

HOUSING REPORT SHOWS CONDITION TO BE REMEDIATED

Inquiry of Portland Housing Association Reveals Tenement Evils That Breed Disease.

NEW CODE IN THE MAKING

Data to Be Used in Compilation of Municipal Regulations Governing Dwelling Problem.

Alleged unsatisfactory housing conditions exist in portions of the city of Portland, according to a survey of the city made by the Portland Housing Association, a detailed report of which has been made to A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works.

The association made an exhaustive inquiry into living conditions in general, 710 buildings being visited, and the investigation developed the conclusion that to conserve the health and morals of numbers of the inhabitants, radical improvements must be made.

Representative sections of the city found not to be made factory are South Portland, Central West Side, North Portland, Central East Side, Albina, Woodstock. Consecutive blocks were chosen for study in these districts.

The report calls attention to acute lot overcrowding in South Portland, as the result of a general house moving, a number of houses were placed on one lot.

"Old hotels," the report continues, "were changed into lodging houses, and a number of the necessary alterations being made."

"Old residences have been converted into multiple dwellings, and in some cases to five families, without the installation of additional plumbing."

"Sections of the city have been developed before the streets were sewered, and now the streets are spreading privy vault and the cesspool are menaces and nuisances which should be displaced by modern sanitation."

"Years of neglected building have produced lot overcrowding, tenements with dark rooms, insufficient plumbing, non-fireproof construction, combination stairs and fire escapes, and other evils."

"Injurious Tenement Evils. In all the evils tenement and housing problems are in the making in Portland. Some are aggravated, others are still embryonic, but they are here, and the number is increasing."

"To give everyone a reasonable share of the essentials of physical life—light, air, water, protection from elements and from unsanitary surroundings."

"To secure for the citizens privacy and safety in their homes for the protection of the community from contagious diseases."

"To eliminate windowless rooms and dark halls and secure instead good ventilation."

"To secure adequate plumbing, to protect the city from conflagrations and prevent the creation of new slums."

"The report finds that as a city Portland is not overcrowded, but instances are cited of a tendency to congestion in certain centers."

"In 261 multiple buildings examined, 1867 families were housed, or 7.1 families to a building, or a density per building more than three times as great as the average density per acre for the entire city."

"Complaint is made against the practice of crowding small houses together. In these cases passage ways are found to be dark and in many cases damp, and filled with accumulated rubbish."

"Small buildings are tucked away behind large buildings, completely shut out from light and air, says the report of conditions in one building in 182 buildings, or 22 per cent of all investigated, were found 584 interior dark rooms, and 548 darkened rooms."

"Cases of antiquated and alleged filthy plumbing were found. Closets enclosed with wood of the pan and plunger style are still in use. Complaint is directed against the 'long hopper' type which is very hard to keep clean, it is a health hazard and is a fire hazard."

"Modern water-flushed porcelain bowls is said to be the only closet which meets health requirements. In one district the committee found 60 per cent of those old toilets dirty and 80 per cent filthy. Use of toilets as a receptacle for garbage was also noted."

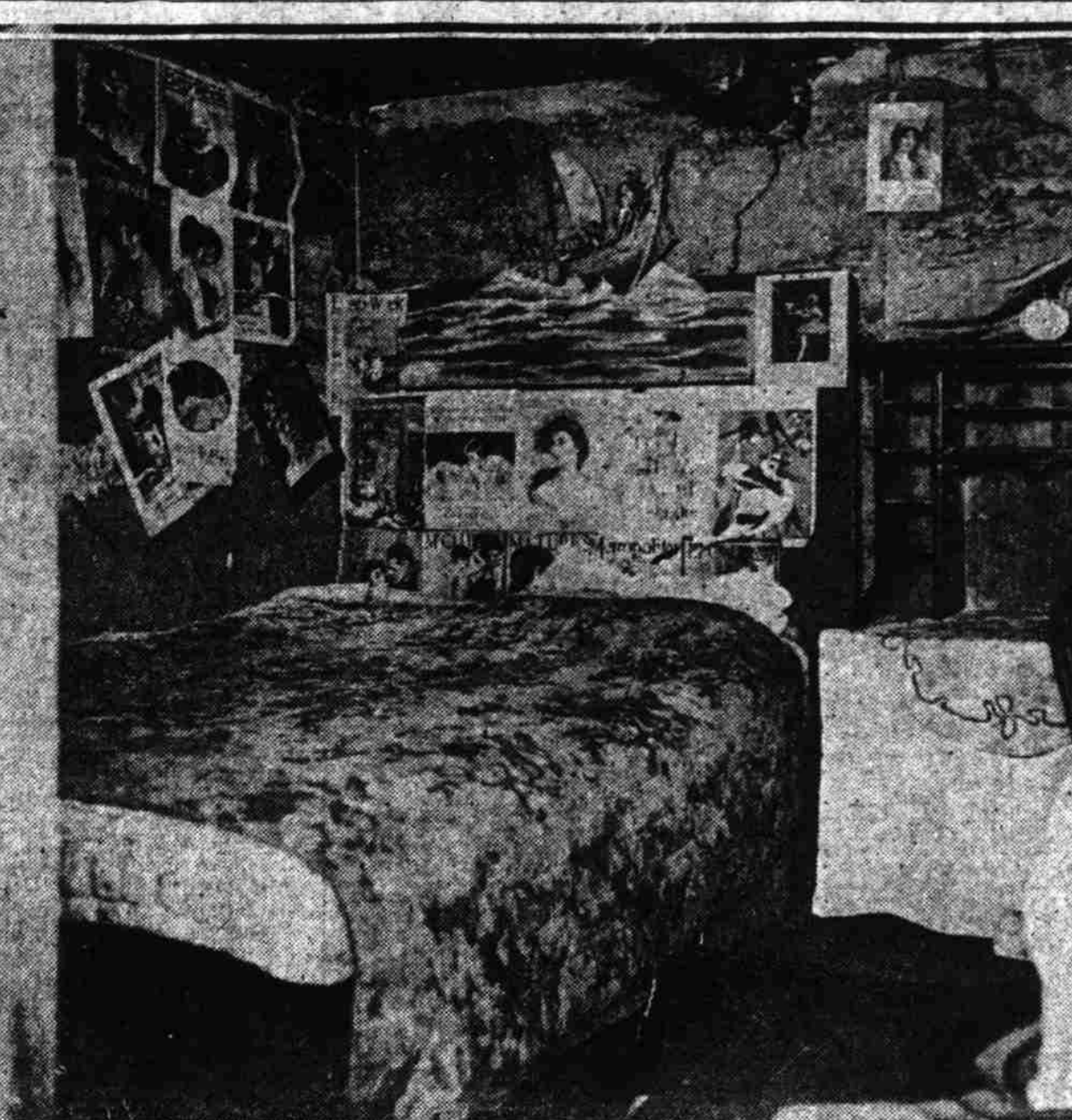
"Some outlying districts have not kept up with the growth of the population in the matter of sewers, says the report."

"Cleanliness Difficult. In the tenements it is observed that great numbers are without the means to keep clean."

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WHAT INQUIRY INTO HOUSING DISCLOSES



Interior housekeeping room and sleeping room in a cellar with out light or ventilation.

Of 333 families in one district 30 per cent have no bath tub or water supply except a cold water tap in the kitchen sink. In a converted house, three sinks, one on each floor, served 16 families.

The disposal of waste water is another problem. Dish water is often poured down the toilets, in the hall sink, in the tub in the hall, or thrown out of doors to attract flies in the summer.

Basement and cellar living apartments were also investigated and numerous instances of lack of sanitation found. Fifty-two hotels and lodging houses were investigated. Many of them were built at a period which allowed ventilation of many rooms on interior courts.

It is stated that dark halls and the lack of light are contributing causes to the general tendency to move frequently. One lodging house visited at three-week intervals showed a complete change of occupants.

On the question of fire protection and fire prevention the report concludes: "In the older multiple buildings there are no stair halls or stairways of fire proof construction. Omitting the outlying districts, 73 of the buildings visited in the city of Portland are three-story or more; 74 per cent of the three-story buildings are frame, 35 per cent of the four-story buildings are frame; and 22 per cent of the five-story buildings are frame."

"Twenty-four fire escapes are accessible only to the private apartments. Furniture in these escapes obstructs the windows and in one case a heavy bed entirely blocks all escape."

"In making the investigation the committee was aided by the students of Reed college, and members of the Social study class of the public welfare bureau. The data gathered will be used by the city council in preparing a new housing code."

Police Gather Up Slackers in Raids: Plain clothes police officers arrested 328 men of draft age during the last seven days for not having their registration cards in their pockets. In this group the federal officials found a number of men who had neglected to register and who were endeavoring thereby to avoid the draft.

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Local Data: Portland, Oregon, July 27, 1918. Maximum temperature, 75 degrees; minimum temperature, 52 degrees. River stage, 8.5 m. 3.5 feet; change in last 24 hours, fall .5 feet.

RIVER STEAMERS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COME INTO OWN

Government Operation of Railroads Along Columbia Removes Competition and Rate Cutting.

OLD COMMERCE COMING BACK

Inland Waterway Unobstructed From Portland to Pasco; Dawn of New Era Seen Approaching.

River steaming may come back into its own with government control of railroads. With the United States government operating rail lines that compete with the water carriers, there will be no more of the cut-throat tactics that have nearly forced the river steamer off the Columbia and Snake.

In days gone by, steaming on the Columbia was one of the big features of Portland commerce. But as the railroads developed, as more of them came into the Northwest and competition for business grew keener, the transportation, practically forced the steamers from the trade.

Dawn of New Era Approaching: Passengers were carried, for instance, from The Dalles to Portland for \$2 by the boats, the railroad fare being one mile or about \$2.5. Then the roads sold "steamer tickets," good for the round trip, for \$3, and the only passengers carried by the steamers were those who came from the country and didn't know of the railroad fares or those who enjoyed the trip down the Columbia.

Locks have been provided at Celilo Falls to take steamers around that obstruction, and there is an unobstructed route to Pasco, Washington, on the Columbia, and thence to Lewiston, Idaho, on the Snake. The restoration of steamers to the river means more work for the country along the banks, for the steamers can, and will, put in at small landings along the shore, giving better shipping facilities than the railroads can give better rates than the railroad, ordinarily, and the saving will be much for the farmer and the merchant. It will mean returned prosperity.

For Portland it means the restoring of a valuable artery of commerce.

SAFETY PROVISIONS MADE

Government Looking After Interest of Employees

Safety of employees of shipbuilding plants engaged in government work is being provided in the establishment of a safety engineering section of the industrial relations group of the shipping board. H. A. Schultz is designated as head of this section and will have the title of chief safety engineer.

Municipal Band at Mount Tabor Park

Director Percy A. Campbell has prepared an attractive program for the municipal band concert this afternoon at Mount Tabor Park. Among the numbers are the overture to "Zampa" and the "Peer Gynt" suite.

Cremeries Take To Cottage Cheese

Several creameries are preparing to make cottage cheese, as a result of the campaign just closed, and one is now turning out an average of 1200 pounds daily, and hopes to turn out 1600 pounds, according to H. L. Wilson, of the dairy division of the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture, at Salt Lake City, who has been in Portland for more than a week assisting the Oregon Agricultural college with its cheese drive.

PORTLAND (MAINE) CHALLENGES

Two Records Hung Up in Constructing Wooden Ships

Two records in wooden shipbuilding have been established by yards of Portland, Maine, with the construction of the "Hull of the Stars" in 135 working days by the Cumberland Shipbuilding company. The other record is from the Portland Shipbuilding company, which began installing machinery in the Bazaar 90 minutes after the launching, June 25.

WALLET FLOATS 300 MILES

Lieutenant Pulaski, Aboard Torpedoed Collier, Gets Papers After Attack: Lieutenant Frank Pulaski, United States navy, is in Portland with a party of officers, who will take out a ship built here for the government. And Lieutenant Pulaski, who was on the coast of Ireland, 300 miles distant from the scene of the sinking, the wallet was turned over to the British authorities and forwarded by them to Washington, where it was obtained by the lieutenant.

Great Chance for Portland

"If Portland ever had a call for a great awakening, it is now, and the wealth that is accumulating here as a result of war prosperity should be directed to some of these lines of preparation if we are to realize any fair portion of what nature intended us should. The greatest, dark, harbor and channel that were ever dreamed of by the community should be studied out and should have behind them the organized power of the entire people. There are waiting money resources which multiply the loss in business that will be lamented later on."

MENTS ARE SUPPLIED WORKERS

George F. Rodgers & Co., shipbuilders of Astoria, have temporarily solved

JOURNAL STAFF MAN LEAVES TO JOIN ARMY



Earl C. Brownlee

Another star is added to the service flag of The Oregon Journal, and to the service flag of the marine desk of the paper, with the departure of Earl C. Brownlee for Camp Lewis. Mr. Brownlee left Wednesday morning from Oregon City, in charge of a contingent of 104 men from Clackamas county, where he was registered in the draft.

Although he went in the draft, it was not for choice, for three days after the war broke out, he tried to enlist, but was rejected by the recruiting officials. Again, a few weeks later, he made another attempt, but again was rejected. He registered June 8, 1917, in Oregon City, and was placed in deferred classification, but when Clackamas county ran short of class 1 men, his classification was changed and he was sent with the contingent of Oregon men called to the colors last week.

Mr. Brownlee came to Oregon eight years ago from Texas and has been engaged in newspaper work since that time. He is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. George H. Bennett of that city.

For nine years Mr. Brownlee was connected with military organizations and passed the examinations some years ago for a commission in the Oregon National Guard. He was placed in charge of the Clackamas county military training camp, and has been in the military training more than likely will win for him the coveted bars of a commission.

For some months Mr. Brownlee has been on the marine beat of the Journal. In which post he is succeeded by Harold Ellis, recently of Walla Walla and San Francisco.

Marshfield Getting Ready for Editors

The annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association will be held at Marshfield on August 9, 10 and 11. The convention will be held at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and other public-spirited citizens of Coos Bay to make this the most successful meeting in the history of the State Editorial Association.

Many Berry Pickers Needed

About 75 women and girls have enrolled as berry pickers for service in and about Newberg, and there are still places for over 400 more. Miss Emily Johnson, high school teacher, is also going into the blackberry fields near Lebanon with a crew of 100 workers if they can be enlisted. Ample provision about its income, it is being assured all who go into the work, which those who have had experience find in the nature of a vacation as well as an opportunity to do patriotic service.

United States Judge Atkinson, Former Governor, Gives Opinion of Nuxated Iron

Says the Results He Has Obtained Have Been Simply Marvelous: It helps put vim and renewed energy into the veins of the weak, "run-down," infirm and aged—Often increases their strength in two weeks' time.

Of great importance to the public generally should be the opinion given of Nuxated Iron by United States Judge Atkinson. For twenty years Judge Atkinson has been in the public service as Justice of the United States Court of Appeals at Washington, Governor, Member of Congress, and United States District Attorney, etc. He has had vast experience in weighing evidence in separate cases, and in the public service as Justice of the United States Court of Appeals at Washington, Governor, Member of Congress, and United States District Attorney, etc.

"River steamer 'Ruth' for sale. Address Williamette Navigation Co., West Linn, Oregon."

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Three Vessels Launched

Seattle, July 27.—A total of 22,000 tons of shipping went down the ways here this evening. The ships launched were a 3000-ton steel tanker, an 8500-ton steel freighter and a 4200-ton wooden ship. The latter for the Australian government.

MARINE ALMANAC

North Head, Wash., July 27.—Conditions at the mouth of the Columbia, p. m. Wind southwest; weather clear; sea smooth.

MUCH INTEREST IS DISPLAYED IN FILM SPONSORED BY GUARD

Multnomah Guard to Benefit by Showing of Drama "My Own United States" at Majestic.

Plans for the showing of the film drama, "My Own United States," at the Majestic theatre, have resulted in awakening wide public interest not only in the film but in the Multnomah Guard, for whose benefit the exhibition of the film began yesterday and will continue for a week. It came with a shock of surprise to many people that the Multnomah Guard consists of 1200 men, fully organized as a home defense unit, who serve, no matter what the personal inconvenience, absolutely without compensation to aid in interpreting the future and the security of the fourth Liberty loan to the people of the Pacific coast, and possibly of the entire country.

The guard consists of eight companies of infantry, a machine gun company, a supply company, a hospital unit and a transportation company. It is organized under the authority of the sheriff.

The Multnomah Guard needs additional military equipment. The offering of "My Own United States," under the auspices of the guard, is one of the ways in which the guard is raising money for equipment. At the same time the play is presented as one that no patriotic American can well afford to miss and which is being shown from start to finish. While it is not a war picture, it is said that no one can see "My Own United States" without registering anew his or her support of the country in the war.

The stellar role of the piece is played by Arnold Daly with a supporting cast well selected for the dignity and charm of the setting.

Headed by Major General, Colonel John B. Hibbard and other city and county officials, the Multnomah guard paraded in full strength Saturday night in advance of the showing of the film. The guard marched from the army through the business district and to the Majestic, where the band gave a concert and the Multnomah guard presented a splendid military appearance and was met with applause along the line of march.

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SCHOOL FOR POLICE IS BEING CONSIDERED BY CHIEF JOHNSON

Plan is to Instruct Men in City Ordinances and to Make Suggestions: Police officers may soon go to school, if the plans announced by Chief of Police Johnson materialize. At present the police force consists of about a 150-day course before going on the force, but in the new school the chief plans to have all the officers attend, both new and old.

The chief finds it almost impossible to lay matters before the force now except by handing out notices and in the new school method he hopes to be able to lay before the men the different situation which he, as chief, is required to handle. It is planned to instruct the men in the new city ordinances which are passed by the council, and to suggest to them different ways of handling the various and peculiar situations that arise in police work.

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