

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are FAIR, JUST and GENEROUS

The Newly Elected President of Albers Bros. Milling Co. issued a formal statement as follows, published in The Portland Oregonian, Saturday, October 26, 1918:

Resignation Was Voluntary.

The action of our board of directors in accepting the resignation of my brother, J. Henry Albers, as president and as a director of our company, was at his own voluntary request. While the members of the board trust and believe that he will be exonerated, it was considered that until acquitted and vindicated by the court, he ought not to occupy the office of president of a business corporation, consisting of some 70 different stockholders, which has large financial interests extending through the Pacific States and which has much to do with the preparation and sale of food products.

At the same time, I want to avail myself of this opportunity to explain to the public that our company and every officer and stockholder of it are strongly and unequivocally American and are and always have been loyal and patriotic. As I have already said, we have some 70 different stockholders in our corporation, most of them born in the United States. We have over 1000 employes. I and my three brothers, although the largest individual stockholders, are by no means the corporation.

Brothers Born in Hanover.

While the brothers were all born in the kingdom of Hanover at about the period that it was seized and taken over by Prussia, we came here when we were young men and here we began our business career and here we have lived for more than 25 years. Our father came also, but died in Portland soon after his arrival. None of us was ever trained in the German military service and none of us has any admiration for the German autocratic government or its methods.

We have no near relatives in Germany, have no property or business there, and have no affiliations with the people of that country. After coming here we were all naturalized as soon as this could be done, and here three of us married native-born American girls. Our children were born and brought up here and are being educated entirely in American schools.

Business Built in Portland.

It is here we have built our business from small beginnings by steady attention and hard work. We would be more than ungrateful, indeed, we would be fools, if we did not appreciate the institutions of the country of our choice, where we have enjoyed so many blessings.

I am led to say this for publication because I have heard that some persons imagined that because we were born in Germany we are pro-German in this war. This is unjust. Let me say that we have always responded to the calls for money for the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations. We have all taken our share of the various issues of liberty bonds, and in every way have supported the Government. We have worked in harmony with the Food Administration and have cheerfully conformed to all of the Government's regulations of our business, and our goods are being purchased by the Government for the use of our boys at the front. We take no credit to ourselves for these things, for they are what all American citizens should do and are in accordance with our most cherished sentiments of love of home and country. We have no divided allegiance. There is but one flag for us and our families. We glory in the success of our American boys under the Stars and Stripes, and are for the United States and her allies in war and in peace.

Charges Not Discussed.

Of course, I cannot discuss here the charge against our older brother, Henry. But I will say this, that I hope the public will suspend its judgment and give him the benefit of the presumption every man is entitled to until he is tried.

It may be of interest to the public, however, to add that Henry has not been particularly active in the conduct of the company's affairs for several years past and although he had not actually retired from business, his duties as president did not require his attention to the details of the business, so that his withdrawal will not seriously affect the concern.

Withdrawal Is Duty.

This is the letter of resignation of Henry Albers, which was accepted at yesterday's meeting:

"The charges that have been brought against me, involving as they do the question of my loyalty as an American citizen, make it, as I believe, my duty to withdraw from the company.

"I feel my position before the public very keenly, and although I deny having or expressing any but sentiments of loyalty to the Government and the flag of the United States, I appreciate the fact that many persons will be quick to believe I am guilty because I am charged, and these will not be inclined to suspend their judgment and await the outcome of my trial.

"Not to involve the company or its numerous stockholders in my trouble, or to have anyone impute to the company or its officers or stockholders any share in or sympathy with the want of patriotism charged against me, I hereby resign as president and director of the company."

Albers Bros. Milling Co.

Casting Reflection on the Company is Casting Reflection on over 70 American Stockholders and on over 1000 American Employes

Loyalty and Patriotism of Albers Bros. Milling Co. Declared by Employes.

The employes of Albers Bros. Milling Co., Portland plant, passed the following resolution unanimously, and signed it individually, on October 22, 1918—

TO THE PUBLIC:

We are in the employ of Albers Bros. Milling Co. and know the spirit of the firm, its loyalty, its patriotism and the principles under which its business is done. Were there any un-American or disloyal thing in the office, in the mill, or in any of the Albers surroundings, it would be known to us. If any one of us is so far removed from patriotism and decency as to condone treachery for the sake of wages, he could not stay among us. Knowing what Albers Bros. Milling Co. has done, quietly and without publicity, from time to time, in support of every good municipal, state, and national matter; being aware that the business of the firm is conducted on high principles and with all regard to personal and commercial honor; believing that the house is entitled to the continued confidence of its patrons and the public; we are glad of an opportunity to affirm our continued loyalty to Albers Bros. Milling Co. and to acknowledge our appreciation of the relations which have kept close together the organization of its employes.

(Signed:

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| G. W. Westgate | Daniel Clark | R. C. Snyder |
| L. D. Cook | John H. Repp | H. W. Hougham |
| Bert M. Denison | Wm. Buys | Niles Babcock |
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| G. F. White | G. J. Birtchet | Mae Cruse |
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| M. J. Harmon | Albert E. Carlson | Fred Stoldt |
| J. H. Schommer | T. D. Harmon | Sam Mann |
| Arthur G. Sins | S. D. King | Fritz Ploek |
| C. H. Cook | F. A. Voertman | H. Doelman |
| E. F. Bellfuss | R. P. Miller | G. H. Sutherland |
| F. M. Ackley | Walter Lorens | M. Peterson |
| Anna Ryan | Louis Celic | G. Keller |
| Bessie E. Haas | Wm. Pearson | Beha Leonard |
| Bernice Haas | Hazel Leppert | Doris Somadoroff |
| Nell H. Richmond | Anna Solfelt | Mary McDonald |
| Clara A. Stoneman | J. T. Laxson | Eva Evans |
| Adelle J. Rice | Minnie McGill | Ella Healy |
| Rue E. Holmes | Helen Ernst | Olive Warlen |
| Dorothy Armstrong | A. Gaunt | Anna Beckelhymer |
| Margaret Anderson | A. C. Robinson | Edna Mitchell |
| L. C. Langdell | C. O. Gofarquist | John Kaltenbach |
| Hannah Flanchich | J. Komeschki | Lizzie Hoeh |
| W. F. McKibbin | Andrew Rabbit | Mary McMurren |
| Jas. Davison | Earl Thomas | C. Zimmerman |
| P. J. Shrader | L. C. Buffington | C. H. Anderson |
| L. G. Briggs | Jas. Alex | Hazel Willis |
| Geo. Miller | W. A. Patters | Omer Karney |
| J. P. Carney | F. Moe | E. O. Schilder |
| Chas. O. Stevens | H. Banta | W. D. Bennett |
| E. E. Hughes | A. Sewick | W. Van Metera |
| Frank A. Edgerton | Frank Mazurek | Jack Duffy |
| H. H. Ernest | Hazel Wright | A. J. Clark |
| C. W. Wetzler | Mildred Mohr | R. Kaltenbach |
| H. A. Pierce | Eleanor Peterson | William Klee |
| W. Heizenbittel | Ethel Choate | Carl Hanson |
| C. L. Chilton | Monica Mayer | S. Clark |
| Wm. Kretzinger | Flora M. Hellerschmid | C. L. Kimble |
| J. H. Chamberlain | Anna Krauter | Joe Stemel |
| W. H. Clark | Tillie Brill | John Hellerschmid, Sr. |
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| W. D. Christofson | Grace Fahy | Mildron McMurren |
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| J. E. Landell | Barbara Heim | Adam Gattley |
| Emil Hartman | Ella Stegeman | C. H. Hollman |
| H. P. Vost | Anna Stegeman | Albert Rigdon |
| Wm. Reta | Martha Johnson | Beh Komp |
| A. L. Fletcher | Mary E. Foss | N. G. Davis |
| C. R. Littler | E. E. Keller | Orin Simson |
| Steve Kosnik | Tillie Dike | Wm. Hall |
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| E. O. Dallenbach | Frank J. Doser | J. Beckelhymer |
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| Theo. Schommer | Hattie Smith | R. V. Jones |
| Margaret Smith | Raychel Crowley | M. Peser |
| C. Thommen | Silva Harrington | Geo. Jones |
| Phillips | Thos. Rudy | Ed Larson |
| B. H. Woltring | Gertrude Krueger | Fony Kosmeck |
| C. L. Donahue | Emma Vanderbit | Theo. Friedlund |
| L. Bergeson | Mabel Stoneman | Chas. Saunders |
| | | Frank Peterson |

(The above Employes' Resolution was published voluntarily and at their own expense in all Portland Daily Papers)

Classified Ads

WANTED—Miscellaneous.
Widow Lady with one girl, three years old, wishes employment as house keeper. Address Mrs. V. Lee, R. 2, Box 57, Union, Ore. Nov. 7-18-18pd.
WANTED—Waitress at once. Apply at Foley hotel. 11-1-18f
WANTED—Elderly lady or couple to keep house for one person, in return for good home, for few hours' work mornings and evenings; can work elsewhere during day. Call Phone Black 882. 11-16-31pd

FOR FIRST CLASS home cooked meals at reasonable price call on Mrs. Nora Webb, 1105 O. Ave. 11-15-6t-pd.
WANTED—Clean White Cotton Rags at the Observer Office; 3c per lb.
FOR RENT
FOR RENT—5 roomed modern house 2 lots and garage, seven blocks off Adams. \$19 per month to steady tenants. Red 1531. Nov. 16-31.
FOR RENT—Nice steam heated rooms, Zuber Brick. 11-15pd
FOR RENT—Three room cottage, furnished, 1221 W. Ave. 11-15f

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping, two blocks from center of town, 1512 Adams avenue, Phone Black 3901. 11-4-1f.
FOR SALE OR TRADE
WINTER APPLES—75c per box. Bring boxes or sacks. 2709 N. Birch St., La Grande. 11-18-18f
FOR SALE OR TRADE FOR AUTO—One acre homestead in Park addition. F. W. Weber, Baker, Ore. 11-18-6t
FOR SALE—Willard Steel Range, aluminum finish, in good, first-class condition; hot water coil. 1904 E. N. Ave., Phone Black 3961. 11-18-31pd
FOR SALE—Forty fold wheat straw at Lindsay farm. Call Black 1333. 11-11-6t.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One good work horse, also one cream separator nearly new, in first class condition, one 6 gallon barrel churn, and some 5 gallon cream cans. John Anthony, 2708 N. Second Street. 11-15-24p.
FOR SALE—Nice hens and pullets, layers. 1208 Spring St. 11-15-5tp
FOR SALE—Folding bed and cook stove. 1520 Y. Ave. 11-14-31-pd.
FOR SALE—Easy terms, one lot on Second St., one on Adams Ave. Will sell them cheap or will trade for car. Bonds good as cash. Address G. W. Pfeiffer, Nampa, Idaho. Nov. 9-6t-pd.
FOR SALE—Restaurant and furnished rooms, will sell cheap. Phone Main 736. 9-12-1f

FOR SALE—Ford Touring Car. A bargain if held at once.—Harris Furniture Store. 10-21-1f
LOST AND FOUND
LOST—A bunch of keys. Return to fire station. 11-18-2tpd
FOUND—1 bay mare with halter, and chain on right foot, 1 brown horse with halter and star on forehead, weight about 900 lbs. 1707 Jefferson Ave. 11-14-1f.
School supplies, tablets, loose leaf paper and school books of all kinds, you will find at Silverthorn's.

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OSTEOPATHIC
DR. MARGARET INGLE, Osteopathic Physician, specializing in diseases of Women and Children. Hours 10 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 6 p. m., and by appointment. Phones: office Red 1761. Residence Red 881. 37 New Foley Bldg. Dr. J. L. Ingle has entered the U. S. Army.
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