

EMPLOYMENT AND PROPOSED

Labor Commissioner Favors Providing Work Upon Roads, State Land

"The progressive encroachment of the problem of unemployment demands that action must be taken before long to meet it in a practical and permanent way," according to C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, who has completed his biennial report for the consideration of Governor Norblad and the 1937 legislature.

"Certain of our people originate, oversee and conduct our industries," read Gram's report. "Others supply the labor power. The state's interest in each should be co-equal. The work of coordination—bringing the jobless man to the manless job is a function now widely realized as equally important and necessary as any another activity long accepted and entered into by the state. In a broad sense this service is educational. Both employers and laborers need it to better stabilize their common interests. A little reflection will disclose that such a service is of equal if not greater importance than much that is now undertaken in our schools.

Fire Loss Held Serious Menace

"Among the state's leading resources is timber. We are informed by the state forester that losses to our forest resources by fire averaged for the past seven years \$800,000 per year. The cost of annual doles in the name of charity through the community chests and other agencies is considerable. If a goodly part of this could be used to protect our forests, construct roads and mountain trails, and in other valuable service to the state, it would surely be better than using it as doles which contribute to increasing personal helplessness.

"Periods of depression like the present recur in cycles. Like the ebbing and flowing of the tides, we witness the high and low periods of economic prosperity. One of the most important functions of government is to provide as best it may to utilize the extremes and thus relieve the more helpless in the inevitable downward reaction.

"The state has much land that could be improved and cultivated by the unemployed. At the same time, in producing what they need, the aims giving people would be relieved of a part of the burden of their support. To those who would accept such action on the ground that it supposes an element of paternalism, the writer would submit the alternative of the dole. Is it not better that a man be required to earn what he needs than to give it to him as a dole? Does not actual overproduction

"Overproduction is used by many as the answer to unemployment. Such an answer, however, reduces the question to one of cold dollars and cents. It denies the issue in toto. There may be over production if the needs of the unemployed are to be ignored. But in recognition of the issue of unemployment and the needs of the unemployed there never set in a period of over production in this country or any other.

"Until the needs of the workers are fully supplied through the natural purchasing power of their employment, there is no real consumption, and the period of so-called overproduction to date has been without its unnamed millions who would gladly have reduced the supply if sufficiently possessed of employment and its purchasing power.

"The writer is well aware that his suggestions are somewhat divergent from those with which he is more familiar in the discussion of this problem. But he feels that the problem is serious and calls for a radical solution. If there are other and better ways of meeting this important issue, let us act upon them.

"The work of charitable organizations is so restricted by the limits of their resources that little is achieved beyond temporary relief which amounts virtually to a dole. While the destitute must be relieved, a dole is always damaging to the individual though temporarily helpful.

Agencies Not Well Financed

"A few communities have attempted to relieve the situation by establishing public employment agencies which are financed locally and through cooperative arrangement with the federal government. These are not sufficiently financed to give adequate service."

The report contained several pages of statistics dealing with factory inspections, expenditures and receipts, and other information.

The report showed that the labor commissioner adjusted 1173 claims aggregating \$47,954 during the past two years. Special reference was made in Mr. Gram's report to the inadequacy of the laws dealing with the collection of wages due workers.

"We know of instances," read Gram's report, "where the claimant has failed to collect wages justly due him and had to appeal to the welfare board or other charitable organizations for assistance for himself and family. Had he been able to collect what was due him, he would have been able to care for himself and not become a burden upon society."

ATTEND DINNER

MONMOUTH, Nov. 22—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wolverton, L. E. Howard and Lee Peyton, members of the Miller Mercantile staff at Monmouth, attended a dinner party Thursday evening at Salem given by the Miller store of that city, the affair being an annual event arranged by the Miller organizations in entertaining for members of the various stores operated by them.

CONFIDENT HE'LL RETURN SAFELY



Mrs. Mary Clerf and Jimmy, wife and son of Sam Clerf, one of several men lost in the arctic wilds in their search for the missing flying party of C. J. Burke. Clerf, an "old pal" of Burke and well acquainted with the northland, chartered the plane piloted by Robin Reenan. Eleven men have been lost in all. Mrs. Clerf says Sam has come out of worse scrapes before and she knows he will survive this one.

'TRUTH IN MEATS' PROGRAM FAVORED

Movement to Realize Value Of Better Cuts Gets Growers' Backing

Oregon range cattle interests favor proposed legislation that will permit the grading and marketing of meats in line with the "truth in meats" plan sponsored by O. M. Plummer, secretary of the Pacific International Livestock show, and member of the national meat board.

This information was made public here by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, and secretary of the Oregon state livestock sanitary board.

Lytile said complaints had been made by many range breeders who raise only well bred beef animals that they do not realize the true worth of their product because they are forced to compete with dairy cow beef that is sold in many shops. The Oregon State college has carried on an educational campaign to inform housewives and consumers as to the selection of choice grades of meat. This has done much toward insuring a more just return for the producers of good beef, but the matter of education will not altogether solve the problem as most meets are now ordered by telephone.

Lytile said that unless the top prices are paid much dairy cow meat will find its way to the consumers table.

It is proposed to enact legislation that will optionally permit those slaughterers of meat to employ a board approved veterinarian to inspect the meat and stamp it and also grade and stamp it so that the quality of the meat will be shown by the stamp.

SPRING VALLEY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

SPRING VALLEY, Nov. 18.—The Spring Valley Community club met for the first time this season at the school house Friday. The meet was held for the election of officers. A small crowd was present.

Donnel Crawford was elected president, Frank Windsor, vice-president; Mrs. Vivian Stratton, secretary-treasurer. No other committees were appointed at this meeting. L. F. Matthews is outgoing chairman, who has guided the club through a very successful year. The local camp of Campfire girls hope to take charge of the December meeting, which will be December 12.

Mrs. Gertrude Hobbs of Salem, is the house guest of her grandmother, Mrs. F. G. Lench, this week.

Quite a number of local men are attending the meetings at Lincoln school house, which are very beneficial, dealing with types of soils Tuesday eve and dairying Thursday evening. Chris Yungen was one of the men instrumental in bringing the meetings here. Prof. C. V. Rusek and County Agent J. R. Beck were speakers.

Mrs. Walter Brog and small daughter, Dolores, of Clatskanie are visitors here this week at the home of Mrs. Brog's sister, Mrs. Frank Matthews.

PLENTY OF AIR NEED OF HOME

Every Room, not Just for Sleeping; but Drafts Dangerous, Advice

Fresh air and plenty of it, but no drafts, for the entire house and not only the sleeping rooms, is the burden of the state board of health's weekly bulletin. Content of the bulletin follows:

The significance of fresh air in the sleeping rooms of our homes is more generally recognized than formerly, but there appears to be little, if any, appreciation of its need throughout our living rooms.

Air not only comes in through open windows or ventilators but an appreciable amount is also constantly filtering through closed windows and through door sills. Presuming that this air is relatively fresh, how can it be kept so?

Air to be healthful should not be too warm, for it has been proven that overheated air is detrimental to health. It has been quite generally accepted that 68 degrees Fahrenheit should be the upper limit of a healthful temperature. Many authorities assure us that persons who claim they cannot be comfortable in a room heated only to this point, can accommodate themselves advantageously to it.

The amount of moisture in the air has an important influence upon the degree of comfort experienced at various temperatures. Moisture in rooms must, to a large extent, be provided by artificial means. To provide properly a humid atmosphere in a room of average size it is necessary to vaporize from 20 to 25 gallons of water every 24 hours. Various types of vaporizers are available for different forms of heating apparatus but in the absence of any of these some moisture may be obtained by placing open, shallow pans of water on stoves or radiators. If, however, ventilation is secured by the use of outside air containing moisture, the amount of artificial vaporization required to present sufficient humidity is materially reduced.

Air movement or circulation is another important requirement of fresh air. Although drafts should be avoided, a slight circulation is invigorating and has some extent beneficial. Sufficient air motion may be maintained by not closing off too many rooms and by leaving one or two windows open slightly at the top. In very cold weather the windows must not be opened more than an inch to obtain ample circulation of air. In sleeping rooms one or more windows should be left open at both top and bottom.

RICKREALL HONORS SCHOOL TEACHERS

RICKREALL, Nov. 22.—People of the Rickreall community and patrons of the school, the number of about 90 joined in social evening jointly honoring their teachers and pastor and family on Thursday, November 20, in the high school auditorium.

A short program consisting of readings and musical numbers and a very pleasing talk by Rev. F. E. Fisher, the pastor, was followed by an hour of greetings and conversation after which the ladies served delicious refreshments at the long tables in the Home Economics room.

The occasion was made the background for the annual harvest home donation for the minister and a very generous amount of farm products, groceries, canned goods and money were contributed and gratefully accepted by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

Two Local Boys In Grid Movies Of Culver Game

TWO SALEM BOYS will be seen in action in moving pictures of a recent Culver Military academy football game in Chicago, recently. The two are Charles Kay Bishop and Tommy Livesley, the latter a son of Mayor Marshall and Mrs. Livesley. The occasion



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HIS HOBBY POPULAR ONE



Roy Ashley, model locomotive engineer, says his hobby is one that has fascination for men in all walks of life. He receives letters from all corners of the globe.

Woman's Face Upon Crab Shell Makes Wealthy Man Of Poor Chinese Digger

SHANGHAI (AP).—He was only a poor Chinese country boy who managed to keep his rice and noodle bowl filled by catching crabs and selling them to the residents of Swatow, a South China seaport, at a price so low that a New York restaurant could serve crab meat cocktails at five cents each and make a 100 per cent profit.

That was less than six months ago. Today, this same boy has more money than he knows what to do with and all because of a single crab. Where he once lived in a dirty, ill-smelling clay hut, he now occupies a suite in one of the leading hotels in Shanghai, has developed a taste for American ham and eggs and wears foreign style clothes.

His name is Wang Chi-Tze and he is a direct descendant of a long line of Kwangtungese farmers and fishermen. Simple folk who worked and believed in legends. It was a legend that helped make Wang rich, Charles reported. One of the old tales in which Wang's people took great stock concerned one of his great-great-grandmothers. The story goes that she was a beautiful woman who believed in the transmigration of souls and cherished a desire to become a fish after her death. She was buried in the ocean several miles from shore.

Wang Chi-Tze was particularly fond of this old legend. He often boasted of his ancestor whose soul had taken the body of a fish and, according to his

old story, was careful to examine the day's catch to make sure he hadn't captured his great-great-grandmother.

Searching his basket of crabs one evening last March, Wang noticed one whose shell seemed to bear the outline of a human face. A close look revealed the face was that of a charming Chinese woman. Wang was convinced that the old story about his ancestor was really true.

He spent the next few days showing his find to his customers. News of the discovery soon spread and soon the boy was spending all his time showing the crab to throngs of curious farmers and townspeople at ten cents a peek.

Three months ago Wang came to Shanghai and a carnival man offered him a big booth. Wang engaged an English speaking Chinese to explain the legend of the crab.

Twenty thousand persons, mostly Chinese, paid ten cents each the first week to see the crab. Business increased the second week. It is estimated that fully a quarter million Chinese have viewed the creature. Many foreign residents of the city also visited the carnival for no other purpose than to see the relic.

The majority of foreigners, however, are inclined to regard the lady of the shell as an extraordinary piece of carving.

WEST SIDE TOWNS BOOST HIGHWAY

Seek Through Service of California Stage Lines Recently

DALLAS, Nov. 22.—Seventy representatives of the west side Pacific highway association met in Newberg Friday evening for a 6:30 o'clock dinner which was entirely of home grown products. Representatives of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Beaverton and Multnomah were present for the first time and expressed a wish to join the group.

To provide finances for the work of the organization, each community was asked to contribute \$5.00 for each 500 of its population, the amounts to be paid quarterly to E. C. Apperson, of McMinnville, who was elected treasurer.

Several new committees are to be appointed, one to inquire into the matter of securing a right of way from the Southern Pacific company for the abandoned grade from the Corvallis city limits to some point where it closely approaches the west side highway. A legislative committee will be appointed to keep in touch with proposed highway legislation during the coming session. With the thought of marking in some manner the historic places along the highway, a committee will be appointed to search out these spots.

Members were again urged by George Peckler to write to the Greyhound stage line, urging that at least two through stages for California points be routed over the west side.

Al Pierce of Corvallis, chairman of the committee working on a tentative schedule of loop trips that may be made from the various towns along the highway, said his committee would have a definite report to make at the next meeting to be held in Corvallis, early in January.

W. E. North, secretary of the chamber of commerce in Corvallis, reported on the recent meeting held in North Bend, at which representatives from the Redwood highway association and the Washington group, urged the towns along the coast in Oregon to join with them in promoting an association to route all tourist travel as much as possible along the coast highway from Canada through California.

Dr. J. V. B. Butler, of Monmouth, presided during the meeting, due to the absence of Sam Dolan, chairman, of Corvallis, who was ill.

Telegraph Rate To Russia Cut

A new low telegraph rate to Russia is announced by Eric Butler, manager of the Western Union office here. A cable letter of 25 words may be sent for \$3.25, with a charge of 13 cents for each additional word. Week-end letters come cheaper than the cable, 25 words costing \$2.75, with each additional word adding 11 cents to the bill.

RADIO FEATURES THANKSGIVING

Sunday Features Approaching Holiday; Today's High Lights

Special features of the National Broadcasting company programs for today include Thanksgiving features. In the service of Dr. S. Parkes Cadman from 1 to 2 o'clock the Oratorio Chorus-lets will sing Thanksgiving songs. In other services the approach to Thanksgiving will be recognized. Here are some of the radio features for today:

9:30 to 10:15 a.m. National Oratorio society over KGO. Ret-nald Werrenrath directing the second half of Verdi's Manzoni Requiem.

10:30 to 11 a.m. Dolores Cassinelli, soprano and others in a musical program, KGO.

12 to 1 p.m. Dr. Polling's National Youth conference KGW, et al.

4 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday concert, KGW, et al.

5 to 5:15 p.m. Madame Schumann-Heine, KGW, et al.

6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Atwater Kent hour, Marie Healy, soprano, KGW, et al.

Ed Graves Dies At Oregon City; Valley Pioneer

SILVERTON, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Ed Graves, born at Mount Angel 70 years ago and a resident of various parts of the Willamette valley since that time, died this morning at Oregon City, which has been his more recent home. Death followed a stroke suffered about a week ago. He was a cousin of Marion Palmer, who died this month.

Funeral services will be at the Holman chapel in Oregon City Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

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