the management of the plant whether it will ever resume under present conditions. The first appropriation made by the legislature for equipping the plant was insufficient to put the institution on an economic basis, which seems to be the prime cause of the failure.

important is storage capacity for the finished product. While empty cars were available for such purposes the plant was able to operate, but with the car shortage the plant was interrupted continually with shut-downs. The past year has been the scene of the worst labor scarcity in the history of the valley. A joker crept into the contract made by the commission with the owner of the plant quarry, whereby the limestone was to cost 3 cents per ton and the minimum charge during the removal to a new site for a quarry was \$40,000 a year. This expense will have to be met during the life of the plant, unless the commission abandons the contract, which is the feature of the paper. This leaves a loophole to get rid of the contract, but, when springtime comes for reopening the plant, it means a new contract with the owner or the removal to a new site for a quarry with a \$40,000 a year charge for the plant on the present site.

BANK ACQUIRES SAWMILL

Gold Hill Lumber & Railway Plant Passes Under Foreclosure.

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At the recent sale of the old Gold Hill Lumber & Railway company's sawmill and logging railway plant near Gold Hill under foreclosure proceedings in the circuit court, the First National Bank of Southern Oregon of Grants Pass became owner of the property. In the meantime the bank had taken over all other liens pending against the premises and with the rights acquired at the sale has a free hand to dispose of the plant.

The title passes with the sawmill and railway equipment a large tract of valuable saw timber on the railway. It is reported that reliable lumbermen will take the entire property over and operate it in the early spring.

Suits of various creditors are still pending against the personal property of the defunct Rogue River Lumber & Box company, late lessees of the plant, which consists principally of lumber and equipment not connected with the mill and railway.

FRAUD LAID TO WITNESS

Bank Complains That Woman Is Cheated Out of Donated Money.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Complaint has been made to Sheriff Stickels by one of the Eugene banks that Captain P. I. Honderick, one of the expert gun witnesses for Martin A. Clark during his trial here for murder in the first degree, has defrauded Clark's wife out of quite a large sum of money on a worthless check.

Friends of Clark and his family have raised considerable money for them the past two weeks, some of it to enable Clark to carry his case through the courts and some for the support of the family. The sheriff says he believes that the money alleged to have been obtained by Honderick is a part of the fund so raised.

Fire Prevention Lecture Topic.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Lectures on fire prevention, illustrated by moving pictures, were delivered in the Centralia school by J. H. Shively, ex-state insurance commissioner, and Jay Stephens, ex-fire marshal in Centralia. The school was dismissed to permit the pupils to hear the lectures.

Newport Man Undergoes Operation.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—David T. Harding Sr., Newport's city recorder and prominent citizen, underwent a major operation in a Portland sanitarium this week.

Newport Budget Is Adopted.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the city council yesterday the budget for 1920 furnished by the city recorder was adopted. The estimate is \$3905.

Ladies See M. Stichel's ad. page 5.-Adv.

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Victor RED SEAL Everyone Should Have

Advertisement for Victor Red Seal typewriter.

HOVENDEN PIANO CO.

Advertisement for Hovenden Piano Co. located at 146 Park St. Ret. Alder and Morrison.

MURINE After the Movies

Advertisement for Murine eye drops, described as wholesome-cleansing-refreshing.

Holly Boxes for Xmas Packages
A Stationery Store outpost on the Second Floor has all sizes of boxes gay with holly and poinsettias at 5c to 50c.

Meier & Frank Co.
EST. 1837
THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND
THE STORE OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas Cards and Calendars
Among the calendars at 10c to 25c are many with Columbia Highway and Mt. Hood views. Cards 5c upward.—2d Floor.

The Christmas Jewelry Store

At Meier & Frank's Has Thousands of Beautiful Gifts



Gold and Silver Novelties

A gold thimble at \$4—an engraved sterling silver dornie \$4.50—a gold electric-plated mesh bag \$30—a Piccadilly sterling silver mesh bag with tiny dornie at the top \$75—a gold-plated vanity case with golden tassels \$6.50—a silver-plated dornie 75c—a silver-plated coin holder \$1.50—a sterling silver cigarette case \$15.50—a sterling silver match box \$2.50. Newest designs from Fifth avenue. Often only one or two pieces alike, so that the gift may be happily different.



Necklaces

1919 might well be dubbed "The Year of the Necklace"—except that 1920 will probably be even more given over to this delightful fad. French bead fantastic necklaces in exquisite colors. French jet necklaces (imitations of the real English jet) sparkling in their beautiful cuttings and interesting in length and style—best assortment in the city. Lovely glass beads in the colors of semi-precious stones, such as amethyst, aqua marine, tourmaline, etc. Pearl bead necklaces (artificial, of course) in every length and kind desirable—all the way from 75c to \$100. Anyone who has had difficulty in finding the exact sort of pearls they wish is invited to see this Christmas assortment which early orders have so fortunately brought to us. Richelieu pearls are known all over the country—they are \$18.50 to \$100 a string.

Hair Ornaments

A duchess does not wear a tiara every evening—but it's nice to have one. Just so, every one feminine likes one of the gleaming "dress up" rhinestones or jeweled combs for her hair when she goes to the theater, opera or a big dance—and young women especially like the Spanish Carmen combs of carved imitation tortoise shell.

Gifts for Men

Besides such needed jewelry gifts as scarfpins and cuff links, there are many others you may have overlooked. French briar pipes in plush lined cases are \$2.50 to \$13.50. Hand-made pipes like the ones seen in London are \$1.50 to \$3. Military brushes in black and natural ebony are \$2 to \$10 pair. Gillette razors, noted the world over for their smooth shave, are here in all styles at \$5 to \$10. The gold-plated "Bull Dog" is \$6. Gem, Ever-Ready, Enders and Duplex razors are \$1 upward. Plenty of Auto Straps, also. Pocket knives are 50c to \$6. Ash trays are 25c to \$14.

DIAMONDS

Many of us like to give those we love—mother, father, sister, brother, wife, husband, sweetheart or very dear friends—something they can "keep forever and treasure always." It is this type of gift one finds in the Jewelry Store. There's a good old-fashioned flavor of hospitality and courteous service to the Meier & Frank Jewelry Store to add zest to the standard quality merchandise here in such generous assortments at essentially moderate prices. Customers find it an excellent place to get the full value of their money in the article they buy—they do not have to pay for a name. These are only a few of the reasons why the Jewelry Store is growing. This Yuletide season we expect to be much the largest in our history. Preparations have been made as never before. Come follow the trail of the snowy Christmas trees and let us explore together—only brief mention of items will be made because you will want to see for yourself.

Diamonds

Within the last year diamonds have advanced 100 per cent and, as the rise in price bids fair to continue, the purchase of a diamond now has all the marks of a good investment, especially when one considers the effective styles to be had in the Meier & Frank Jewelry Store at \$100 to \$1000.

Dinner rings of platinum and diamonds are specialized at \$250, \$275. Ten or fourteen-karat gold rings with diamonds can be had for as little as \$10.

Exquisite platinum and diamond wrist watches in novelty oval and oblong effects on black ribbon are \$200 to \$500 (some of those most moderately priced are combined with white gold).

Also there are diamond bar pins, pendants and lavallieres mounted in all platinum or platinum and white gold in order to lessen the expense without taking away from the effect, for white gold remains white.

Watches

Unremitting care to safeguard our customers—means of securing imported watches with the middleman's usual profits eliminated—larger volume enabling us to offer the best standard American watches—all this makes the Meier & Frank watch section particularly helpful if you think of giving watches.

The least expensive feminine wrist watch comes from Switzerland; it is a tiny affair in a 20-year gold-filled case with 7-jewel movement and flexible bracelet; priced \$15. Small American watches for women are Waltham made with 7-jewel movement at \$34. Sterling silver Swiss watches on black ribbons are \$36, or with 14-karat gold cases in engraved tonneau shape \$45; tiny white gold Swiss watches which look like platinum are \$56.



A man's 7-jewel Elgin watch with 20-year case is \$16.25; a 15-jewel Waltham watch in 20-year case, \$25.

A "railroad" watch, tested by the regular railroad test of accurate timekeeping in five positions, and for temperature, with either 19 or 21 or 23-jewel movements, is \$50 to \$65 for the movement. Finer, thin-model watches up to the Riverside Waltham at \$150 and the Maximus Waltham with 23-jewel movement at \$145 for the movement—and the Waltham people say a better movement cannot be made.



Stationery, Etc.

Distinctive letter paper is the fad these letter-writing days. The finest stationery made in America, and quantities of artistic novelties are assembled here for Christmas giving. Plain or fancy-lined envelopes or edged with color—hundreds of fascinating boxes to choose, containing 1 to 7 quires, and reasonably priced at \$1 to \$10. Ever-Sharp pencils are ever sharp but never sharpened—ideal gifts for anyone who writes, \$1 to \$6; solid gold, \$25. Delicate narcissus bulbs in gift boxes, will scatter sunshine as they grow, 35c to \$2. Desk sets for men, women and young girls—different in style and color—many of them inexpensive.



Gold Jewelry

Gifts are valued not always because of their intrinsic worth, but because of their beauty. Gold jewelry that is not expensive is made to appear costly because of the rich design and the delicacy and charm of the setting. Both 10 and 14-karat jewelry of all kinds for men, women and children will be found here. A pair of gold lingerie clasps is \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5. A little gold ring is \$1.98. A child's signet ring is \$1 to \$5. A woman's charming ring set with Chinese jade is \$22.50. Another ring with topaz is \$12. A scarab ring is \$14. A Masonic 32d degree ring is \$25. A gold bar pin is \$2.45. 10-karat gold rings set with Oregon agates are \$2 to \$7.50. Cameo brooches are \$5.95 to \$175. Solid gold-plated lingerie clasps are 50c pair upwards. It's everybody's jewelry store.

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Hand Bags

A new importation of beaded bags from Paris has been rushed here just in time for the holidays. Some of the finest leather bags we have ever had the pleasure of showing. Dignified sets of black seal with sterling silver mountings for ladies with white hair. Youthful ones of better than usual patent leather made of calf. These leather bags all the way from \$1.95 to \$75. Unusual leather bags, hand-decorated and laced, from the Cordova Shops (here exclusively), are selling rapidly. Fascinating canteen bags of many shapes and colors which have irresistible vanity fittings are \$7 to \$25. A special surprise is a leather canteen fully fitted, at \$5. Sumptuous one-of-a-kind bags for afternoon and evening—of gold cloth, costly metal brocade and velvet. An exceptionally large collection of beautiful velvet bags at every price from \$1.95 to \$65.

Leather Gifts

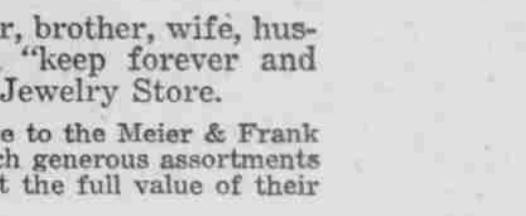
Useful diaries, address books, memorandum books, match cases, scissor cases, card cases, music folders—splendid assortment, moderate prices. All leather collar bags are specialized at \$2 to \$12. Genuine leather pouch bags with draw strings are special at \$2. Men's and women's traveling cases of leather, some fitted with comb, brush and mirror, are \$8.50 to \$38.50. Interesting leather manicure sets are \$2.75 to \$35.

CONKLIN'S Self-Filling Fountain Pens

A Gift for the Business Man or Woman. Now that the fountain pen has become virtually a necessity of modern life, and is in high favor for gift giving, the important thing to determine in choosing is to be certain that one selects a pen that is standard, that will do its work efficiently. The Conklin Pen Is Safe and Sure. It was the original self-filling pen and after 20 years of service, with a record of millions of satisfied users, it is the most simple, effective and durable type. It is NEVER LEAKING too. Every Conklin who is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Writing Qualities are another big point in favor of Conklin's Self-Filling Fountain Pen. It writes the instant it meets the paper, smoothly and evenly, without stop, blot or scratch, and it will write while there is a drop of ink left in the reservoir. The hard iridium-pointed gold pens used in the Conklin are made in a variety of styles and sizes to suit every hand. \$2.50 to \$11.50.



Gift Fragrances. Nuit de Chine from Rosine, Paris (Paul Poiret) in an amber filled, large bottle with golden stopper, at \$17. Rareniss, from Miro-Dena, Paris, a perfume of pale teal color with black and red stopper, priced at \$8.65. Roger & Gallet, Paris, sends "Pyska" extract at \$7.50. Woodworth "Garden of Fragrance" set contains toilet water, perfume, sachet powder, priced at \$5. Coty's extracts—L'Origon, Chypre and Styx. Violet's Bon Voyage Baskets \$9 to \$15. Djer-Kiss sets \$2.50 to \$7.50. A French set at \$5 from the well-known Vivaudou is in red and gold—extract, toilet water, face powder, soap, talcum and rouge. A lovely Lady Mary set from Vivaudou is in Liberty blue and gold—toilet water, extract, sachet, face powder, at \$6. Perfume, 25c to \$18. Extracts, 50c to \$18. Sets for children, 25c upward. —Meier & Frank's: Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

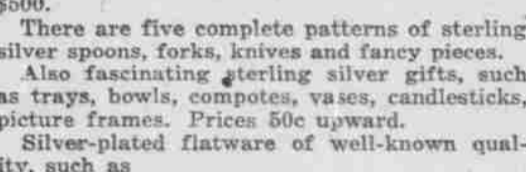


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Reproductions of Sheffield Plate

Copies of sterling designs and the most famous old Sheffield plate, which is now so much in vogue, include these specially purchased pieces: At \$4.95 Sandwich trays, roll trays, cake baskets and pie dishes. Casseroles and meat platters. At \$3.95 Crumb sets and bread trays. At \$2.50 Silver-plated bread trays of medium size, with gray finish. Ivory Pyralin Toiletware. Perhaps reading at home now you may like an idea of some of the prices of the good grades we have here: Bonnet mirrors \$3 to \$7.50. Round mirrors \$1.75 to \$5. Hair brushes \$2.50 to \$8. Hair receivers 89c to \$3. Nail files 25c to 75c. Cuticle knives 25c to 75c. Nail buffers 85c to \$2.25. Trays 65c to \$2.75. Puff boxes 89c to \$3. Picture frames 65c to \$6. Toilet sets, three pieces, \$16, \$17. Toilet and manicure sets \$37.50 to \$60. New hand-carved mirrors \$12.50, hair brushes \$11.75, combs \$4, puff boxes \$9.75, hair receivers \$9.75, cream jars \$7.50, shave jars \$5.50, manicure articles \$3.75 each, perfume bottles \$9.



Ivory Pyralin Toiletware

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