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HIGHER COST OF LIVING

Basis of General Demand for Wage Increase in the Coming Year.

Washington, Dec. 31. — Some members of the Interstate Commerce Commission and many railroad officials believe they can see rapidly approaching one of the sharpest contests between labor and capital in recent history. This does not necessarily mean that railroad men generally are expecting big strikes in the labor world. Such strikes, however, are always among the possibilities when labor and capital clash. It is firmly believed by the railroad men that the struggle will be begun by the railroad labor organizations and will rapidly spread to other lines of work and may eventually result in a complete readjustment of industrial conditions.

The situation with respect to railroad labor is unique in the history of this or any other country. Never before has labor enjoyed such high wages. During the recent periods of great prosperity wages in the railroad field have mounted very high. As a result, labor men have become accustomed to living on an entirely different plane than formerly. Notwithstanding the fact, however, that exceedingly high wages, comparatively speaking, have enabled the laboring classes in the railroad field to better their conditions, they now find themselves unable to live on their present rates of pay. One or two things must result—namely, either the railroad laborer must return to his old style of living, or he must have increased wages. Railroad managements everywhere recognize this economical fact, and likewise the fact that the cost of living has materially increased all over the country.

Plea for Salaried Employees.
 President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, adheres to his position that on the basis of the increased cost of living, the salaried men and clerical forces are entitled to the first consideration. The wages of skilled workmen have been steadily advanced from time to time, because the demands of the organized employes through their respective unions had to be conceded. Not so, however, with the men lacking the protection of the brotherhoods. Their salaries have remained on the same basis for many years, notwithstanding the higher cost of living.

PROMINENT PORTLAND MINISTER RESIGNS

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 Portland, Jan. 1.—At a business meeting in the White Temple last night, Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, pastor of the First Baptist church here, formally presented his resignation to respond to a call for his services from the Temple Baptist church in Los Angeles.

The resignation was reluctantly and regretfully accepted. The minister asked that it be effective February 1.

Until another minister can be secured permanently, Dr. Brougher was authorized to secure the services of Dr. P. S. Henson, recently retired from the Tremont Temple church of Boston, to fill the pulpit at the White Temple temporarily.

Dr. Brougher stated that he had decided to accept the Los Angeles call only after giving the matter much thought. He expressed satisfaction for what he had accomplished at the White Temple by the aid of the congregation since he came here six years ago from Chattanooga.

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THEY MUST BUY STAMPS

The Practice of Dropping Pennies in the Mail Boxes Must Be Stopped

"Buy stamps" is the request now sent out to millions of people that are sending out mail by rural carriers by the post office department. So great a burden has been invested by the depositing of 300,000,000 one cent pieces annually in boxes along the rural routes that the department has decided that some action must be taken.

Persons living on rural routes very frequently when they do not have stamps, deposit letters in the collection box and drop pennies for the postage. Heretofore the carriers finding the letters in the mail box unstamped and the pennies in the box would stamp the letters. For a time this system worked satisfactorily in the country, but now the practice has become so common as to work hardship on the carriers. Last year more than 300,000,000 one cent pieces were left in the rural boxes. Because of the increasing number of coins so left carriers, according to a letter mailed to Postmaster Squire Farrar have wasted time and the delivery of mails have been delayed.

Frequently during the cold weather in the outside districts the coins freeze to the bottom of the mail box and great difficulty has been experienced by the carriers, who have been compelled to remove from 100 to 300 on a trip.

"SPLASH DAM" CASES ARGUED

Loggers and Lumbermen Are Busily Interested In Coos County Suit.

Loggers and lumbermen throughout Oregon and especially in this section are awaiting with considerable interest the decision of the Oregon Supreme Court on a case involving the construction of splash dams," says the Coos Bay Times. "The case which was carried up to test the law restricting splash dam construction is Boone vs. Vaughn, involving a contest arising on the North Fork of the Coquille river, and was argued before the Oregon Supreme Court last week. J. W. Bennett of Marshfield presenting the loggers' side of the case.

A peculiar phase of the suit in question is that the original point of issue was disposed of long ago by "An Act of God" as it is legally termed. Vaughn had a large number of logs in the North Fork of the Coquille and was anxious to get them out. The water was very low and he started to construct splash dams. Boone began injunction proceedings and, of course, the splash dam plan could not be carried out. Soon afterwards a heavy rain and freshet accomplished the work that the splash dam was being constructed for. However, the case is being carried to the highest court in order that the question will be finally disposed of as the loggers can't always depend on "An Act of God" intervention in their favor. Even though freshets may seemingly get the logs out cheaper than the cost of splash dams, the loggers want the latter privilege anyway as freshets in this country often cause the streams to leave their banks and their logs are then scattered all over the valleys.

HAY VERY SCARCE AT SPRINGFIELD

Hay is so scarce at Springfield that it has been necessary for a local feed store to ship it in from Eastern Washington. This is being sold at \$22.50 a ton, a very high price for this time of year. The farmers realize that they have no more than they need to last them through the winter, and will sell none. Other feed is also high. Shorts are hard to obtain, and mixed feed is high.

The Utah Construction Company, taking advantage of the fact that the farmers will not sell hay, is making money off its sub-contractors by shipping the hay in and selling it at an exorbitant price. Above Natron it retails for \$26 a ton. This is the same hay that can be bought, shipped and sold in Springfield for \$22.50. It costs the company \$19 per ton and they have no freight to pay other than the cost of loading and "per diem" charges, which are but a trifle. The muddy condition of the roads make it impractical for the teamsters to buy it in the valley.

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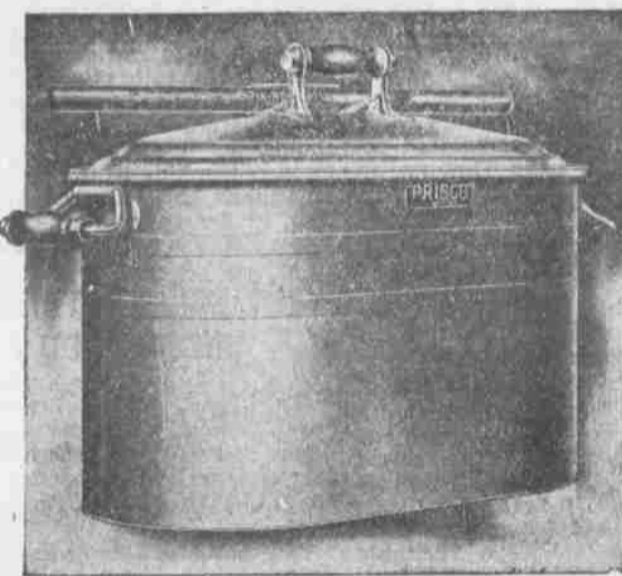
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CHURCH SERVICES

Central Congregational.

Corner of 19th and Ferry streets. Rev. O. A. Stillman, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning preaching service at 11 o'clock; sermon by Rev. A. Frank Ferris, Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock. Special evangelistic meetings continuing every night through the week, conducted by Rev. A. Frank Ferris. Everybody cordially invited.

First Methodist-Episcopal. Services appropriate to the new year. At 10:30 the pastor will preach on "This Year Also" and at 7:30 on "Off with the Old Man, On with the New." Junior League at 3:30 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30. Good music at all services. The public is heartily welcome.

First Christian. Corner of High and Center streets. Bible school at 10 a. m. Dr. H. C. Epley, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Some Reflections for the New Year." Evening subject, "Hold to the Truth." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Miss Vara Kitchen, president. The C. C. C. C. will furnish music both morning and evening. Essay papers and a cordial welcome. D. Errett Pastor.

First Presbyterian. Church street, near Chemeketa. Rev. Henry T. Babcock, Pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor. Theme, "A Vision of God and Its Results." A New Year sermon. Prof. Hull will sing. "Only a Little Way." The orchestra will play as usual. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Sr. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. This church will observe the week of prayer, a meeting being held every evening except Saturday at 7:30. Public is cordially invited to all of these services.

Evangelical Association. Corner of Seventeenth and Chemeketa streets. H. C. Baker, pastor. Sunday school at 9:50 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Y. P. A. at 6:30

p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

German Evangelical Lutheran. East State street. Sylvester. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday regular service at 10:30 a. m. C. Hopf, pastor.

W. C. T. U. Meeting. There will be a New Year's meeting at the W. C. T. U. hall tomorrow, January 2, at 4 p. m. There will be speeches from different ones, interspersed with songs and music. Welcome to all.

Down With Pneumonia. Martin Sweeney, foreman on the day side of the morning Statesman, is suffering with a case of pneumonia.

UNLAWFUL TO ISSUE CHECK LESS THAN \$1

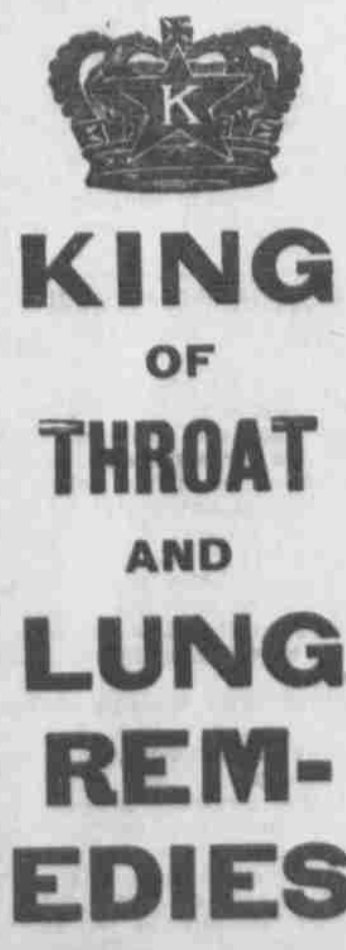
The announcement from Washington that after January 1 it will be unlawful to issue a check for less than \$1 need not alarm anyone, for there has been an unobserved law to this effect for over 40 years, and the recent one is only the work of some idle congressman who learned that there was such a statute. The local banks will not enforce it, as it has no purpose whatever.

The original law was passed soon after the civil war for a purpose that has been outgrown long ago. Every one knows the financial conditions at that time—how paper money was spoken of in terms of bushels. Because of this, it became

the custom to draw checks for everything. These were transferred and endorsed and became almost an individual currency that caused much trouble. To eliminate this the law was passed. As its usefulness passed, it was not enforced and has almost been forgotten until brought up by a member of congress who could think of no other way to make himself known.

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