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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1924.

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS HEALTHY**

Lumber production during the month of January was high on the Pacific coast, according to the report of the Federal Reserve bank. During January 11 per cent more lumber was produced than in the same month in 1923.

The number and value of building permits issued in 20 principal cities of the Pacific coast district during January, 1924, was seasonally large, exceeding the number and value of permits issued during January 1923, by 12.6 and 27.0 per cent, respectively. The employment situation may be characterized as normal, with considerable unemployment among workers in those industries which usually operate at a reduced rate, if at all, during the winter.

Normal growth of business activity, both as compared with one month ago and one year ago, is indicated by the amount of checks drawn against accounts at banks (bank debits) in cities of the district during January. Gains of 1.2 per cent as compared with December, 1923, and of 6.8 per cent as compared with January, 1923, were reported. Retail trade has been seasonally active in most sections of the district, at levels slightly above those of a year ago. In the wholesale trade some lines were active and others quiet during January, but in general the volume of goods sold was greater than one year ago.

The general trend of prices of the principal products of the district has been upward. Advances and declines in prices of crops still being marketed and in prices of livestock have been evenly distributed. Prices of the industrial metals, copper, lead and zinc, rose appreciably during the latter part of January and the early weeks of February. Lumber prices have remained steady at previous levels.

**1000 TREES**

The civic spirit manifested in the building of the arch on the Pacific highway is being turned

now to other channels. One of the projects on hand is the planting of 1000 trees in Springfield this spring. This project is being backed by the Civic club and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Property Owner, they deserve your cooperation.

The Chamber of Commerce has been requested by the State Chamber to place two delegates on the Lane county committee to help locate colonists in this section. Every citizen ought to consider himself on this committee and when new people come here do his best to make them understand and appreciate the resources of the Willamette valley.

We would like to drink Clear lake water and everyone else would in the Willamette valley. It looks like this mammoth undertaking may be a reality the way the state and individuals are taking hold of prospect.

Thieves who stole \$1000 worth of Chill pep per in California must have a hot time.

A woman can't make a fool out a man without his help.

The old teapot keeps boiling over.

**Editorial Comment**

**RATHER SMALL POTATOES**

If Mr. Dohey gave George Creel but \$5,000 evidently he did not regard him as important, comparatively.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

In other words, Secretary Hughes gives the soviet government to understand that it must wash its hands if it wishes us to shake.—Indianapolis News.

Since tax relief is urgent, relief in 1924 will be twice as welcome to a long-suffering public as relief in 1923.—New York Tribune.

The Soviet regime may be losing some of its redness, but it's still far from the pink of perfection.—Washington Post.

Mr. Bok is a fortunate gentleman; he can settle every argument he gets into merely by offering \$100,000.—Springfield News.

Neither grass nor candidates will grow where oil splashes.—New York Herald.

The press of the United States has not yet decided whether the author of the winning Bok peace plan should be crowned or assassinated.—Auburn (N. Y.) Journal.

**I. O. O. F. Give Degree Work**—The first degree work of the I. O. O. F. lodge was given last night at their regular session to two new members.

**Leaves for Glendale**—Mrs. J. E. Clark of Glendale leaves today for home after a few days spent in Springfield visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortenson. She came Sunday.

**Has Chickenpox**—Dorothy Fisher, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fisher of Willamette heights, is confined to her home with the chickenpox.

**Recovering from Illness**—Gilbert, little son of L. C. Bain, of 9th and L streets, is convalescing after an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

**Enjoyed Party**—A Baptist party

was held last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tobias. The evening was spent in playing games, especially charades.

**Moving to Eugene**—The Ralph J. Hicks family is moving to Eugene this week-end, possibly on Saturday.

**Quit**—Melvin Fenwick, who has been ill with typhoid, is still about the same. He is in a very serious condition.

**Surprised by Friends**—A number of the friends of Mrs. L. F. Basford surprised her on Tuesday by calling at her home and spending the afternoon with her. She has been laid up with a sprained ankle for some time.

**Social Postponed**—The Epworth

League social of the Methodist church which was announced for Friday, February 29, will be postponed until the evening of Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 in the church parlors.

Mrs. L. E. O'Connor and daughter who have been visiting at the home of her brother, Jack DeVore, have gone to their home at Centralia, Washington.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company shipped a carload of feed to Glendale yesterday.

Pine Circle of the Women of Woodcraft held a meeting last night in the W. O. W. hall. The social session followed the regular session. About 40 persons were present.

**Has Tonsillitis**—Mrs. Roy A. Humphreys has been confined to her bed since Sunday suffering from a severe case of tonsillitis.

**Guests at Ward Home**—Mrs. Alfred Williams and baby Myron were here over Sunday from Star, Oregon, visiting the R. J. Ward family.

**Home Over Week-End**—Jerry Van Valsah was down from Portland the past week-end visiting Springfield friends.



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