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What U. S. Employment Service Means

The space in this bulletin is too limited to cover anything but a fractional part of the achievements of the U. S. Employment Service since it was started as a war emergency bureau for placing men and women in employment. But a brief outline may be given here for the benefit of those interested in knowing that more than 4,000,000 persons of both sexes registered with the Service for employment in 1918, and of this number, 3,100,000 were placed in positions. By these figures it may be seen that wage-earners were saved approximately \$10,000,000 considering the amount of the average fee charged by private employment concerns. For example, during the 11 weeks from September 1, 1918, to the 16th of the following November, 1,158,792 workers were placed in positions in the United States, an average of 105,000 a week. During the 15 weeks after the armistice was signed up to the week ending March 1, 1919, 1,282,543, an average of 80,000 a week were cited to employment thru the Government offices operated in every state. A careful study of these figures will show the vast sum saved the workers in fees by and thru the U. S. Employment Service.

How It Has Operated in Oregon.
Coming nearer home, it is well to know what the U. S. Employment Service has done in Oregon. Reports on file in this office show that in the year 1918 a total of 87,061 men and 6,852 women were placed in positions of profitable employment. From January 1 to June 1, 1919, positions were found for 46,690 men and 3,905 women. In addition to the placements cited above, positions in various lines have also been found for 8,084 soldiers and sailors who have sought employment thru this office and its Bureaus for returned service men which are in operation in this state and work in conjunction with the Federal Employment Service in its efforts to secure work for the men upon their release from the army and navy. It is in no spirit of boastfulness that the statement is made that this branch of the Department has met every demand made upon it, and that today no division of the general government stands closer to the great mass of the people or serves a worthier purpose than that which brings the jobless man and the manless job together.

Berry Picking in Full Swing
Hundreds of pickers have gone to the strawberry fields during the past two weeks and since the U. S. Employment Service established an office at Hood River the fields in that section are rapidly filling up. While for a time it looked as tho there might be some difficulty in securing the required amount of help to gather the crop, at this time there is no serious shortage of pickers tho the height of the season will not be reached for another week. The Federal employment agent at Hood River reports pickers coming in large numbers just now but says he can place from 100 to 200 aside from those in sight about the mid-

dle of the week when some of the late fields begin picking.

Calls for Farm Help.
In the Farm Labor section requests are on the boards for general farm hands and milkers with wages at \$60 to \$75 per month. In addition to these general calls there are a number for men in the hay fields whose cutting has already begun. The wages being offered for men in the hay fields range from \$3 to \$4 per day with board. Farmers are applying to the U. S. Employment Service this year in greater numbers than last and no efforts are being spared to supply their demands.

Help Short in Mills and Woods
From the lumber mills and woods come calls for men in almost every line of activity in the lumber industry. More than 100 mill and yard men can be placed at once at wages running from \$4 per day up. There are also some special orders for planer feeders, racket setters, doggers, cut-off men and car loaders. Men to the number of 75 are wanted at once to cut and split wood. Ten tie-makers are also wanted at once.

Highway and R. R. Construction
There is a strong demand this week for laborers and teamsters on a number of highway construction sections where the regular wage runs from \$4 to \$4.50 per day. For some reasons laborers do not seem to be in any hurry to accept this line of work, a fact that leaves a shortage on nearly every unit. Railroad track laborers and steam shovel workers to the number of 100 can be sent at once at 40 to 45 cents an hour.

WILFRED F. SMITH,
Federal Director

Soldier's Letter

Mrs. A. C. Spencer,
Ashland, Oregon.

Dear Mother:
Last Tuesday we were out on the road, as usual, cracking rocks, and wondering when we would go home, when along about noon our lieutenant came down the road on his cart-carrying of Dan Path doing a regular Paul Revere ride to warn us to bring our tools and be ready to "Parlee Tout Sweete" with FULL pack by 1:30 p. m. Of course we all had visions of home, but by the time we had chowed and got ourselves ready, discovered that the occasion was only an invitation to appear before General Pershing in a grand review of the Sight Seeing Sixth.

We loaded onto a truck and went to Bure Les Temples where we stayed all night, and Wednesday we

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went to the edge of the town and under the efficient leadership of our colonel we learned how to act on the great occasion, and had ourselves inspected, and passed.

That evening taps blew at 6:30 and in the morning we were roused out at 2:45, breakfasted at 3 and were on our way, on trucks, at 4:30. Day had not begun to show when the line of trucks moved out of town. It was quite a procession, each truck with a red tail light and one or two head lights made a torch light procession some miles long. Our route of travel led south-west for about 40 kilometers thru quite a collection of villages to a point near Aigney Le Duc, where we detrained and marched across the fields to the reviewing grounds. We came over a hill and on the slope beyond we saw mass and mass of troops, artillery, infantry, machine guns, and signal corps. It was a grand sight, 18,000 or 20,000 men in formation, all in overcoats, tin hats, light pack and the inevitable gas mask.

We were soon in, between the machine guns and the signal corps, then settled down to wait the general and officers of every rank rode about, followed by mounted orderlies, some of them making quite a show.

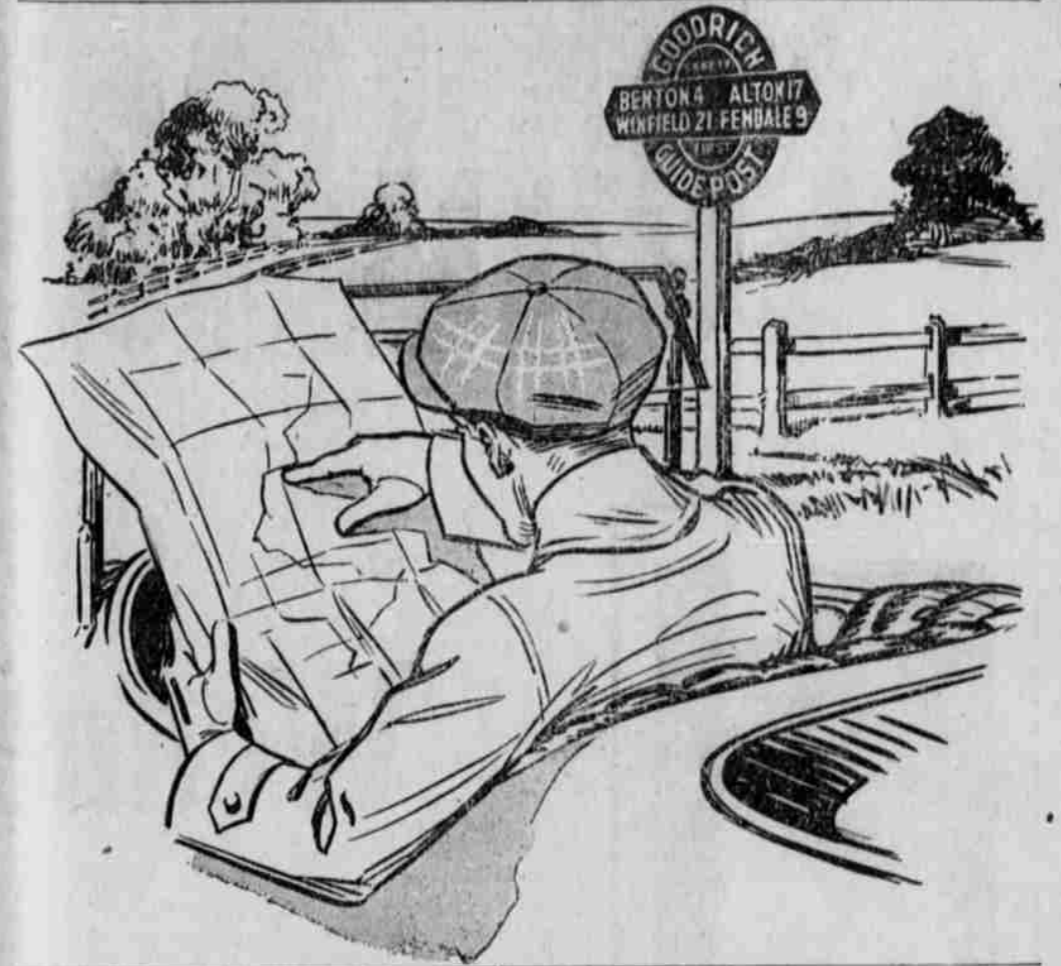
The machine gun company on our left was quite interesting. Each cart is drawn by a mule and they stood with drooped ears and a Don't give a d— appearance like veterans who have seen it all and have nothing left to see. On the extreme right a battery of artillery appealed to me. They had fine

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horses and were well equipped, evidently a fine bunch.

A group of horsemen came over a hill at our right and every one snapped into imitation of wooden Indians as the greatest General we have, followed by his staff rode down past us to the center of the field. After the usual ceremony the general decorated six of the men in the division for distinguished service, also decorated all of the division with ribbons on which were printed the war record of the different regiments. We were then inspected, which took quite a while, then moved in mass column in review.

There was a consolidated band of 120 pieces, and the music was grand. I could not see how good an appearance we made, but from what I could see, believe the Sixth made a fine showing as a whole. After the review the general gave us a few minutes' talk, telling us how proud we should be to be in the A. E. F., which is the greatest army ever, and the best.

About 2 p. m. we entrained again and started homeward. We took the long way in order to keep out of the way of the doughboys and machine guns. We got to see some new country, in fact, quite a lot of it, coming by Is Sur Tillie, making about 100 kilometers. Toward evening it began to rain a little. Back to Bure about 7 p. m.; stayed all night there and came on here this morning. What next? Are due for a move soon, but "Where do we go from here?" The betting is to the Rhine, and that is as good as any. J. M. SPENCER, Co. C., 318 Eng.

PORTLAND BANKS HAVE MOST OF STATE MONEY

A statement discloses the fact that there were 88 national and 176 state chartered institutions in Oregon on May 12th of this year. A comparison of resources, deposits and loans and discounts of the banks follows:

On May 12th of this year Portland's 23 banks and trust companies had resources of \$163,321,310 which was 55 1/2 per cent of the state total. Deposits were \$140,299,968, or over 57 per cent of the total.

LONE ROBBER HOLDS UP CASHIER IN BANK

The Beaverton Bank was robbed of \$4,000 at noon Tuesday by an unnamed robber who drove up in a small automobile and ordered Miss Lillian Evans, assistant cashier, who was alone in the bank, to put up her hands. The robber took all the money from the counter. He ordered Miss Evans and a local merchant

who entered to go back into the vault. The robber was unable to lock the vault and made a hasty retreat, camping in his automobile. The girl gave the alarm.

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