

## 909 FAMILIES COME TO OREGON

MUCH NEW CAPITAL COMES TO OREGON FARM POPULATION

Invest \$2,999,718

Jackson County Lists 44 New Comers in County; Land Settlement Does Good Work.

Progress in bringing new blood to Oregon's farm lands is marked by the annual report of the land settlement department of the state and Portland chambers of commerce, directed by W. G. Ide, which shows that during the fiscal year ending September 30, 909 families have been located on farms in various parts of the state, and that money invested by these newcomers totals \$2,999,718.

The program of the land settlement department has been in operation for the past three and one-half years, during which time 2,228 families have been placed on Oregon farms directly through the efforts of the department. According to Mr. Ide, the initial capital investment of this body of settlers is \$8,697,440.

In the work of securing the proper growth and development of Oregon by getting its farm lands occupied and used, the co-operation of realtors and commercial clubs in the various counties of the state is proving a great factor. That every section of Oregon is organized for action to make this work effective is shown by a portion of the annual report which shows 28 counties accounting for the distribution of these homeseekers. In 604 cases the county of location has been reported by the local commercial organization, and but 305 of the 909 families were not so listed. These 305 were shown by the department's own records to have found their own homes in these 28 counties and the remaining eight of the 36 counties of Oregon. Where the closest co-operation has been carried on by the local organizations with the Portland office, the greatest results are shown.

Lae county took the lead in reporting newcomers for the year, its record showing 192, while Marion ran second with 87 and Josephine followed a close third with 79. Benton reporting 45 almost tied with Jackson which listed 44. Clackamas exceeded Washington county by two, showing 38 to the latter's 36.

The number of families settling in each county according to the report of the local organization, is as follows: Benton 45, Clackamas 38, Clatsop 3, Columbia 19, Coos 6, Crook 3, Deschutes 15, Douglas 27, Hood Riv er 2, Jackson 44, Josephine 79, Klamath 11, Lane 102, Linn 15, Marion 87, Morrow 4, Multnomah 30, Polk 2, Malheur 2, Tillamook 2, Lincoln 3, Harney 1, Umatilla 4, Union 1, Wallowa 3, Washington 36, Yamhill 19 and Wasco 1.

The department is now in correspondence with thousands of farmers in the East, Middle West and Southwest where the diversity of Oregon's resources and desirability of her farm lands are now becoming well known. During the past fiscal year, the department handled 57,102 letters and inquiries from outsiders, directed to the department and 11,082 referred to the department by the



railroad companies. More than 47,000 pieces of literature were mailed out from the Portland office, the local chambers following this service with material descriptive of their own districts.

## TEN CITIES CONTINUE VISITING TEACHERS

### Demonstration Aids in Wiping Out Delinquency.

New York.—Ten cities in which three-year demonstrations of visiting teacher work have been completed under the auspices of the commonwealth fund program for the prevention of delinquency have determined to continue the use of visiting teachers as a regular feature of their public school systems.

According to Howard W. Nudd, director of the Public Educational association of New York city and chairman of the national committee on visiting teachers which has administered these demonstrations, the communities thus convinced of the value of the visiting teacher and planning to continue her services include Burlington, Vt.; Lincoln, Neb.; Richmond, Va.; Red Bank, N. J.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Sioux City, Iowa; Bluefield, W. Va.; Sioux Falls, S. D.; Warren, Ohio, and Hutchinson, Kan.

Meanwhile, demonstrations are being continued by the national committee on visiting teachers in the following communities: Berkeley, Cal.; Birmingham, Ala.; Boone county, Missouri; Butte, Mont.; Charlotte, N. C.; Chisholm, Minn.; Coatesville, Pa.; Columbus, Ga.; Detroit, Mich.; Durham, N. C.; Eugene, Ore.; Huron county, Ohio; Omaha, Neb.; Pocatello, Idaho; Racine, Wis.; Rochester, Pa.; Rock Springs, Wyo.; San Diego, Cal.; Tucson, Ariz.; Tulsa, Okla.

Appointed by Committee. When the work is finished in these cities the thirty visiting teacher demonstrations under the commonwealth fund program will have been completed. Under the arrangements made for these demonstrations the visiting teachers were appointed by the national committee on visiting teachers subject to the approval of the local authorities; in each case the national committee pays two-thirds of the salary for a three-year period and provides funds for certain additional expenses, while the remainder of the salary is paid by the local school board. Several hundred cities have made application for demonstrations under this plan, but the thirty communities provided for in the original grant from the commonwealth fund having been chosen, no further applications are now being considered.

Including the visiting teachers appointed by the national committee for these demonstrations there are now altogether 186 visiting teachers in the United States working in 64 cities and 6 counties scattered through 34 states. These figures are given by Mr. Nudd in a chapter on the history, purpose and scope of the visiting-teacher movement, which he contributes to "The Problem Child in School," a volume of visiting teacher case narratives by Mary B. Sayles, just published by the Joint Committee on Methods of Preventing Delinquency, inc., of 50 East Forty-second street, New York city.

Describing the visiting teacher as a specialist in the schools who devotes herself to the problems of unadjusted children, Mr. Nudd, in the article above referred to, points that "every teacher, every social worker, and many a parent is familiar with the problem child—the boy or girl whose school progress or whose reactions to normal requirements point toward later inefficiency, delinquency, or some other failure in personal or social adjustment. What is the trouble with such children, and what can be done for them? How can the school obtain and utilize a knowledge of the forces that are affecting their success, and give them in fullest measure the benefits of their educational experience? Puzzles or pests at home, in school, or elsewhere, their personal welfare and the welfare of society require painstaking effort in their behalf. They present at once the most baffling, the most urgent and the most interesting problems in the field of education."

Finds Needs of Children. Describing the methods of the visiting teacher in meeting these problems, which are both educational and social in nature, Mr. Nudd points out that this relatively new specialist, trained both as a teacher and social worker, "is specifically equipped not only to find out why things are not going right in the lives of these children but also to take back to the class teacher, the parent or the social agency which may help, the essential information needed to meet their individual limitations. As a result of the new facts she discovers the school is enabled to see what the actual situation is and to become aware of the real need of the child. It can often modify requirements to meet the newly seen limitations by changing the class, transferring the child to a special school, shifting emphasis from one phase of school work to another, ad-

opting a new approach to the child or connecting his school work more closely with his outside interests.

## Feminine Hobo Proves New One on Texas Cop

San Antonio, Texas.—Turnkey Kouhn escorted a class of lawbreaker new to San Antonio to her cell Sunday night. It was the veteran officer's first introduction with a feminine hobo as well as specialist's catch of the species in the Southern Pacific yards. The honors rest lightly upon the twenty-year-old girl as she ponders over fate.

"The law was making it hot for me here. I decided to go to Houston and hooked the blind baggage on the fast rattler. Along comes the law again and back in town I am. Life's funny."

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

CHRISTMAS cards have become a nightmare for many people, but it is the misuse and not the use of them that should be deplored.

A Christmas card today, as always, is, or should be, a harbinger of love. If it is not, the fault is with us, and not with the card. A card should always be a message of friendship, not a perfunctory duty. In a busy world it is a convenient, delightful way in which to remember one's friends; as such, it has come to stay.

May we respect this time-honored institution and may it serve us as our winged messenger, rather than enslave us as an unpleasant or pretended duty.—H. Lucius Cook. (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

## SAD, BUT TRUE



Teacher—Willie, why is everyone happy at Christmas time?  
Willie—Well my father's happy because business is so good.

## A Nest of Tables

An ever-useful Christmas gift is a nest of four tables of mahogany. At tea time, to hold the after-dinner coffee cups, and, in fact, a dozen times a day, these tables will prove their usefulness.

## When It's Christmas

Tell Old Trouble: "Go your way when it's Christmas. No place here for you to stay, when it's Christmas. We are in the joyous land; Sing and shout at Joy's command; Give us "Dixie" by the band when it's Christmas!"

## Benefit in Ownership

A family that owns a home built exactly as they want it, with the utmost in convenience and comfort, takes pride in it, maintains it better, gets more pleasure out of it and has a more wholesome, beautiful and happy atmosphere in which to bring up children.

## Ideal Community

An aspiring people who desire to secure for the city and its people the very best in the realm of liberal culture are the foundation of the ideal community.

## Common Type

Jud Tunkins says his folks always put off their Christmas arrangements so that along about the 23rd of December they have to shop both early and late.—Washington Evening Star.

## It is Christmas

In due time we shall wish a merry Christmas to everybody except those who call it Xmas.

Christmas box stationery and Christmas cards, with your name printed on—a few left—at American office.

## Burning the Yule Log

The burning of the Yule log at Christmas time, in parts of England and the continent, is a survival from an ancient festival annually held among the northern nations to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice (December 21). The Yule log is thought to bring good fortune, and frequently part of it is saved to light the new one in the following year. The Italians regard the charred Yule log as a preventive against lightning. "Yule" is an old word for Christmas, and is still so used provincially.

## Chocolate Caramels

Use one pound of brown sugar, one-fourth pound unsweetened chocolate, shaved, and one-half cupful of water. Boil same as fudge and before removing from fire add a generous lump of butter and one cupful of walnut or other nut meats or they may be omitted. After it is poured into a buttered pan cut it in squares before it gets hard.

## What to Give?

When one thinks of what to give an old friend for Christmas, the first consideration is, "Now what did I give him last year?" Perhaps that is as good a way as any to open the question of New Year's resolutions.

Leo Pathe was in this city on business. Mr. Potter is working at the mill in Medford. He expects to return to his business of truck gardening west of Central Point this spring.

Do you send or present statements? Let the Central Point American print you some statements. We print anything except dollar bills.

Two bridges in the dry creek vicinity have been washed out by the floods. Some of the high school students find it impossible to get home.

The well known Bybee bridge was completely surrounded by water, caused by the quick rising of Rogue River, Monday it was impossible to cross Monday night. Several cars were stuck on the mouth landing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Byburn have returned to Central Point for the winter. Their many friends are glad to have them back.

Mrs. Murle Kindle and little daughter, Helen Jean, expect to

leave on Saturday for a few weeks visit with her brother and family at Wenatchee, Wash.

The Golden Link class of the Christian church will meet for their monthly social at the home of Mrs. H. T. Pankey on Friday afternoon. A good time is assured.

David Edgar, formerly of Central Point visited friends here this week en-route from California to Idaho where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

John Brenner and son, Donald, and Leon Boomer returned a few days ago from an extended auto trip through the middle west and the eastern states.

David Edgar of Doris, California, has been in this city visiting with friends for the past few days. Mr. Edgar graduated from the Central Point high school and is well known among the young people.

A. P. Weiss is a strong believer in the climate of southern Oregon. He said the other day that he expects to have new volunteer potatoes for his Christmas dinner. The vines are now up about five inches.

A Thanksgiving family reunion dinner was given at the J. B. Hamrick home on Thanksgiving. It was enjoyed very much by their relatives who have had the annual reunion for many years.

Less than four cents a week—that is all the weekly paper costs its subscribers. Get the personal, important happenings in the Central Point American. You save many times the year's subscription by reading the advertisements.

It is unlawful to write on butter wrappers. Let the American office print you some butter wrappers with regular, legal, butter wrapper ink. Lots of them in stock, we print your name on them.

The local duck hunters who went to Klamath returned with seemingly little luck. Guy Tex, generally very successful, had his gun stuck. ("Boney") Floyd Ross, feet were in the mud the wrong way and he couldn't turn around. Anyway no ducks to speak of were brought home.

# Great Excitement

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## SHIELDS

### Store Wide

# Surplus Stock Sale

SALE IS NOW ON AND CONTINUES UNTIL SAT. DEC. 11th

## STORE IS CROWDED

From morning to night and everybody is excited over the wonderful bargains we are offering. This shows self evidence that our prices are right and our goods are right.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING INSTAPLE OR HOLIDAY GOODS

This is the place to come and save yourself some money

...We have never before made... such drastic cuts as this time... But we must reduce and get rid of our overstock.

Come in and look 'em over

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| Ready-to-Wear |   | good. Silk Hosiery     |
| Millinery     |   | Mens and Womens        |
| Fancy Goods   |   | Furnishings, etc.      |