nts Predict Spring Will Bring Low Rents f New Building Begins

the lowering prices of aterial, property val- decrease of wages and of life, little hope is n early drop in rents. estate men and rental dict that rents will re- e prevailing figures un- t spring.

of unoccupied houses is to excessive immigra- y men state that people r states are swarming n to settle and are snap- ny opportunity to buy

past two years, accord- real estate men, build- ials have reched such figures as to forbid f houses as investment. ition coupled with the e which have prevailed ilding trades, is said to ed the building during d to less than 30 percent while the immigration at period has not thereby bringing about ge of rentable houses. ustment of the market beginning to become w in building materials, will tend in early spring ze the building of hous- lishing the supply and bout a reaction in the prices of rent.

er Many Reasons

us reasons are offered rent has reached the at which it now is set, them conflicting with ffered by other agents, same result all show- possibility of readjust- ents before the building eases the situation. the most blamed, indi- the assessor. The valu- h the assessor places on property, if it be in ith the prevailing reign is the basis on which the ures he should make his

, is also a large keeping at height the Salem. Such demand in capacity is created by ment of easterners into

reason given by the property for the exces- charges is that they are able to realize a margin t on the investment in- Because of the deteri- roperty which is rented, s say, real estate as an t is one of the poorest, annually the margins ould be payment for the nvested. One real estate y cited as his excuse for to sell a house to rent- due to the expenditures d after each tenant's to put the place into in.

ity man went so far as d that under existing arket conditions, rent is in Salem as compared r cities.

t the Tenant Says

ws with several tenants houses, however, did not e same sentiments in dis- f high rents as did the n. Several renters were o claim they are paying t rentals for ramshackle One or two of these said e renting from agents om they had purchased the expectation of build- to learn the situation which they could not e of the tenants declared possible to obtain a loan rty for building, because isting disturbance in fi- circles.

ous renters claim that om whom they rent refuse ything in the way of re- extend no efforts toward the houses they rent liv- ses which two years ago t have brought $100 in rket as a woodshed, have shed inside with wall d tenants are paying ces to occupy them.

Donald

ckerman and Mrs. G. A. visiting friends in Mar- several days.

d Mrs. Earl Carver have from Portland where e been visiting relatives nds.

. M. Johnson and Mrs. llen of Vancouver, Wash., n visiting at the O. O. home.

Moore of Woodburn is stocking his farm near Donald cently purchased of the breeder, with some fancy cattle. He re- Frank C. Connell of Hillsboro, a Holstein cow, Navajo de Kol, sired by Yamhill King Komdyke.

Miss Edith Coleman, a student at the pacific university, has been visiting friends here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dunbar and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Goode were recent visitors in Salem with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keen are the happy parents of a baby boy who arrived at their home November 30.

Road Being Improved.

Hubbard, Ore., Dec. 6.—The road district comprising the roads southwest of Hubbard leading to Woodburn, has voted a special tax sufficient for the improvement of these roads and the work of graveling has been commenced. The improvement will deal with the Boones Ferry road along the S. P. railroad, and along the electric line beginning at Broadacre..

Jefferson

Jeferson, Or., Dec. 6.—O. O. Epley was a recent visitor at Corvallis.

Miss Frances Looney of this city was a recent Salem visitor.

The Woman's club of Jefferson is handling the Christmas seal sale this year and reports are good thus far. Al good citizens are invited to purchase these and attach them to their Christmas letters.

D. W. Zook, who has been a religious worker in India for about 21 years and therefore could speak from a ripe experience, gave an instructive and entertaining address at the Evangelical church last night illustrated with latern slides.

The woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Guy Aupperle last Wednesday with a good attendance.

In the Masonic hall on December 9 the women of the Christian church will serve a chicken pie dinner. It will be a good one and there will be a heavy patronage.

Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle has been confined to her home for a few days with illness.

Elton Rush of Corvallis was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Anderson of Tillamook were here recently visiting at the home of Mrs. L. Albert, a sister of Mr. Rush.

Mrs. M. M. Christensen, who has been in Portland visiting relatives for a week or more, has returned to her home in Jefferson.

Miss Deane Hatton of the capital city spent Thanksgiving here with Miss Virginia Mason.

There will be a Christmas tree in Mrs. Burt's room in the public school of this place sometime during the festive season.

E. J. Shumaker has been a recent visitor from Mill City.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Joseyh Fontain last Tuesday.

C. K. Luthy of Salem has been selected to teach in the public school here in the place of Mr. Betz, who resigned a short time ago. Mr. Lupthy is well known in the capital city, where he has resided for a long time. He has arranged to board and room at the home of D. W. Cummins and hopes by the beginning of the year to have arrangements made so Mrs. Luthy may live here in which case the Salem people will go to housekeeping. Mr. Luthy was in Jefferson this week.

LaVerne Seehale, Georgia Witherite and Vedas Seehale were in Albany on Saturday.

Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle, who has been ill for the past week is now reported to be recovering.

The Classey home out on the Albany road is at present coping with the measles.

Mayor-elect Allen last Saturday night was re-elected president of the farmers' union of the Crabtree neighborhood in Linn county after having served three years. He had hoped to relinquish his office but the farmers of the community demanded his rentention of the same so satisfactory had been the regime.

Saturday night a number of the Masonic brethren of this city went to Scio, where they met with colleagues of that community. Those going from here were Postmaster Mason, B. D. Locke, H. D. Mars and Mr. Libby. The party went in a couple of machines and reported an enjoyable time.

One of the young sons of Will Smith has been indisposed of late, but improvement is reported.

Miss Virginia Mason is assisting her uncle n his drug store after her school work at Albany.

Mayor-elect Allen and Mrs. Allen will go to Dallas today and spend several days attending the farmers gathering which is on at that city.

Mrs. J. W. Bennett of Silverton spoke at the Christian church Sunday morning to an appreciative audience. She represented the missionary work of that denomination. Mrs. Bennett is the wife of the pastor of the Christian church in the home town of Davenport.

The three churches uniting for the Christmas celebration have announced their committees as follows: Decoration—Roy Thurston, Earnest Powell, Perry Albert, Virginia Mason, Anna Klampe and Mrs. Reed; program—Leach Powell, Bernodine Shumaker, Ethel Klampe and Frances Byrum.

The ladies aid society of the Methodist church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar and sale of tamales, cakes and home made candy ,etc., on the evening of December 15 at the Smith and Fontain annex. The society meets on Thursday of this week at the home of Mrs. Fontaine.

Rev. E. E. Gilbert district superintedent of the M. E. church of Salem, is expected in Jefferson to hold the first quarterly conference of the local Methodist church on the evening of December 14 when the public will have their first opportunity of hearing the new church chief of this district.

Students in Metal Trades Class Earn $1,755 for School

With the original cost of the building and equipment less than $8000, students in the metal trades department (machine shop) at the Salem high school already have earned for the district $1755 in clear money, and in another 18 months the money earned by the students and the sum allowed by the state board for vocation guidance will be equivalent to the amount invested by the school board, according to a letter written to the board by E. E. Bergman, high school supervisor, which was made public today.

"In the future," the letter says, "the state board will pay two-thirds of the instructors salary which for the present year will be $1332. The shop will easily earn enough to make this $2000, which will be sufficient to meet cost of instruction. This means that the department is not costing the district a dollar.

"According to the best educational leadership of the country, a modern high school is not complete without a vocational department. If there is a better plan of education which might be adopted in our public school system, state and federal authorities will be very glad to receive it."

The local school is one of the best in this vicinity, according to federal inspectors, Mr. Bergman said.

Application for permission to appropriate water from Classic Lake creek in Tillamook county for trout hatchery purposes has been filed with State Engineer Cupper by Harvey E. Rinehart of Wheeler.

Patrick Campbell of Clarno has applied for the use of water from Willow ranch springs for domestic and irrigation purposes in Wheeler county.

A. K. Parker of Trent has filed an application covering the appropriation of water from Lost creek in Lane county for the development of six horsepower.

Ask Rate Increase.

Application for an increase in telephone rates was filed with the state public service commission, Friday, by the Yamhill Mutual Telephone company.

Weak Market Forcing Mills To Close Down

That an increasing number of mills is being forced to cease operations because of inability to market their product without too great loss is indicated in reports to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending November 27. Production for the week was 30 per cent below normal—for the week previous 22 per cent below normal.

The mills shipped 13 per cent less than they produced and sold 29 per cent less than they cut. In order to equal normal production the new business taken would have had to be increased more than 100 per cent.

Due to an increase in both domestic and foreign cargo orders, new business totalled about the same as the previous week though in the rail trade exclusively it amounted to only 906 cars as against 1077 cars for the previous week.

A new low record for the balance of unshipped orders in the rail trade was reached this week, namely 3303 cars.

Production at 120 mills was 60,187,382 feet. New business amounted to 42,719,966 feet of which 9,278,751 feet was domestic cargo, 3,884,267 feet was export and 2,376,948 feet was for local delivery.

In the rail trade shipments during the week amount to 1026 cars the local deliveries were 3,039,986 feet and the cargo shipments were 18,523,055 feet.

The balance of unshipped orders in the domestic cargo trade is 99,642,261 feet and in the export is 18,989,527 feet.

Open Forum

Salem Grain Price

To the Editor—There seems to be a general misunderstanding locally in regards to what the price of wheat should be here.

As an illustration, some time ago a Gervais farmer sold some wheat to a Salem dealer and expected $1.35 net per bushel net for his wheat undoubtedly he noticed the market quoted $1.35 in the local papers which was quoting the Portland market, sacked wheat, Portland delivery. Undoubtedly it would simplify things in quoting a grain price to state if Salem or Portland delivery also state if bulk or sacked grain. The Gervais farmer undoubtedly was very much displeased with the price received, he undoubtedly before selling did not consider that the Portland price meant sacked wheat allowing for freight and grade. The grade of wheat sold tested 56 pounds to the bushel making it No. 3 wheat also containing 2 per cent dockage in order to correctly price this wheat in bulk delivered to Salem

The basis to work from will be the nearest terminal board of exchange quotation. Portland is Salem's nearest terminal that has an exchange on grain. All bids posted on the exchange are made on sacked grain, delivered at Portland on stated grades and weights.

There are six classes of wheat that the exchange deals in, hard white, soft white, white club, hard winter, northern spring and red Walla which are all eastern Oregon varieties. The valley varieties are classed as soft white, the red wheat equal to red Walla and our white and red mixed wheat equal to three cents below soft white. The highest priced wheat is hard white, soft white is usually five cents less than hard white and our valley red wheat is three to five cents less than soft white.

The average valley wheat tests from 56 to 58 pounds to the bushel and from 2 to 5 percent foreign matter or grain other than wheat known as dockage. Our red wheat will run from 58 to 60 pounds to the bushel with about the same dockage.

The Salem market is determined by the following deductions from the quotation on soft white on the Portland exchange:

Sacks per bu. .07c; freight and war tax per bu. .07725c; account testing 56 to 58 pounds per bu. .045c; account dockage per bu. .04725c; loss in transit per bu. .0025c; total deductions per bu. .242c.

These figures and grade will hold good on the average grade of valley wheat. Applying these deductions on the Gervais growers wheat which was 20c bushel, making a net price bulk of $1.15 per bushel in this transaction the dockage was taken care of in weight.

There also seems to be some misunderstanding about the price of wheat on Dec. 2, as appeared in the paper that local dealers were not buying wheat and that there was practically no wheat shipped out from this vicinity. Speaking for our company we are always in the market for grain and our quotations are daily based on Portland or terminal basis and our price on Dec. 2 on average valley wheat was $1.25 per bushel bulk. In regards to the amount of grain shipped from this vicinity we are not in a position to speak for other dealers but up to date we have shipped over 65,000 bushels of grain to terminal points, we hope that hereafter the grain dealers will not be accused through ignorance having a lower market than elsewhere.

CHERRY CITY MILLING CO.

Four fatalities are included in the list of 456 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission here for the week ending December 2. Workmen shown to have lost their lives in Oregon industries during the week were: Victor Marlow, troubleman, Portland; Floyd Hardy, truck driver, Portland; Joe E. Caldwell, laborer, Parkesville; Harvey Straw rigger, Powers.

Investigations conducted by the inheritance tax department under the direction of State Treasurer Hoff have resulted in increasing the contribution by the R. D. Inman estate of Portland to the state fo by more than $5000. The increa in the valuation of the estate is o tained largely in the value of sto held by Inman in the Inman-Po son Lumber company which w raised approximately $75,000 ov raised approximately $75,000 ov with the inheritance tax depar ment.

Eugene.—The big mill of Booth-Kelly Lumber company Wendling, which has been idle for number of weeks, will resume ope ations immediately. The mill Springfield, which had been id since the fuel bin of the Mountai States Power company burned, again running and is working o old orders.

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