

### LABOR AND FARMING IN OREGON FAVORED BY FINE PROSPECTS

Conditions Surrounding Wage Earners Greatly Improved Over Previous Two Years.

### DRAINAGE AIDS RANCHING

State Conservation Board Shows Agriculture to Be at Highest Stage of Scientific Development.

Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—Statistics gathered by State Labor Commissioner Hoff show that conditions surrounding labor in Oregon are much improved in every respect over those of last year and two years ago, and there appears abundant prospect of continued betterment. This change has been especially true of the lumber industry and of other industries of lesser importance.

The report of the labor commissioner shows that the Portland public employment bureau and the United States employment service of Portland, show for 1916 a combined total of 61,544 persons asked for by employers and a total of 52,912 persons supplied. The combined registration for employment at the two agencies totaled 31,769.

The Portland public employment bureau furnished help to 2464 females. In the juvenile department out of 1000 positions were supplied boys. The Portland bureau estimates that 125,000 persons applied for work through the bureau during the past year. The report says in regard to the future:

"Without exception, all agencies are inclined to view the future of the labor market in Oregon and the entire northwest as most promising and encouraging. Some go as far as to predict an unprecedented wave of industrial prosperity.

"The bureau expresses regret that some uniform and cooperative system of record keeping has not been devised and adopted by the employment agencies of the state."

**Oregon is Highly Cultivated.**

Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—It is estimated by the Oregon State Conservation commission, which has filed its report with Governor Withycombe, that there are 4,273,000 acres of improved farm lands in Oregon and 3,000,000 acres that can be reclaimed by drainage. This is one-fourth of the state's total farm lands and three-fifths of the improved lands.

The subject of the report is "Drainage of Wet Lands in Oregon," and W. L. Powers, professor of drainage and irrigation at the Oregon Agricultural college, is quoted as saying that no other state offers a greater variety of drainage problems than Oregon. In the Willamette valley alone there are 2,000,000 acres of land that can be reclaimed by drainage.

The members of the commission are Fred Henshaw, Mrs. Josephine Hirsch, William Pollock, F. G. Young, G. W. Billings and W. K. Newell.

**Claim is Not Allowed.**

Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Ben Olcott Tuesday disallowed the claim of William Meler of Salem for damages against the state of Oregon in the sum of \$85 for the killing of one cow and the injuring of another cow at the Oregon National

### OREGON OUT-OF-DOORS

The natural beauties of the Oregon country will be presented in pictorial review in a special section to be included in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL, December 31.

The scenic high spots of this vast region will be shown in fifty-one half-tone reproductions of the best available photographs.

Supplementary text will set forth what has been done by way of highway improvement and trail construction to make these places accessible.

### THE SUNDAY JOURNAL DECEMBER 31

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### All Tax Levies Are Made for Umatilla

That of Kermiston Proves Highest in County, With Freewater Second and Weston Third; Adams Lowest.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 21.—All of the tax levies, including state, county, school district and city, have been made in Umatilla county and taxpayers are able to determine the amount of the total levy against their property for next year.

Kermiston's total levy is 24 1/2 mills, the largest in the county. That town's school levy is 12 mills, city levy 15 mills and the county and state is 7 1/2. Freewater is second with 32 1/2, Weston third with 31 1/2, and Adams is low with 20. Pendleton's combined levy is 28 1/2.

The levies of the other incorporated towns are as follows: Athena, 27 1/2; Echo, 27 1/2; Helix, 23; Milton, 25 1/2; Pilot Rock, 25 1/2; Stanfield, 25 1/2; and Umatilla, 23 1/2.

### San Francisco Firm Gets Prize Winners

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(U. S. S.)—Lester Eross, local market proprietor, today received confirmation of the sale to them of the reserve grand champion live steer, the first prize car lot of 2-year-old Shorthorn steers, and the prize-winning car lot of 2-year-old Herefords from the Portland 1916 livestock show.

Guard rifle range at Finzer, six miles south of this city. The claim was disallowed because there is no provision of law for the payment of claims of this character, and it has been returned to the acting adjutant general with the suggestion that it be referred to the legislative assembly for consideration. The cow was killed during a shoot held by Company M.

**Capitalization is Reduced.**

Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—Without giving any specific reason for the reduction, the Central Oregon Irrigation company, which appeared before the state desert land board to have congress grant a 10-year extension to the contract between the state and the government and so gave their project, filed a reduction of capitalization from \$1,500,000 to \$150,000 with the corporation commissioner.

The Moore Packing company of Portland filed articles of incorporation with a capital of \$5,000. The object of the company is to buy, sell, can and cure fish. The incorporators are E. J. Moore, Martin Jacobson and J. N. Edlefsen.

### Klamath Falls Is After Councilmen

Citizens at Mass Meeting Voice Disapproval of Action Preventing Keno Power Co. From Selling Electricity.

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 21.—Indignant at the action of the city council Monday in voting down the franchise of the Keno Power company to sell electricity in Klamath Falls, after the question had been submitted to a straw vote of the people and passed by a vote of more than four to one, citizens Tuesday packed the city hall and voiced their feeling in speeches of denunciation. The council had held that after going over the franchise it was found to lack protection of the city's interests and that a new ordinance should be drawn up embodying amendments to this effect.

The activity of the California-Oregon Power company, the public utility now furnishing service, in pointing out the defects of the franchise, and its efforts to block the entrance of a competing company, were freely commended upon and intimation frankly given upon councilmen who voted against the franchise.

A resolution was unanimously adopted to be presented at the next regular meeting of the council, asking Councilmen Mathews, Doty and Sheets to rescind their vote of last evening and pass the ordinance as voted by the people, or else resign from the council.

### Boardman to Have New Land Opening

Boardman, Or., Dec. 21.—The second opening of land under the west extension of the Umatilla project will take place in January when nearly 5000 acres of new land will be ready for irrigation. The main line and laterals of the distributing system were completed last November and the farm unit plats are being prepared for the Washington office to be forwarded at once for final approval.

The land will be opened in 40 acre units and among the units will be 40 good homestead tracts. Most of this land lies adjoining and near the town of Boardman on the mainline of the G. W. R. & N. company and the Columbia river 164 miles east of Portland and in north central Morrow county.

The town was started with the first opening of land last June and now has a good school, water system, several stores, postoffice, graded streets, etc. The government has given the school a tract of six acres adjoining the town for grounds and building site.

### Forest Grove Plans Exercises.

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 21.—The first municipal Christmas tree ever to be given in Forest Grove will be the center of attraction at a holiday program to be given on the Congregational church square next Saturday evening. Exercises will be held both in the afternoon and evening. The program to consist of songs, Christmas carols and music by the local band.

As a part of the public Christmas celebration, the citizens of the town will light their homes and raise the curtains in order to add brightness and cheer to the occasion.

### Hood River Tree Placed.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 21.—Hood River city will have its second annual public Christmas tree celebration on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Woman's club and Associated Charities. A program will be rendered on the public square at the corner of Third and Main streets where the trees were placed today. Gifts will be provided for all of the small children of the city and the poor will be especially remembered.

### Man Who Is Fined Turns Prosecutor

Louis Comini of The Dalles Causes Arrest of G. R. Baker for Fighting After Police Judge "Kicked" Him.

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 21.—Immediately after Louis Comini, owner of the local marble works, was fined \$20 in police court Tuesday, he walked across the hall to the office of the chief of police and swore out a warrant for the arrest of G. R. Baker, who caused his arrest. Comini and Baker fought on the street. Baker charged Comini with assault and battery. Comini charged Baker with fighting. Both are well known here. Judge Moore dismissed the case against Baker.

### Spanish Pioneer Is Dead.

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 21.—The funeral of Mrs. Magdalene Gonzalez Verarde, 85 years old, who died here, was held this afternoon at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Rev. Father Broderick officiated. She was a native of Mexico, of Castilian descent, having come here in the pioneer days with her husband and small children. She was a highly respected resident of The Dalles.

### Coos Man, Nearly 100 Years Old, Dies

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 21.—W. C. Maine, who lacked only eight months of being a century old, died at the home of his son, E. B. Maine in Marshfield. Up to a few years ago, he had been quite active. His wife who is nearly 80 and whom he married 60 years ago, survives.

Mr. Maine was born in Syracuse, N. Y., was for years a gunsmith and fought Indians on the Oregon side of St. Paul, Minn., before that city was established. He came from Idaho to Oregon five years ago and lived in Roseburg before moving to Coos Bay.

### Marshfield Jury Disagrees.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of Elsie Barnes, one of the women charged with the maintaining of a nuisance in violation of the prohibition law, disagreed. Other women are to be tried in circuit court on the same charge. Tom Madden, who is out on \$500 bond, is in the hospital. He is charged with bootlegging and his attorney stated that he had attempted suicide and was too ill to be in court. His case was put off.

### PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS TO BE HELD IN MANY CITIES

Community Trees Arranged at Winlock, Walla Walla, Centralia and Other Cities.

### MUSIC TO BE FEATURED

Santa Claus Will Be on Hand to Distribute Gifts to Kiddies; Needy to Be Remembered.

Ridgefield, Wash., Dec. 21.—Christmas will be observed here by the various churches with appropriate programs and special music and each will have its usual large Christmas tree in charge of Santa Claus, who with a corps of assistants will distribute the gifts.

The choir of the Presbyterian church will render the cantata, "The Gift," at the church this evening. This will be presented under the direction of Bradford L. Gaukel, chorister at this church. The Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school will give its program next Saturday night. An elaborate program under the direction of Mrs. Harvey O. Cooper is being rehearsed almost daily.

**Walla Walla to Celebrate.**

Walla Walla, Dec. 21.—Preparations are being made to furnish gifts for more than 5000 youngsters at Walla Walla's second annual community Christmas tree, which will be arranged for by members of Walla Walla lodge No. 287, B. P. O. E. Two large evergreen trees in the yard of the Walla Walla county courthouse are being decorated for the occasion. The gifts will be given out Christmas night. Company K, N. G. W., will be called out to assist in caring for the crowd which will assemble to see the gift distribution. In addition to caring for the kiddies the Elks will give out a large number of Christmas dinners and much clothing to the needy of the city.

Christmas carols sung by a chorus of 200 school children will be a feature of the community Christmas tree.

A five or six piece orchestra will accompany the singers, who are being trained by Miss Ella Burnham, head of the music department of the public schools.

**Community Tree at Winlock.**

Centralia, Dec. 21.—Following the precedent established last year, the house committee of the Bunkaloo City club of Winlock is arranging its annual Christmas tree celebration. A tree 30 feet in height, illuminated with electric lights, will be placed in the main street and bags of candy will be distributed among the children. Rev. R. S. Rees will deliver a short address and hymns will be sung.

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### Ashland Fines First Bootlegger in Year

Bad Roads Make Illegal Traffic Possible, Though Ashland Is Close to the Border of Wet California.

Ashland, Or., Dec. 21.—J. Spencer of Hill, Cal., arrested Tuesday here on a charge of bootlegging and fined \$50 Wednesday, apparently believed in making the best of his opportunities. Despite the fact that Ashland is only 30 miles from the first booze loading station in California, he charged \$3 a quart for a poor quality of whiskey. A short quart sold for \$2.

Spencer's operations in Ashland were brief. He was caught the second day by means of marked money. He is the first bootlegger convicted in Ashland since 1915. During dry weather Hill is so easily accessible by automobile that bootlegging is unprofitable. Roads are now very rough and few make the trip.

### Delivery of Goods Costs 8 Per Cent

Census Bureau Finds \$500,000 Included in Price of \$6,000,000 Worth of Commodities Sold in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—City cartage or local distribution of commodities adds 8 per cent to the price consumers pay, according to Director Rogers of the census bureau in a preliminary report on the subject. The investigation made in the city of

### Washington, disclosed the fact that where gross sales amounted to \$6,000,000 worth of ice, coal, wood, milk and department store merchandise, \$500,000, or about 8 per cent, was included in the price to purchasers to defray delivery expenses.

Secretary Redfield is expected shortly to authorize an extended survey of several representative cities with a view of shedding more light on this large factor in the high cost of living, and, if possible, finding means of reducing the added burden.

### Farmers of Douglas In Loan Association

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 21.—Preliminary organization of a branch of the

### Sheriff's Wife Wants Divorce

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Flora C. Johnson has started suit for divorce from her husband, Sheriff Alfred Johnson Jr. She asks the custody of four children and \$100 a month alimony. She charges cruelty and inhuman treatment. The sheriff in court said he would pay \$75 a month temporary alimony. Sheriff Johnson was deposed when he ran for reelection in November.

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—Silver plated handles, 2-piece set.

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7-inch covered casserole, 8-inch pudding pan, 8-inch mixing bowl, and 6 custards.

5-Cup Octagon Percolators . . . \$1.29  
—Fine grade aluminum.

Rockingham Tea Pots . . . . . 29c  
—Large size, decorated, with raised enamel patterns.

## Women's Wash'ble Glace Gloves \$1.48

—Gloves that always sell for more than our price.

—Buy them for Xmas. They're extra fine quality, in white and ivory shades. All sizes.

Children's Triple Knee Stockings . . . . . 25c  
—Fleece lined gloves and mittens of cape and suede stock.

## Christmas CANDY

French Mixed, lb. . . 19c  
Hard Mixed, lb. . . 15c  
Clear Mixed, lb. . . 20c  
French Mixed, lb. . . 25c  
Salted Almonds, lb. 69c  
Happy Brand Chocolates, lb. . . . . 29c

## Crepe de Chine and Lace Camisoles 89c

—Daintiest of gifts—made of the silk combined with organdie and lace insertion, edged with lace and beading drawn with ribbon. Flesh color and white.

## Pretty Styles in Envelope Chemises 79c

—Made of soft, fine material, V, round and square neck, with dainty yokes of embroidery and insets of organdie combined with touches of lace and ribbon drawn beading. All sizes 33 to 44.

## Flowered Flannelette House Sacques 79c & 59c

—Most attractive and of splendid quality. Pretty flowered patterns, with trimmings of silk or cord. Belted waist style.

## Daintiest Round Lawn Tea Aprons 35c

—What woman ever has too many aprons? One of these lace trimmed aprons will make a most suitable gift. Other styles are priced from 25c to 69c each.

## Black Gift Silks Taffeta Silks \$1.29 Taffeta Silks 98c

—A waist length, or dress length, makes the ideal Xmas gift for any woman. These silks are of unusually fine quality, extra heavy and rich looking, and will make up beautifully.

## Bathrobe Blankets \$3.50

—All boxed, ready to give, with sufficient material in each for a full size bath robe for man or woman, complete with cord and tassel. Blue, lavender, tan, red, gray, pink or brown patterns.

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## Two New Style Bungalow House Aprons \$1

—Here's the ideal gift for the housewife. Get one of these pink, blue or lavender colored percales, in slip-over style, with yoke of black and white striped material, or the other style that opens down the side, also trimmed with the black and white fabric. Both are new and very attractive.

## Women's Well-Made Knit Slippers 50c

—Made with turn-over cuff top, amb's wool lined soles, pom p on trimming. All colors, red, pink, lavender, blue, gray, brown, etc., in all kinds of combinations. All sizes, 3 to 8.

## Irish Damask, Pure Linen Table Sets \$4.25

—This will solve the gift for many a woman, as it is rare to find such splendid quality and attractive patterns at this low price. Set consists of one 66x66 inch table cloth and one-half dozen 22x22 inch napkins to match.

## Brocaded, Jacquard, Floral Bath Towels 23c to 65c

—Specially suitable for gifts. Many people add an edge of crochet or tating to match the shades in the towels, blue, pink, yellow, lavender and green. Some have initial space, others are striped.

## A Christmas Sale of Dress Goods 98c

—If you're thinking of the most practical, sensible gift, give a dress length of this fine goods, which comes in granite, serge and poplin, strictly all-wool, in the newest colors, red, marine, taupe, black, Copen, brown, 42 to 46 inches wide.

## Give Hosiery Women's Silk Fibre Stockings, pair . . . 39c

—Soft and silky, made with double soles, in fast black or plain white. All sizes.

Women's Silk Lisle Stockings, pair . . . 25c  
—Fine quality, fast black or white, also white cotton Burson hose, splendidly durable. All sizes.

## Children's Triple Knee Stockings . . . . . 25c

—Fleece lined gloves and mittens of cape and suede stock.

## MEN

## Neckties 25c

—Handsome striped and figured patterns, made in wide, flowing end style that all men like.

## Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c

—Of pure linen, full size, with quarter inch hem.

## Worsted Sweaters \$2.79

—Splendid weight, warm sweaters, in Oxford gray, light and dark.

## Nightshirts 79c

—Flannelette, all styles and colors, cut full size.

## Flannelette Pajamas \$1.25

—Good colors and patterns, in all styles, extra quality.

## Silk Lisle Sox 17c

—In white, gray, black and natural. Extra quality.

## Nightshirts 98c

—Warm flannelette, in good colors and patterns. All sizes.

## EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL Men's Slippers 120 Pairs Reduced While They Last Friday 59c

—House and Bath Slippers of blanket materials, with leather or carpet soles, good assortment of colors and patterns.

## Bath Robes \$2.95

—Made of soft, warm blankets, in bright patterns in blue, red, gray and brown. All sizes from 6 to 16 years.

## Winter Sweaters \$1.23

—Ruff neck style, extra warm, in brown, navy, cardinal and gray. All sizes 26 to 34.

## Tapeless Blouses 48c

—Light and dark fancy madras and percale and blue chambray. All sizes, 6 to 16 years.

## Indian Play Suits 65c

—Realistic feather headdress and khaki suit trimmed with red. All sizes, 4 to 12 years.

## Other Play Suits 98c-\$1.75

Cowboy, Indian, squaw, camp dress, and broncho girl outfits. In sizes 4 to 14 years.

## Ties 25c-50c Toques 25c-50c Initial Handkerchiefs 2 for .25c Handkerchiefs and Tie Sets .69c Gauntlet Gloves for .75c Boys' Suspenders .29c

## Handkerchiefs For a Woman's Gift Box of Three 25c Each

—Sheer lawn, with colored roll corners and embroidered corners. Very fine and pretty.

## 5c Each

—Taped borders, colored borders or colored embroidery, in white sheer quality lawn.

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HANDSOME materials, finely made and trimmed. A wide range of patterns and prices. Select now for Christmas gifts. \$3.50 to \$30.00.

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Brewer Hats \$3.  
Stetson Hats \$4 and \$5.  
Dunlap Hats \$5.

—a Merchandise order in any amount.

—a Tie at 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 or \$4.

—a pair of Auto Gloves at \$4 or \$5.

—a pair of