

COMPENSATION LAWS PROVE TO BE CHEAP MEANS OF INSURANCE

State Control of Benefits for Workmen Is in Interest of the Whole Community.

COMPANIES ARE COSTLY

Oregon, Washington and Nevada Find by Experience That Economy Results From Operating Systems.

Salem, Or., April 6.—Under the workmen's compensation laws in the states of Oregon, Washington and Nevada, where the insurance is restricted to the state insurance funds, total expenditures for the last year were \$2,760,931.70, of which injured workmen received \$2,496,363.78, or 90.8 per cent.

In states where insurance is carried by private companies, of \$66,795,399 paid to the companies as premiums for compensation insurance in 1915 only \$10,759,735, or 16.1 per cent, was paid to injured workmen or their dependents.

Where Workmen Get Benefit.

Thus under the workmen's compensation laws less than 10 per cent of the money paid into the industrial accident funds went for administration or overhead expenses, the balance being applied to the relief of injured workmen and their families, while under the casualty companies more than 50 per cent of the premiums paid in went for overhead expenses and profits and the injured workmen and their families received the balance.

These comparisons are made in the annual report of the state industrial accident commission, which soon will be ready for distribution.

Casualty Insurance Is Costly.

The report emphasizes that for every 100 cents paid the injured workmen by private companies, \$1.17 additional was required for expenses and profits, while in three states where the insurance was restricted to the state funds, there was required but 10.1 cents for administrative expenses for every dollar paid in benefits to injured workmen.

In Oregon during the year covered by the report, injured workmen received in compensation benefits 91.3 per cent of all expenditures for every purpose.

Prison Argument Withdrawn.

Salem, Or., April 6.—Since the attorney general has ruled that it would not be legal to use the penitentiary betterment fund for the purpose of the voters' pamphlet, the argument prepared by Warden Charles E. Murphy in support of the bill appropriating \$400,000 for a fund for the betterment of the penitentiary will not be printed in the pamphlet. After consulting with one or two members of the state board of control, Warden Murphy prepared the argument and turned it into the office of the secretary of state for insertion in the pamphlet and tendered payment from the prison betterment fund for the use of the state.

Secretary of State Olcott pointed out that there was no law under which his office could audit a claim of this character, and that he would refuse to audit it. Warden Murphy submitted the matter to the attorney general, who rendered a written opinion confirming the position taken by Secretary Olcott. As Warden Murphy had no other funds to use, the argument was withdrawn.

Property Tax Question Settled.

Salem, Or., April 6.—Attorney General Brown has advised E. K. Pinckney, district attorney for Polk county, that when the owner of personal property, which has been assessed for taxation, sells the property and leaves the county, the tax collector cannot levy upon the personal property for the purposes of collecting the tax. While no remedy under present laws exists for such circumstances, the attorney general pointed out that chapters 400 and 401 of the Oregon session laws provides a remedy in that personal property tax is made a lien upon real estate, and when there is no real estate more adequate provision is made for the collection of the tax.

Medford's Utility Runs Behind.

Salem, Or., April 6.—The Oregon Gas & Electric company of Medford ran behind \$1,468 that year according to its annual report filed with the public service commission. Its operating revenues for the year were \$37,692 and its operating expenses \$45,242. Taxes came to \$7650 and there were other deductions.

Accidents in March Reported.

Salem, Or., April 6.—During the month of March there were seven fatal and 927 non-fatal accidents in the industries of the state, according to the monthly report of the state industrial accident commission. Receipts of the commission for the month were \$69,622 and the disbursements amounted to \$62,897.

Highway Survey Is Begun.

Salem, Or., April 6.—At the request of the county court of Wheeler county, the state highway commission has sent J. H. Scott and a crew of surveyors to that county to make a survey for the Oregon Central highway through that county. Under the new policy adopted by the commission, the state will bear the expense of the survey.

Red Cross Chapter Organized.

Eugene, Or., April 6.—A chapter of the American Red Cross society was organized in Eugene Thursday night by W. W. Hush of Oakland, Cal., with a large membership. Rev. H. W. Davis was elected chairman; Mrs. P. M. Williams, first vice chairman; Mrs. E. L. Campbell, second vice chairman; Mrs. R. H. Dryson, secretary and W. T. Cordon, secretary.

How To Gain Flesh.

A simple but sure way to increase the weight, it is asserted by several well-known physicians, is to take regularly for several months one or two three-grain hypo-nutrient tablets after each meal. These little tablets have the distinguished merit of increasing the red and white blood corpuscles, aiding the digestive system, stimulating and absorbing of the elements in the food which go to make blood and solid tissues. They are obtainable in sealed packages from physicians and well-stocked apothecaries.

Veterans Consider Laws at Woodburn

They Talk of Taking Into Organization Spanish War Veterans and Those Who Went to Border Recently.

Woodburn, Or., April 6.—There was an unusually large attendance at the regular meeting of the Marion County Veterans' association at the armory Thursday, big delegations from Silverton and Salem being present. Business was transacted in the morning and a resolution passed to draft a new constitution and by-laws to fit the new departure in taking in the Spanish-

War veterans and those who had been to the Mexican border during last year's excitement. The report of the committee will be acted upon at the Silverton meeting in August.

At noon there was an elaborate dinner and in the afternoon a program was given, including an address by Dr. J. E. Hall, department commander, of Portland, and a patriotic speech by Rev. E. G. Decker, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city.

The address of welcome was by Mayor Steelhammer. The program was followed by a campfire.

Mount Angel Elects Mayor.

Mount Angel, Or., April 6.—At the

city election R. L. Young was elected mayor. Mount Angel has the distinction of having had only four mayors since the incorporation of the city, about 26 years ago. Fred Schwab held the office 18 years, George May and Paul Fuchs were the other two mayors.

These Amazing Times.

From the Columbus (Ohio) Journal. This country has become so accustomed to facing grave crises lately that if a decent, friendly, sensible situation should happen to come along we don't suppose we should know how to act.

Yakima County Will Increase Food Crops

Call of Governor Lister for "Agricultural Preparedness" Campaign Bears Fruit and Committee Begins Survey.

North Yakima, Wash., April 6.—Responding to a call issued by Governor Lister, asking all parts of the state to organize for an "agricultural preparedness" campaign, in which production of food crops shall be increased to the maximum, County Auditor Barrett called a meeting at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday

night and 50 representative business men responded and formed an organization with C. H. Hinman as chairman, and Rodney Ackley secretary.

The officers, together with O. A. Fechter, Judge R. B. Milroy, Frank Meredith and P. E. De Sellem, made up an executive committee that begins at once to make a survey of the city, first, and later the county to determine what city lots and vacant tracts of land can be used for cultivation this year.

An inventor in Australia has given a piano a slightly curved keyboard to enable a player to reach all parts of it with equal effort.

Financial Resources Of Country for War

Washington, April 6.—(I. N. S.)—The administration will take advantage of the enormous amount of money available in the country to finance the war with Germany. This action will take the form of an enormous bond issue within a very short time.

The conferences between the members of the national council of defense, the governors of the federal reserve banks and the treasury officials have made it plain that at least \$2,000,000,000 can be secured at any interest rate not to exceed 3 1/2 per cent, in a very short time.

Comptroller of the Currency William H. Clegg, after a conference with New York for conferences with all the leading bankers and bond experts to determine the exact condition of the bond issue and the possibilities for the war bond issue of the government.

Cadet Band Offers Services. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., April 6.—Members of the O. A. C. cadet band, one of the best organizations of the kind in the state, have voted their services as a unit of volunteers are called for by congress.

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New Easter Veils And Veilings

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Saturday's Important News for Easter Shoppers

Easter Millinery

Special Showing at \$5, \$7.50 \$10

—Dress Hats, Tailored Hats and Sport Hats in a magnificent showing of the season's newest models at prices within the reach of all. Saturday we shall have on display hundreds of beautiful models at the above prices—distinctive models, trimmed with flowers, ribbons and ornaments—smart Tailored Hats, band and ornament trimmed—Sport Hats in a bewildering assortment of the newest colorings harmonizing with the new sport suits. Hats for all occasions and in every conceivable style—turbans, sailors, high crowns, droop effects, etc., etc. Hemps, Milan hemps—novelty braids and silks. Experienced salespeople to wait upon you.

—Millinery Salons, Second Floor

—Saturday the Basement Millinery Section offers 200 Beautiful New Easter Hats at above price. These were bought especially for this sale, and the values are indeed remarkable. Jaunty turbans and large hats, trimmed with flowers and ribbons—medium size hats for matrons and dozens of other styles. Black, white and \$2.48 colors. By all means, see these attractive Hats on sale at \$2.48.

—Hat Shapes 98c to \$3.48

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