

WELFARE COMMISSION COURTS TEST OF LAW

Such Procedure Would Determine Validity of Act Once For All.

The Industrial Welfare commission welcomes a test of the minimum wage law. By the attack on its constitutionality its validity will be established and its power to enforce its provisions in respect to the wages and hours of women who work will be strengthened, say members of the commission.

"We are perfectly willing to have it tested; in fact, invite the test," asserted Rev. E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the commission.

Effort will be made to have the law declared unconstitutional on the ground that it interferes with the right of private contract," said Amedeo M. Smita, member of the commission.

"I am a believer in the right of private contract. I should be sorry if it were interfered with through any legislation. But the law dealing with the wages and hours of working women does not curtail the right of private contract. It curtails the abuse of private contract."

"Under the law, we are empowered to say what is the least a woman may receive for her work and live in health, comfort and decency. The indirect effect of the law is to say that no firm may enrich itself by paying women less than they require to live on. Workers must live as well as employers' and employers are endeavoring to share the burden of their support with the community when they pay them less than they must have to live on. I believe the law is both legally and morally right."

"We should all be glad of a test of the law," said Miss Gertha Moore, third member of the commission. "If it is unconstitutional we want to know it as soon as we can."

The Industrial Welfare commission's belief in the constitutionality of the minimum wage law is supported by 3 formal opinions from the attorney general.

The act was drafted by John Gearin, D. Sallis Cohen and Dan Malarkey and each of the three is convinced of its constitutionality.

Should attorney C. W. Fulton, representing clients he has not named, en-

ter suit to test the constitutionality of the law the commission will be represented in defense by Walter H. Evans, district attorney for Multnomah county.

"LESSONS" BY MAIL ARE UNSATISFACTORY TO "COURSE" BUYERS

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self to the public as an easy mark. I'll go ahead and pay for the books. I'll take my medicine."

Others Feel Same Way.

That is the attitude taken by many others here who have signed contracts. They will continue to pay on the contracts rather than let the public know they were the victims.

Here are some of the questions in the correspondence course received by one of the young women:

"Are marriages early or late in life most likely to be happy?"

"How shall a woman acquire most influence over her husband?"

"Is the greatest speech of gallantry; and what is true gallantry?"

"How shall we secure happiness, despite the vicissitudes of this capricious life?"

"What is the secret, love having been won, of retaining it?"

"What is the abiding bodily distinction between monkeys and men?"

"May there not be danger, even in marriage, of too great familiarity?"

"Is it safe to insult anyone?"

The answers to these questions and the many others of similar character, are to be found in the 10 books sent with the course. Also with the "lesson" for each month, brief answers are sent to the questions in the preceding month's lessons.

It is represented that the information given in the books and in the lessons is furnished by leading educators and writers. An investigator here has found that at least three of the men whose names are given as authorities are dead. Letters received from prominent educators whose names are being used say that years ago, when they were young, they revised and approved certain manuscripts and because of that indiscretion they are now helpless to keep their names from being used.

Other "Schools" Also.

It is said that the American University society is not the only correspondence school of this nature taking many hundreds of dollars out of Oregon. Among the others are the Angelus University of Los Angeles and the Delphin Society of Chicago. All of them furnish something for the money, but educators here declare that this something is of little value.

The Angelus university has disposed of large numbers of Morris' Historical Tales at prices ranging from \$30 to \$40, giving the purchasers the privilege of

OLD ATWOOD HOSPITAL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Flames Wipe Out Structure Which Once Acquired Much Publicity.

Fire presumed to have been of incendiary origin destroyed the unoccupied Atwood hospital building at Tremont station at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The building, a two-story frame structure, acquired considerable notoriety several years ago when Dr. Atwood and his son conducted a hospital there. The foreman of the Tremont company sounded the fire alarm and the company responded, doing fine work in holding the flames in check until engine 31 under Captain Zellar from Kern Park arrived. The Lantz volunteer company also made a good run and did much towards protecting other property.

The Tremont company was handicapped by leaky hose and could not work to advantage. Captain Zellar had three lines of hose into the burning structure and soon had the fire under control. The building was set or caught fire about two weeks ago but the flames were discovered and put out before doing serious damage. It is supposed that the fire last night was the work of an incendiary. There was no one living in the building at the time. The owner, Thomas Stakley, carries \$2500 insurance.

LANE COUNTY VETERANS INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Eugene, Or., Sept. 26.—At the annual reunion of the Lane County Veterans' association at the county fair yesterday 32 new names were added to the roll. The total membership is now 217. Persons who arrived in Oregon from 1843 to 1865 are eligible for membership. David Eby was re-elected president; Hardy Crow, vice president, and J. G. Stevenson, secretary-treasurer. The pioneers had a chicken dinner at noon and held their speech-making and business session afterward.

SANTIAM FOREST MAPS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

The local office of the United States forest service has just completed maps of the Santiam national forest of the upper Willamette valley, and copies of this map that have been printed are ready for public distribution. The maps can be secured on application at the local office on the fourth floor of the Beck building or at the office of the supervisor of the Santiam forest at Albany.

The maps, which are complete and correct to the smallest detail, show every road, trail, railroad and the height of every elevation in the section. They were designed by engineers of the forestry department. The backs are covered with an abundance of information of interest to hunters, fishermen and woodsmen, for whom the maps were primarily intended.

Auto Exchanges

The month of September, especially toward its close, is the time when many motorists get rid of their old cars to buy new ones, exchange touring cars for runabouts, and effect many other trades in new and used autos.

If you are such an autoist, or a prospective owner, or if you are in the market for speculation in autos, you cannot afford to waste a single day before you get into The Journal automobile "Want Ad." column.

Watch The Journal "Automobile Wants" from day to day, and see how many trade and sale offers in the automobile and auto supply line there are. (Adv.)

"Wood-Lark" Demonstration.

Free samples of Princess Cream; also demonstration of "Wood-Lark" toilet preparations at booth on main floor, Woodward Clarke & Co. (Adv.)

Use common sense—buy Superior coal. \$6 ton. Main 184; A-1841. (Adv.)

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A special showing of neat new styles in materials that are fashionable and durable—astrachan, plushes, twill meltons and other wool fabrics in plain shades and neat mixtures. They are well-finished coats, shown in both plain-tailored and slightly trimmed styles and in all sizes from 2 to 14 years. A comparison of values \$4.50 will show these coats to be unequalled anywhere at... \$4.50



Only 3 More Days

BANKRUPT SALE

At Robinson & Co. Former Store Must Positively Quit Sept. 30

The door of opportunity will soon close to Portland men! This great Bankrupt Sale at the former Robinson & Co. store ends next Tuesday night. Every article must be sold—nothing will be removed. Come tomorrow, before it's too late.

Two Immense Lots Fall Clothing

Up to \$30 \$9.85	Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats	Up to \$40 \$15.85
Every garment in the store now marked for final sacrifice! You can't afford to buy Fall Clothes without visiting this history-making sale. Come Friday or Saturday.		

Shirts, Collars, Underwear, Hats, Etc.

\$1.50 Fancy Stiff- Bosom Shirts	25c Plain Lisle Hose, Sp'1 6 Pairs	ALL COLLARS Remainder of stock—Arrow, Red- man, Barker, Triangle, Lion, etc., broken lines, sizes and styles (soft collars included), to close out	\$2.25 Conradi & Friedman Men's Fall Underwear, a garment	To \$6 Hats—Stet- sons, Dumlaps, etc. All styles
45c	90c	45c Per Dozen	95c	\$1.95

Bankrupt Sale Robinson & Co. Stock Ends Tuesday Night--5th and Alder Sts.

Complete Showing of Our New Fall Corsets

The new line of Fall models that have been received here daily are well worth your time for inspection. Our Morrison street window will give you an idea of how pleasing they are.

The R. & G. Corsets

made of high-grade coutil, with either lace or embroidery trimming. They are shown in all the latest styles and insure comfort to the wearer.

The new free hip styles are priced at \$1.00 and \$1.50.

The lace front styles at \$2.00 and \$3.00.

Other new models from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

are shown in the newest lines and are made of fine imported coutils and brocade satins, genuine rustproof steels. All the latest models, including free hip and lace front style. All prices from \$1.50 to \$4.50

Great Sale of Women's Fine Lisle Union Suits

High and low-neck styles, in ankle or knee length, in all sizes, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 grades, special 69c

Fine, high-grade Lisle Thread Union Suits of a standard weight, that a great many women wear the year around. They come in all styles, made with high or low neck, long or short sleeves, and in ankle or knee length. They are perfect-fitting, well-finished Union Suits, shown in all sizes. The kind regularly sold at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a suit underpriced as a leader tomorrow at 69c

WOMEN'S OUTSIZE HOSE AT 39c PAIR
200 dozen pairs of Women's Fine Fast Black Cotton Hose, made with Maco soles and shown in outsizes. Reg. 39c 50c values on sale at 39c

CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS AT 16c PAIR
Special sale of 500 dozen pairs of Children's Heavy Fast Black Cotton Stockings, shown in all sizes. The kind regularly sold at 25c pair priced at 16c



500 Pairs of Women's New Fall Shoes Greatly Underpriced

THEY ARE SHOWN IN SHORT VAMP, ROUND TOE STYLES — IN PATENT, DULL KID AND CALF LEATHERS—ALL SIZES—REGULAR \$3.00 GRADE, PRICED

\$2.48

Pair

Fall shoes are in great demand, now, and in order to assist you in securing them we have arranged this underpriced sale. They are made in the short vamp, round toe styles and shown in all leathers including patent, dull kid and calf, both button and blucher lace styles in all sizes. Best \$3.00 grade, on sale tomorrow, at \$2.48

Boys' Button Shoes, all sizes from 3 to 5 1/2, regular \$2.75 grade at \$2.25

Boys' Double Toe Blucher Shoes, all sizes from 13 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$2.50 values at \$1.98

Boys' Double Toe Blucher Shoes, all sizes from 9 to 13, regular \$2.50 grade, \$1.59

Small sizes in Women's Shoes, values to \$4.00 at 99c