

FARM WORKERS TO HAVE TIME TO PUT CROPS IN FIRST

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FURLOUGHS TO GRANT RELIEF

District Boards Will Be Permitted to Reconsider Cases Where There Is Any Conflict.

Oregon farmers who find it almost impossible to get men for farm labor will find important assistance from an official statement just received here from Clarence Ousley, assistant secretary of the department of agriculture.

"As now operated the military draft will make the least possible drain upon farm labor," the statement avers.

"District boards are encouraged by the war department to reconsider cases of wrong classification. That is to say, where skilled farm laborers or farm managers have been placed in class 1 on account of misunderstanding or lack of appreciation of the needs of the farmers, the boards are encouraged to reconsider such cases upon affidavits supported by facts and affidavits made by responsible citizens.

Furlough Rules Grant Relief

The provost marshal general's order of March 12 directs local boards, in furnishing their quotas for the new draft, to leave to the last all men in class 1 who are assiduously and continuously engaged in agriculture. Under this order it is not likely that any man actually engaged in agriculture will be called, even though he be in class 1, before this year's crops are harvested.

The furlough rules just announced give further relief by permitting the return of men to farms for emergency work and provide for groups of soldiers who can be spared from military camps to go into surrounding regions to perform farm labor for a short period.

The statement refers to other measures designed to relieve the farm labor shortage.

Men of farm experience are being mobilized in the towns in readiness for harvest work.

The boys' working reserve will include thousands of school boys between 14 and 20 years of age ready to help on farms.

Women Organize to Help

Women will be useful in many of the lighter farm employments such as dairying, vegetable cultivation and fruit gathering. In many places throughout the United States organization of women to help on farms has proven a success.

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Responsibility With Community

That ultimate efficiency develops upon community action is asserted in the conclusion of the statement.

"If the people of a community resolve that a thing shall be done they will find the means of doing it. There is no power in the government to create labor, nor have we yet reached the point of national peril where it is necessary to conscript labor or to require farmers by law to grow certain crops. The true test of a democracy is its ability to meet a local emergency without the compulsion of a national law. At any rate, it is impossible this year to organize a system of federal administration of agricultural labor, but it is easily possible for each state, each community and each neighborhood to solve its own problem. Notwithstanding labor difficulties this year, production was greatly increased."

Vaudeville Cream

For Knitting Fund

With vaudeville numbers donated for the occasion by the several Portland

Groceries

Creamery Butter, Victor brand, quality guaranteed, 2-lb. roll 88c

Seeded Raisins, Otter brand, best quality, latest crop, large package 11c

Flour, No. 10 sack whole wheat and No. 10 sack yellow low corn flour for 1.19

Peanut Butter, freshly made, strictly pure, none delivered, limit 4 lbs.—2 lbs. 18c

Coffee, Victor blend, freshly roasted, lb. 22c

California Peaches, in light sugar syrup, No. 2 1/2 cans, doz. \$1.90, three for 50c, 17c

Catsup, Snider's, delivered only with other groceries, limit 6 bottles, large bottles 22c for

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show houses and the free use of the Auditorium granted by the city council, the American committee for devastated France, a copartner of the Red Cross of France, will stage an entertainment on April 30 at the Auditorium to raise funds with which to buy knitting machines for the fire department stations in Portland.

Wounded in Action, Maj. Kimble Is Dead

Wounds received in action in Northern France caused the death on April 9 of Major Edwin R. Kimble, born in Portland and commander of a battalion of the First Engineers, United States army. Such is the brief message that conveyed to the officer's mother, Mrs. Alviria von Harten Kimble at Galveston, Texas, the news that war had exacted its tribute.

Major Kimble, son of Edwin R. Kimble, formerly manager of the Portland branch of the Studebaker corporation, was graduated from West Point with honors in 1915. Commissioned as a second lieutenant, he was ordered to duty at Vancouver barracks. Later he was transferred to Washington, D. C., where he became an aide to President Wilson and received promotion to a captaincy.

Last August as a captain the officer went to France with the First Engineers and at 25 years of age was promoted to a majority, a testimony to his ability as a soldier and an engineer. He was one of those who rejoiced at the capture by men in his own camp of the first German prisoner taken by Americans. Major Kimble received his preparatory education in Portland schools.

TOLL RATES ORDER IS VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT, CHARGE

Accusation Also Made That Public Service Body Played Politics in Case.

The public service commission order of April 18, adjusting certain long distance toll rates, violates the letter and spirit of the public utilities act and is discriminatory, according to Edward M. Cousin, traffic expert of the city.

"The public service commission's order of April 18 pretends to reestablish the old basis between Portland and Oregon City and Salem but it really does no such thing except so far as the two number service is concerned and, as practically all this business is particular party calls, the order merely adopts the advanced rates proposed by the telephone company," he said.

"In restoring the 25-10 two number rate between Portland and Salem without making a corresponding adjustment between other points, the commission itself is guilty of discrimination. For instance, the distance between Portland and Sheridan, or between Portland and Wyeth is the same as between Portland and Salem. Formerly the rates between these points, established by the telephone company, were the same, as they should be, but this tinkering order of the commission introduces confusion and discrimination into the rates."

The temporary order does not satisfy Dan Kellaher, commissioner of finance, and the postponement of the hearing of telephone rates by the commission set

for April 19 until 21 was because of "politics," according to Kellaher. "Evidently the commission is paying more attention to politics than to business just now, because the inquiry into the reasonable adjustment of all these telephone rates was ordinarily set for April 19," said Mr. Kellaher, "but at almost the last moment the commission postponed the hearing until three days after the primary election and issued this 'hybrid' order."

John Krissel Hurt In Auto Accident

John Krissel, age 31, manager of the Great Northern hotel, was seriously injured when the automobile he was learning to drive went over a 60 foot embankment on the Linnton road at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Krissel suffered two broken ribs and deep scalp wounds. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital by W. E. Phelps, 24-26 North Fifth street, who found the injured man lying by the roadside.

J. H. Cruikshank, automobile salesman, was the other occupant of the car and was teaching Mr. Krissel how to drive. His injuries were slight. The accident occurred about four miles beyond Linnton.

Music House Debts Total \$1,345,336

According to the receiver's report filed in the federal court Tuesday, the liabilities of Ellers' Music House, recently declared insolvent, amount to \$1,345,336.69. They are apportioned as follows: Taxes, \$567,610; wages, \$146,467; other debts incurred by law, \$238,877; secured claims, \$183,175.17; unsecured claims, \$615,426.38; notes and bills which ought to be paid by other parties thereto, \$561,314.42.

WOMEN ON ELECTION BOARDS TO DONATE MONEY FOR CHARITY

This Is Plan Proposed by Mrs. Maude Burley to Aid Good Work.

Mrs. Maude Burley, well known local woman and writer, is sponsor for the novel idea that the women throughout the state of Oregon act as clerks and judges at the forthcoming primaries, May 17, and the following general election, secure polling places free of charge, opening their own homes if necessary and serving their own meals and donating to patriotic work their entire earnings and the savings accruing from their thrifty plans, which sum would net in Portland alone in the neighborhood of \$38,000.

"This plan came to me last fall," said Mrs. Burley, "and in an effort to get it before representative women, I offered the following resolution at the meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which was unanimously adopted: 'Resolved, that the club women of the state of Oregon ask for the positions of judges and clerks of elections and pledge themselves to use the fund derived from this work to patriotic purposes.'"

Mr. Bush, deputy county clerk, when asked what he thought of the plan, commended it very highly, saying: "The women have already proven themselves capable of performing the duties of an election board, in fact, they make better officers, inasmuch as most

Mazamas Plan Hike To Aschoff Hotel

Outing Party Will Leave Saturday for Bull Run and Walk Seven Miles to Mountala Ina; Return Sunday.

The Mazamas have planned a trip to Bull Run and a hike to Aschoff hotel for their week-end outing for Saturday and Sunday. The party will leave First and Alder streets at 2:45 p. m. Saturday for Bull Run. From there a hike of seven miles will be made to the hotel, where dinner will be served. After dinner there will be a dance and campfire session and the party will remain at the hotel for the night.

Breakfast will be served at the hotel Sunday morning and the return to Bull Run will be along the south bank of the Sandy river. Lunch will be eaten at Badger creek. Returning the Mazamas will arrive in Portland at 7:45 p. m. Sunday.

Those who wish to go on this trip should register at the club rooms before 11:30 a. m. so that accommodations may be provided at the hotel. Lunches for the Sunday noon meal must be provided by members.

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Any woman who is willing to assume the duties of a clerk or judge and to donate her earnings to patriotic work, may call the county clerk's office, Marshall 5400, for further information. Mrs. Burley, when asked what plan she would suggest for the use of the money, said she had not given it much as there was sure to be plenty of work right here in our own state in caring for soldiers' dependents and in reeducating the men who come back. "The women have already proven themselves capable of performing the duties of an election board, in fact, they make better officers, inasmuch as most

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Downs Store Mrs. To Lower Prices

The Woman Looking for a Good Outing Suit

At But Little Cost Should See These

Outing Suits at \$3.49



More of those wonderful outing suits that created such a furore in our recent sale. The material alone in every one of these outing suits would cost at least \$5.00 if bought on the market today. Women's outing suits made of good quality oxford grey mixed flannel. Splendid garments for all outdoor wear. Made in style as illustrated—four military pockets, two on blouse and two on skirt. Full cut suits in all sizes.

New Spring Coats \$6.98

At this extremely low price we have a very large assortment of women's new Spring coats. Finely serviceable materials in the season's most favored shades. Women's, misses' and children's sizes.

New Wash Skirts \$1.49

Palm Beach, gabardine, poplin, cotton serge and other materials in white, tan, black and white checks. The material in every one of these skirts would cost more than \$1.49 if bought today. All sizes.

Women's Sailors at \$2.49

We have just received a fine assortment of women's wide and narrow brim sailors in plain and fancy braids, some faced with colored crepe. Good values at \$2.49.

Utility Hats at Only \$3.49

A fine assortment of women's utility hats for street and dress wear. Medium and large shapes, pokes and turbans. Many desirable colors to choose from. Trimmed with flowers, quills and ribbons.

Wash Waists, Special 98c

Women's new Spring voile and corded dimity waists in fancy lace trimmed styles with embroidered fronts. White and fancy corded stripes. All sizes at this exceptionally low price—98c.

Petticoats at 49c

A broken lot of women's petticoats made of good quality percale or gingham. Values in the lot to 75c—special at only 49c.

Petticoats \$2.29

Women's seco silk top petticoats with 9 inch taffeta silk dust ruffles. Pleated and corded. All the best shades.

Brassieres at 29c

Women's best bust brassieres in open mesh, flesh colored grenadine. Well made garments in all sizes. Elastic finished.

Gloves, Pair 49c

Women's and misses' chamois gloves in grey, white and chamois color. All sizes. These gloves are worth 75c pair.

Women's Shoes, Pr. \$2.98

Women's shoes for dressy and street wear. Dull calf and patent colt leathers with Goodyear welt and McKay sewed soles. If we bought these shoes on today's market, we would sell them for from \$4 to \$5. All sizes.

White Canvas Shoes \$2.39

Good \$4.00 values. Women's white canvas shoes with Goodyear welt soles, in button style. Plain toes and concave Cuban heels. All sizes 2 1/2 to 7.

Specials for Men and Boys

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS 69c

Men's blue and fancy stripe work shirts with attached collars. Full cut, well made garments in all sizes.

MEN'S MUSLIN PAJAMAS \$1.29

Men's full cut well made pajamas made of good quality muslin. Fancy trimmed garments in assorted patterns. All sizes.

MEN'S UNION SUITS AT 89c

Men's well made union suits in short sleeves, ankle length, closed crotch style. White and ecru. Suit 89c.

BOYS' PANTS PAIR \$1.19

Boys' well made corduroy pants of a good quality. In dark brown. All sizes 7 to 17. Very special at, pair \$1.19.

In Our Domestic Section

GOOD ROLLER TOWELING 12 1/2c

Roller toweling in mill lengths up to 4 yards. Values up to 18c. Sold by the piece only at, yard 12 1/2c.

SILK MIXED POPLINS 75c

36 inches wide. Silk mixed poplins in all the season's best shades. Fine wearing material at a very low price.

GOOD QUALITY SILKS, YD. 89c

27 inches wide. Taffeta and messaline silks in fancy colors as well as black and white. Good shirt waist patterns.

FANCY PRINTED SATEENS 43c

36 inches wide. Fancy printed sateens for the making of petticoats. Regular foulard patterns on black grounds.

A SALE OF LACES 10c

Everything from the narrow Val. laces to 10-inch fancy Normandy laces included. Filet, Venise, Cluny and Torchon.

THRIFT AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ON SALE AT OUR ACCOMMODATION BUREAU—BASEMENT

BOYS! SERVE YOUR COUNTRY

Join the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve

Boys from 16 to 21 years of age should offer their services now for food production work or for work in some other industry essential to winning the war. A special bureau for enrollment and issuance of memberships is now open on our Sixth Floor. Full information given here. Enroll today—earn a badge of honor.

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Let Old Glory Wave!

Every home, every office, every public building, should fly the Stars and Stripes Friday, Liberty Day, and every day. We have complete stocks of flags at lowest prices. Wool bunting, eagle bunting and cotton bunting flags in all sizes. Silk flags. Allied flags. —Fifth Floor, Sixth Street.

A Few of Our Good Offerings for Thursday

There Are Plenty of Excellent Values in Every Section of the Store—Come and Share in the Good Things

New Novelty Necklaces

A Wonderful Showing

Such an amazingly beautiful variety of novelty necklaces as can be found in no other Portland store within the same moderate range of prices.

An immense assortment of the styles now in greatest popularity on display Thursday. Necklaces of cherry red, yellow, blue and amber-colored beads. Jet glass beads and genuine Italian jet. Amethyst, sapphire, emerald and garnet-colored beads and lovely combination effects. Neck and opera lengths. Various priced from 50c to \$7.50. —Jewelry Shop, Main Floor.

Thursday—Women's \$17.50 to \$25.00

New Sample Skirts

\$15

A prominent manufacturer's sample line of high-grade skirts at this greatly reduced price Thursday. The number is limited—these skirts are mostly one of a kind. Pleated, yoke, tunic and plain sports models, some with side pockets. Fancy plaids, stripes and mixed tweeds. Thursday at \$15 instead of \$17.50 to \$25.

On Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor

Bleached Muslin 15c and Cambric, Yd. 15c

This assortment of bleached muslin and cambric comprises serviceable material at an extremely low price. 36 inches wide. In short lengths from 2 to 10 yards. Some of this material is subject to the very slightest imperfections. To 25c yard values at 15c. —Center Aisle, Main Floor, Fifth St.

"Nemo" Corsets

Nemo corsets are famous the country over for their hygienic and style features. Thursday and every day this week

Mrs. A. L. Craig

An Authorized Instructor From the Nemo Hygienic Fashion Institute, N. Y.

will be in our Corset Shop on the Third Floor. Mrs. Craig is giving a series of free corset talks on Nemo corsets at this store. She will help you select the Nemo best suited to your individual requirements. We have complete stocks of Nemo corsets in all late models and many old favorites ranging in price from \$3.50 upwards. —Corset Shop, Third Floor.

"DON'T SAY UNDERWEAR—SAY MUNSINGWEAR"

Complete New Stocks of Men's, Women's and Children's Spring and Summer Munsingwear

ready now at Meier & Frank's. We recommend and sell Munsingwear because it is the satisfactory underwear. And we sell more and more of this celebrated underwear each season. Here are a few of the reasons why you should become a Munsing wearer:

Munsingwear fits perfectly. Washes perfectly. Is most comfortable. Most finely serviceable. Is most economical in the long run because of these qualities and because Munsingwear gives you all of these and more at a reasonable price.

For any man, woman or child—for every individual whether tall, short, stout or thin—there's a perfect-fitting Munsing undergarment here in any style, fabric or weight desired. Sold by this store only in Portland. Select Spring and Summer Munsingwear for the whole family during this three days' showing and sale at Meier & Frank's.

Munsingwear for Men and Boys

MEN'S UNION SUITS \$1.75

Men's light weight cotton Munsing union suits made in long sleeves, ankle length or short sleeves, knee, three-quarter or ankle length styles. Closed crotch. Cream color. Perfect fitting garments in all sizes.

MEN'S UNION SUITS \$1.75

Men's light weight cotton Munsing union suits made in sleeveless, knee length or short sleeves, three-quarter or ankle length styles. Closed crotch. White. Perfect fitting garments in all sizes.

MEN'S UNION SUITS \$2.25

Men's fine light weight cotton Munsing union suits made in long sleeves, ankle length or short sleeves, knee, three-quarter or ankle length styles. Closed crotch. Bleached. Perfect fitting garments in all sizes.

MEN'S UNION SUITS \$2.75

Men's fine cotton and lisle Munsing union suits made in long sleeves, ankle length or short sleeves, knee or three-quarter length styles. Closed crotch. Bleached. Form-fitting garments in all sizes.

MEN'S ATHLETIC UNION SUITS

Men's athletic Munsing union suits in sleeveless, knee length style. Loose fitting garments made with closed crotch and semi-drop seat. Nainsook, crepe, madras, art silk mixed and fine cotton mesh. \$1-\$4.

BOYS' UNION SUITS \$1 TO \$1.50

Boys' light weight cotton Munsing union suits made in short sleeves, knee length style. Closed crotch. Cream color. 6-year size, \$1. The 8, 10 and 12-year sizes, \$1.25. The 14, 16 and 18-year sizes, \$1.50.

For Women and Children

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS FOR 90c

Women's light weight cotton Munsing union suits in wanted styles for Spring and Summer. White. Regular sizes priced at 90c. Extra sizes priced at \$1.15.

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS AT \$1.25

Women's light weight cotton Munsing union suits in low neck, sleeveless or short sleeves, knee or ankle length styles. Also bodice top union suits. Regular sizes \$1.25. Extra sizes \$1.50.

WOMEN'S VESTS AND PANTS, EACH 85c

Women's light weight cotton Munsing vests and pants, in all styles for Summer wear, light and loose knee. Regular sizes priced at each 85c. Extra sizes, each \$1.00.

CHILDREN'S UNION SUITS 85c TO \$1.35

Children's Munsing union suits in Summer weights and styles. Sizes 1 1/2 to 6 years, 85c. Sizes 8 to 12 years, \$1.15. Sizes 14 to 16 years, \$1.35. —Main Floor.

