

CITY HELPED TO FIND WORK FOR 35,400 IN 1917

A. W. Jones Files Annual Report With City Commissioner Bigelow; Many Were Benefited.

MANY PLACES PERMANENT

Portland Records, Director Says, Shows Up Better Than Cleveland, Heretofore Held Leader.

Of the 35,400 persons provided with employment by the public employment bureau assisted by the United States employment bureau during 1917, 80 per cent were furnished with permanent or semi-permanent positions, according to the annual report of the activities of the bureau filed with Commissioner Bigelow today by A. W. Jones, director for the city.

The positions and places filled varied from low men to artists, model makers and women in employment, it is estimated that the bureau dealt with at least 250,000 persons from December 1, 1915, to December 31, 1917. Of the total furnished employment, 11,664 were men, 3049 were women and 397 were boys.

More Permanent Places

While the number placed, according to Mr. Jones, is approximately the same as the year previous, the character of employment differs widely during the two periods. Much of the work during 1918 was of a temporary character, while during 1917 only 20 per cent was of a temporary character.

During 1918, 8000 snow shovelers and 6000 men for emergency work were employed. In 1917 only 12 snow shovelers were employed. None was sent out for emergency work during the year.

It is Mr. Jones' opinion that through the work of the bureau and the federal authorities farmers were provided with adequate forces to handle the crops. He claims that the crops could not have been handled without the organization of the bureau in Hood River.

The federal employment service under the direction of R. P. Bonham opened an office in Hood River apple district to handle men to pick the apples during the 1917 season, and 148 pickers were handled through this branch alone. The bureau placed 432 harvest hands to handle the grain crops in Eastern Oregon. It sent out 358 strawberry pickers and 802 hop pickers. In ship yards and government work, the bureau has placed 947 skilled workers and 2100 laborers, a total of 3047 for the year.

Slough Sewer Plan Approved

Oregon Delegation Gives Support but Funds Unlikely This Session.

Gunless Speed 'Cop' On Duty in Albany

Albany, Or., Jan. 3.—Albany now has a gunless speed officer. After the experiences with a former officer, who shot through the tires on cars and pointed a gun at the driver, the city council named Charles Brown special speed officer, and cautioned him against carrying firearms while on duty. In the future the number of the car will be taken and the offender reported to headquarters.

Burglars Enter Shoe Store

Some time during the night of December 31 burglars entered the J. Eder shoe store, 635 Williams avenue and after breaking open the cash register they made away with \$50 in cash and a .32 automatic pistol. The robbery was discovered by the clerks when they opened the store yesterday morning.

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Texas Banker Held On Murder Charge

William G. Russell Shoots Charles Qualley, Millionaire Mining Man, of New York and El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—William G. Russell, vice president of the Lubbock, Texas, National bank, and a wealthy cattleman, was held today for the murder of Charles Qualley, millionaire mining man of New York and El Paso.

Russell shot Qualley in front of the Hotel Sheldon Wednesday night, killing him instantly, then fled to his hotel. Detectives who made the arrest found a .38 revolver in the dresser, one chamber empty.

"There's no use looking further, it's in the dresser," Russell told the detectives. "He was going to get me but I beat him to it."

No gun was found on Qualley and his friends say he never carried one. According to chauffeur R. F. Wood, who saw the killing, it occurred when Russell walked up to Qualley, said something and fired one shot.

The killing is believed to be the culmination of a fight at the hotel Ziegler, New Year's eve, in which H. C. "Red" Houghton, wealthy manager of the Palomas Land & Cattle company, was badly beaten by Louis Ziegler, proprietor of the hotel, and negro waiters. Qualley, a friend of Ziegler, was at the hotel at the time, although it is said he took no part in the disturbance.

The dead man's fortune is estimated at \$2,000,000, consisting largely of extensive mining interests in old and New Mexico.

STUDY OF MILITARY SCIENCE COMPULSORY AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Organization Department Complete; One Hour Daily Work Required; Col. Leader Head.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 3.—The study of military science at the University of Oregon is now compulsory. At a meeting of the faculty Wednesday morning a department of military science, under Colonel John Leader, was constituted.

Ex-Convict Arrested For Two Forgeries

Bramlet Jaymes, 50 years old, was arrested Wednesday at Broadway and Larrabee streets, by Police Inspectors Hyde and Abbott, and charged with forgery. The police say that Jaymes admitted passing two bad checks on local department stores, on December 4 and on December 10. Both checks were drawn on a local bank and were for \$35.50 each. This is Jaymes' second offense, he having been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary in 1908 for passing worthless paper. He is married and has one son in the army.

San Francisco City Ry. Is Moneymaker

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Last month was the best in the history of the municipal railway according to report made Wednesday by Superintendent Fred Boeken. Receipts totaled \$186,169.67. In December of last year the receipts were \$127,518.02.

December 24 the receipts were \$701,775, indicating that 350,887 persons rode. Christmas week was the best in the municipal railway's history, with an average of more than 300,000 persons riding each day.

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TANGLES IN SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT

Contractors Have Been Complaining That Extras Not Necessary Are Being Required.

Efforts to straighten out the tangles which have arisen between contractors and the board of education in the matter of the construction of public school buildings were started Wednesday when O. G. Hughson, secretary of the Builders' Exchange, School Architect Naramore and Nelson G. Pike, chairman of the building committee of the school board, met in conference.

Contractors have been complaining for several months of the alleged extras which have been required of the contractors who bid on the work of erecting the public school buildings. In some instances it has been complained that the architect has included specifications which are unnecessary and that besides forcing the contractors to do an unreasonable amount of work, the execution of the plans works a hardship upon the taxpayers.

Cooperation Is Promised

"We are always willing and ready to give heed to any and all complaints against the school management and are anxious to give the people just what they want. We are also anxious to give the people the very best educational system possible, including buildings, grounds, equipment, etc."

British Ship Losses Almost Total 1000

Sinkings for Week Show Increase—German Mine Planters Busy Each Day Operating Over Wide Area.

London, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—The number of British merchant ships sunk by German submarines since the "ruthless" U-boat warfare was inaugurated last February almost touched the 1000 mark today. Counting the 21 vessels lost during the past week, 996 ships of various sizes have been sent down. These figures do not include fishing boats. Of the 21 merchantmen lost last week, 18 were over 1000 tons and three less than that size. This was an increase of nine over the preceding week.

Steamship Company Pays \$225 Dividend

New York, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—A special year end disbursement of \$225 a share on their stock has been declared here by the directors of the American-Hawaiian Steamship company.

Alleged Slacker Arrested

Martin Petroff, 27, was arrested Wednesday afternoon by Police Inspector Kellaher and held for investigation by the government. It is said that Petroff was called by his draft board to take the physical examination but failed to appear.

Discharged Soldier Commits Suicide

Thomas Sine, Let Out of Coast Artillery at Fort Stevens Because of Disability, Ends Life With Razor.

Thomas Sine, an ex-soldier and previously a farmer, was found dead from self-inflicted wounds in his room at the Everett rooming house Wednesday night by Charles Davidson, night clerk. He had slashed his throat from ear to ear with a razor and had cut his arm.

Davidson notified the police and Patrolmen Goudstone and Crane made the investigation. They notified the coroner, who took the body in charge.

'EXCESS' PAID FOR GRANT LANDS, INSIST MILL MEN IN COURT

Government Interested in Suit Heard in Circuit Court Involving \$300,000.

More than \$300,000 is involved and a question of prime importance is being threshed out in the circuit court before Judges Kavanaugh, Stapleton and Tucker, sitting en banc in Judge Kavanaugh's court room.

The two cases of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company and Andrew B. Hammond and Charles J. Winton against the Oregon & California railroad, are before the court on a demurrer to the plaintiff's complaints which charge the railroad with overcharging them on purchases of the O. & C. grant lands before the government after many years of litigation with the railroad company, succeeded in establishing a maximum price of \$150 an acre.

The Booth-Kelly company is suing for \$182,837.18, alleging that it purchased approximately 200,000 acres of land from the company and was obliged to pay therefor \$19 an acre. It is asking for the difference between that and the established price of \$2.50. Hammond and Winton are asking for \$114,932.50, alleging that they paid \$7 an acre for the land they purchased.

United States Attorney Reames is appearing in the matter as "friend of the court" on instructions from Attorney General Gregory, who has prepared a statement of facts and arguments outlining the government's interest in the matter. This statement will be presented to the court at the conclusion of the argument of Glenn E. Husted, attorney for the Booth-Kelly company.

U. S. Vessel to Aid Burning Steamer

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—(I. N. S.)—The Japanese freighter Shinyo Maru No. 2, a fire somewhere in the Pacific, has been located and a United States vessel is rushing to her assistance. A wireless message received by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha company, owners of the vessel, stated today. The radio said the Shinyo was unable to control the fire and that the transport expected to reach the burning vessel at daylight today.

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California's Drouth Alarms the Farmers

Unless Immediate Rain Breaks Long Dry Spell, State's Farming Areas Will Fall Below Normal Production.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—California's vast farming and grazing areas are in the grip of an unprecedented drouth, and unless a good drenching of rain comes soon the crop outlook for this year will assume a serious aspect.

This winter to date has been the driest ever recorded by the weather bureau, which means the driest in 69 years, the first record being made in 1849. G. H. Willson, district forecaster, said Wednesday that there is not the slightest indication of a break in the dry spell.

Oregon Prunes Sold For Government Use

Salem, Or., Jan. 3.—The federal government has contracted to buy 1,500,000 pounds of Oregon and Washington prunes, at prices which will bring to the growers about \$125,000, according to announcement made here Wednesday by Robert C. Paulus, manager of the Salem Fruit union.

The order came through A. C. Kuhn, who has been buying prunes in California for the government, and is largely the result of the efforts of various persons who have been at work to get the government to recognize the Oregon prune.

It is said this order will clean up practically all the prunes remaining in the Pacific Northwest. The order is for 500 tons of 50-60's and 500 tons of 40-70's. The price is said to be \$3.75 for 100 pounds for the first named sizes and \$3.25 for the last named.

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Coming, "A Night With the Poets"

Oregon Commission Offers Its Services To Director M'Adoo

Will Continue to Handle Railroad Matters Until Other Instructions Are Received.

Salem, Or., Jan. 3.—The Oregon public service commission tendered its services to William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, in the following telegram sent Wednesday night.

"This commission tenders hearty cooperation and its gratuitous services in any capacity connected with railroad management and supervision in Oregon. Shall be glad to have you indicate in what manner we can best serve."

The commission also sent a telegram to Edwin C. Niles, president of the National Association of Railroad and Public Utility Commissioners, suggesting that a similar tender of services be made by the national association.

Since the government has taken over control of the railroads, the part that state commissions may have in railroad regulation is uncertain. Chairman Frank J. Miller and other members of the Oregon commission, however, stated that the commissions will continue to handle railroad matters presented to it, as it has done in the past, until some order or instruction to the contrary is received from the federal government.

So far, they point out, the Oregon commission has had no word from the director general or the government advising to what extent, if any, the jurisdiction of the state public utility commissions is to be curbed.

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Lucia di Lammermoor
Henry Ashton Angelo Antola
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THURSDAY, JAN. 10
Martha
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Nancy Stella Demette
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Sir Tristan Natalie Cervi
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THURSDAY EVE, JAN. 10
Faust
Mephistopheles Pietro Debiassi
Faust Giuseppe Agostini
Siebel Maria Melis
Martha Alice Homer
Valentine Joseph Royer
Marguerite Luisa Darclee

FRIDAY, JAN. 11
La Gioconda
Gioconda Elizabeth Amsden
Laura Stella Demette
La Cloch Maria Melis
Enzo Manuel Salazar
Alyse Pietro Debiassi
Barnaba Joseph Royer

SATURDAY, JAN. 12
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Olympia Edvige Vaccari
Antonina Luciano Rossini
A Pilot Antonio Cetti

SATURDAY MAT, JAN. 12
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Leonora Luisa Darclee
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