

PACIFIC COAST EXPERIENCING GOOD BUSINESS

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—The Pacific coast is experiencing a period of great prosperity, judging from the report of the twelfth federal reserve bank, covering business conditions and the agricultural situation in the states of Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

"Business conditions in the twelfth district during the past month have been characterized by activity in manufacturing and increasing activity in nearly every line of wholesale and retail trade," the report states.

"Retailers report a considerable increase in the value of sales over the same period in 1918 while wholesalers report insufficient stock to meet demands in several lines. Collections are exceptionally good. However, some hesitancy is reported in the placing of orders for future delivery for fear that the failure to provide the necessary credits in this country for foreign buying may bring about a resale in domestic trade of goods originally contracted for export."

The following is a summary of the bank's report:

There is a strong demand for building materials, it being estimated that buildings projects in California alone will call for more than \$100,000,000 worth of cement. The building of homes is now about equal to pre-war activity, and even greater in some communities. Due to a shortage of mechanics the failure of transportation to supply materials, the demand for homes cannot be met in some parts of the district.

The grain harvest, with the exception of corn and rice, has been practically completed throughout the district.

The heavy crop of apples in the states of Washington and Oregon is now well under way at prices which will yield the grower approximately \$2.25 a box, as compared with \$2 for last year's crop.

California mills are operating at full capacity, but there is a slackening demand for lumber in the northwest.

Range cattle and sheep have come through the summer in good condition, although feed was getting low prior to the recent rains in many parts of the district. Reports show there is sufficient hay in all parts of the coast district to carry stock through the winter.

Activity in coast shipbuilding continues, although some yards are gradually reducing their forces.

Labor conditions have reached a "nearly normal status." A shortage of skilled workers is quite general, and the demand for unskilled laborers is somewhat in excess of the supply.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS WORK IN SILVERTON

Hustling about town Monday evening a man, who has been known in this city since last February as S. Mattson, passed a check on J. P. Moser & Son for \$20; one for \$20 on Paul Schwabhauser and one for \$10 on McCollough confectionery. Mattson has been more or less known here and has frequented these places often, always paying for his purchase in cash and never at any time showing any particular disposition to curtail his expenditures. The checks were all made payable to "Cash." Dated September 29, and signed with an indelible pencil by "S. Mattson" and drawn on the First National bank. When the checks turned up at the bank Tuesday they were marked "no funds." Mattson bought an acre tract of land on South Water street from P. L. Brown and has under construction a very substantial home.

Mack's restaurant received a check in the sum of \$10 last Thursday which up to date has not been cashable. The check purports to have been drawn by J. F. Cowden, who is said to live on a route out of Salem and was drawn in favor of John Burke on the Capital National bank of Salem, under date of September 12. The check was endorsed with the name of John Burke and taken in by the restaurant on a meal account.—Appeal.

LOCAL COUPLE HOME FROM EXTENDED TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Schuneman are home from an automobile camping trip of three months in which they drove 7112 miles covering 12 states.

Carrying a tent, cot, bedding, camp stove and other camping utensils, they spent most of the nights out in the open and come home laden in their praise of a number of cities which have made an effort to please the great auto traveling public.

To attract this tourist trade, many towns have laid out ample camping grounds, Mr. Schuneman said, providing places for camping in the shade with electric lights, wood, water, gas or electric stoves, and even shower baths free and stationary wash tubs. In response to the efforts of these cities to bring the tourist traffic, Mr. Schuneman said the good word was passed along and tourists made it a point to reach these cities for the evening camps.

The four of over 7000 miles included a visit to Yellowstone Park and to Cody, the home of Buffalo Bill. At Council Bluffs a visit was made to Mrs. Schuneman's relatives. Their travels then carried them through St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and at Nashville, Tenn., where a visit was made with Mrs. Schuneman's relatives. On their return visits were made in Louisville, Ky., In-

1176 EX-SERVICE MEN ASK EDUCATIONAL AID

A total of 1176 soldiers, sailors and marines have filed applications with the secretary of state's office for the privilege of participating in the benefits of the soldiers' educational and bill now, judged by present indications his number is expected to reach 2000 before the end of the school year. The applications so far received are divided among 43 educational institutions, public and private, the Oregon Agricultural college heading the list with a total of 469 signifying their preference for this school.

"It does not seem to be generally understood even yet that those who did not get out of the student army training corps are not entitled to the benefits provided by this law," stated Sam A. Kozor, deputy secretary of state in discussing the applications received by his office. "The benefits extend only to those who were regularly enlisted or inducted into service and who saw service whether home or abroad. Further it is the accepted view of the law at this time that its benefits are available only to those who may desire to pursue a course of study which shall be helpful in the gaining of a livelihood, whether it be literary, professional or mechanical, and that the study of music, other instrumental or vocal, is not considered pursuing a course of study as the law is generally understood. Again the impression seems to be abroad in some cases that one who is entitled to the benefits of the law may assign his right to some person and the assignee pursue a course of study and receive the benefits thereof in his stead. This is not the case. The benefits of the law are open only to those honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who do not come within the exception therein provided and who by physical attendance at some institution of learning in the state, pursue a course of study therein."

Road Near Sealy Bridge Being Graveled, Report

Work started Monday in hauling gravel from the river to the Pudding River road the other side of the Sealy bridge. There is also a strip of about 300 yards that must be gravelled and the county court should so order. It is between the Bud Hayes and Corvenka hills, is full of holes and is in bad shape. It will be in especially bad condition next winter. Over this are brought the pupils of that section to the Woodburn schools.—Independent.

FOSTER PLAYERS RETURN.



JACK PHIPP, HOWARD JEFFERIES JR. IN "THE THIRD DEGREE"

Beginning tomorrow night, Tuesday, the Howard Foster Players will return to the Bligh theater presenting for three nights only, the great police court drama, "The Third Degree." This play is so well known by the reputation it gained during its long metropolitan run, that it needs little explanation to introduce it to the people of Salem. Suffice to say it is an exposition of the methods formerly used in police courts to extract confessions from suspected criminals. These methods were carried to such an extreme that hypnosis influence was resorted to to get the desired confession. "The Third Degree" was the first dramatic attempt to expose the cruelty and injustice of the methods and was instrumental in bringing about the reformation that later took place.

But it is not to be supposed that the play deals only with the social and reform problem. It has a beautiful story of a young wife struggling to save her husband from the electric chair. He is a victim of "The Third Degree," and the manner in which she builds up his defense forms the gist of the play. Nor is it without comedy. Every tense situation is relieved by the splendid and pointed comedy injected just at the right time.

The Foster Players will be remembered as having filled a three nights engagement in that great farce comedy "The Bottle Baby." They made an instantaneous hit, and in "The Third Degree" they will have further opportunity to display their histrionic talent. Hereafter they will appear each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Bligh, present a new play each week.

FORMER SALEM GIRL A NEW ORLEANS COP

Miss Bertha Dorris, formerly parole officer attached to the Oregon industrial home for girls, is now in charge of one of the departments of the New Orleans police force, according to word received here.

Miss Dorris, who is a graduate of the University of Oregon, and who later received her M. A. degree in sociology from the same institution, became police matron in Eugene after leaving school. She gave up that position to accept the one which brought her to Salem.

Since Miss Dorris has been in New Orleans she has been in charge of police cases affecting women, which she endeavors to handle wherever possible without making them a matter of police record. In 10 months she has had 415 office interviews with women in trouble, and together with her first assistant has made 771 calls and investigations. They have settled out of court 121 cases which otherwise would have resulted in arrests, thereby blocking the probability of reform.

'ROUND COAST LEAGUE BASES

(By United Press.)
Yesterday's winners: Vernon, 1-0; Angeles 2, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland.
Home runs: Wolter, Senators; Schaller, Beavers.
The Stals got one consolation out of the season: they won the final game at home. The Oaks took the morning contest: Scores: Morning, 8 to 1; afternoon, 5 to 1.
The Tigers annexed the double bill 4 to 3 and 2 to 0. The Bees dropped five of the six games played at Los Angeles.
The Rainiers got a goose egg for their week's work. The Angels took all six games, including Sunday's twin bill, 5 to 1; 8 to 7.
The Beavers and Senators split even, the latter taking the morning game, 4 to 1. The afternoon game went to the Beavers, 11 to 9.

Theo. Karle, Here Tonight, Compared To McCormack

Once in a while a critic says something and strikes a real, human touch. The criticism below is evidently an effort on the part of the critic to "register" an emotion and must not be taken too seriously. We know that it will please and amuse our good friend John McCormack when he sees it.

We do not agree with the critic in his comparing Karle to the greatest box office attraction that this country has ever known in concert. We only hope that Karle may reach one-half the stature of the great Irish tenor, when he appears at the opera house tonight.

The following is from the Bulletin, Walla Walla, May 12, 1919:
"Last night Theo Karle gave the third and last concert of the Blue Mountain Music Festival of Walla Walla, before an intensely appreciative audience that filled the Keylor Grand theater. Mr. Karle came heralded by the local management as the American McCormack, but the audience went away wondering if McCormack had not better be named the Irish Theo Karle. No such concert singing was ever heard in this town. In volume, control and feeling, Mr. Karle is incomparably the greatest tenor that ever visited Walla Walla. From the first bars of the opening recitative, "Deeper and Deeper Still" to the last notes of the final encore, the audience sat enthralled by the art of the singer, but it took the exquisite rendition of "Little Mother of Mine" to move the audience to tears."

Mysterious Injury To Man Of Grants Pass A Puzzle

Brownsville, Or., Sept. 29.—Seriously injured as the result of a blow on the head, Earl Lathrop of Grants Pass, Or., is in a semi-conscious condition which is a baffling mystery to physicians.

Lathrop is confused as to his own identity; remembers the accident that caused his injury, but thinks someone else was hurt. He speaks of the person injured as "him."

The young man was working on an ensilage cutter when the machine blew up. A piece of iron struck him directly over the temple. He was unconscious for two days before reaching his present semi-conscious state.

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