

**INTEREST IN QUARIES  
TO BE HERE SHORTLY**

**Members of Federal Industrial Commission to Convene in Portland Wednesday.**

**40 LISTED TO TESTIFY**

**Three Days' Sessions to Be Held at Public Library—Investigation to Be General Only—Prominent Folk Are Summoned.**

On the Western curve of their swing around the circle investigating industrial conditions of the United States, members of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations will arrive in Portland tomorrow night or Wednesday morning to hold a three days' series of hearings in this city. Governor West and others prominent in affairs of the state will be called upon for testimony. The hearings in Seattle will be concluded tomorrow.

Sessions in Portland will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Public Library beginning at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, and continuing until Friday evening. They will extend from 10 o'clock to 4:30 every day, with an hour and a half intermission at luncheon time. The Commission was preceded by E. M. Manley, W. P. Harvey and George F. West, who passed through Portland July 27 to list the persons selected to testify at the various public hearings. Griffith came to Portland yesterday to make final arrangements for all details of the work.

**Five Commissioners Coming.**  
Members of the Commission who will come to Portland are Chairman Frank P. Walsh, Professor John R. Commons, Austin B. Garrison, James O'Connell, John B. Lennan, E. J. McMahon, S. Thurston Ballard, Frederick Delano and Harris Weinstein, other members of the Commission, will not attend the sessions here.

Of special importance in the investigation in Portland will be the effect of the Industrial Welfare legislation in this state concerning women wage earners, and the methods used in Oregon for dealing with the problem of unemployment. It is estimated that 40 persons will testify before the commission. Principal among these are: Governor West, Dr. F. C. Young, of the University of Oregon; W. C. Francis, secretary of the Employers' Association; E. J. Stansbury, secretary of the Central Labor Council; A. H. Averill, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Isaac Sweet, of the Oregon Civic Labor Press; H. C. Banfield, T. H. Burdard, president of the Oregon Federation of Labor; E. S. Coates, of the Retail Merchants' Association; M. Smith and Miss Caroline Gleason, of the Industrial Welfare Commission; John Tait, president of the Troy Laundry; and representatives of the various labor organizations of the city and state.

**Inquiry to Be General.**  
In the present visit to the West the investigation is designed to deal rather with general industrial conditions than with specific lines of industry. In the East investigations have already been conducted on specific industrial lines, and this may be taken up in the West. In Seattle two of the important specific subjects looked into in addition to the general investigation were the lumber industry and the problem of Asiatic immigration and labor.

The present tour of the Commission included Washington, New York, Patterson, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Paul, S. D., Butte, Seattle and Portland and will extend through San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver. The organization of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations was brought about following disclosures of widespread industrial strife and discontent in many lines of activity, and Congress, in 1912, passed an act creating a United States Commission on Industrial Relations, with nine members to be appointed by the President. The Commission was directed to report its final conclusions and recommendations to Congress on or about August 12, 1915.

**FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND CO-WORKERS WILL COME TO PORTLAND WEDNESDAY.**



FRANK P. WALSH, OF KANSAS CITY, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

**GERMAN FOLK MEET**

**With Austrians Contribute \$1200 to Red Cross.**

**AMERICAN AIR STIRS ALL**

**'United States First and Fatherland Next' Is Sentiment of Big Gathering—Subscription Committee Named, Plans Laid.**

Patriotism for Germany and Austria marked a meeting attended by more than 500 persons in the German House at Thirteenth and Jefferson streets yesterday afternoon. The session was called to arrange collection and soliciting of Red Cross funds for Germany and Austria. More than \$1200 was subscribed at the meeting.

A 15-piece orchestra, under the direction of Fritz Hammisch, opened the meeting by playing airs of the Fatherland. Dr. F. A. Hammisch, president of the Federated German-speaking Societies of Oregon, spoke on the necessity of German-speaking people living in the United States contributing generously to the fund.

Otto Schumann, chairman, addressed the assemblage in German on the loyalty shown by Portland Germans for their native land.

"While the United States is the best country," he said, "Germany comes next."

**Austria's Loyalty Lauded.**  
The loyalty of Austria to Germany in the present conflict also was dwelt upon by speakers.

Theater after theater resounded throughout the big hall when the orchestra intermingled "Die Wacht Am Rhein," the national hymn of Germany, and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The crowd sang the German song with fervor, which increased rather than abated when the American air was played.

To illustrate the idea of patriotism which has been manifested here today," said Attorney Charles J. Schnabel, "my father came to this country in 1860. Less than a year later he joined the United States Army and fought during the Civil War, losing an arm in the conflict. I, myself, am a veteran of the Spanish-American war, but next to America, Germany calls for me."

accomplished by the Red Cross in the struggles of 1870.

Thunaida Lodge, Oregon, Daughters and Sons of Hermann, donated \$25, which had been previously raised by the organization to give an ice cream social. Others announced that they had given up smoking, drinking and other habits that they might further assist the Red Cross, and German women residents are planning a series of entertainments to raise additional funds. It was announced yesterday that subscriptions may be made on the installment plan, the payments to continue as long as the meeting of the orchestra again played a medley of German, Austrian and United States national hymns. The crowd arose and sang, first "Deutschland, Deutschland, Aeb'r, Aeb'r," then "Gott Erhalte Franz den Kaiser," an Austrian hymn, and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

**Cheers Close Meeting.**  
Three cheers followed "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the assemblage dispersed.

A committee appointed to solicit Red Cross funds is composed of Otto Schumann, chairman; John Retschler, vice-chairman; Edgar Winters, secretary; Alvin Jubitz, treasurer; Dr. F. H. Dammach, F. Fuchs, Hermann Enke and Thomas Bergman. The First National Bank has been selected as custodian of the funds and subscriptions may be sent to either the bank or to Mr. Winters, 190 1/2 Front street.

**"SING" PLANS PROGRESS**

**MANY RALLY IN AID OF MULTNOMAH FIELD CONCERT.**

**Monday Musical Club Lists Supporters of Event to Be Held Tomorrow Evening.**

The Monday Musical Club reports winning hearty co-operation in its preparation for the community "sing," to be held at the Multnomah Field tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Chester Deering and her committee of arrangements is receiving the interest and support of the following named persons and institutions:

Horace D. Ramsdell, Portland Commercial Club; W. J. Hofmann, Royal Rosarians; Charles P. Berg, Portland Ad Club; W. J. Woodruff, Portland Retail Merchants' Association; Dow V. Walker, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club; William Merriman, F. L. Miller, Portland, and Portland Rotary Club; Franklin T. Griffith, president Portland Railway, Light & Power Company; Sarah A. Evans, State Federation Women's Club; George M. Trowbridge, Mayor H. R. Albee and Mrs. Albee, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Meier, Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Lachmund, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Huribut, Mr. and Mrs. Montrose E. Ringler, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Strandburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Lind, Mr. and Mrs. Hartridge Whipp, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Malwyn Evans, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Myers, Dr. C. H. Chapman, Meier & Frank Co., Owl Drug Company, Linnam, Wolfe & Co., Olds, Wortman & King Co., Sherman Clay Company, Lennan's Company, Woodard, Clarke Company and Wiley R. Allen Company.

**Roseburg Postman Named.**

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 15.—The contract for carrying the mails between Roseburg and Camas Valley, on the Roseburg-Myrtle Point road has been awarded to George Q. Rapp, of this city. As bids also are asked for carrying the mails between Camas Valley and Bridge, and Bridge and Myrtle Point, the Postoffice Department may intend to abandon the old Coos Bay wagon road, over which the Marshfield mail has been conveyed for many years, and route all Coos County mail over the Myrtle Point line.

**SPECIAL ADVERTISING RATES  
ADVANCED OVER 10 PER CENT**

**Farmers Blamed With Holding Products in Expectation of Increased Demand.**

**MEATS RELATIVELY LOW**

**Drugs, Toys and Other Manufactures of Germany and Austria Soar and American Competitors Profit by Conditions.**

Sharp advances in the prices of many commodities have occurred in Portland since the outbreak of war. These prices are a reflection of general advances all over the country.

The increases are most pronounced on imported articles. This is especially true of those coming from Germany and Austria, as there is no prospect that the stocks now on hand can be replenished. Imports even from neutral countries have advanced, however, because of the added cost of ocean freights, even the difficulty of getting any transportation at all, owing to the fact that most of the world's commerce is now carried by vessels of the nations now at war.

Thus olive oil, the bulk of which comes from Italy, with prices advanced, has gone up 15 per cent. Castile soap is selling for nearly double its price two weeks ago. Chemicals, toilet articles and drugs in general have advanced from 20 to 300 per cent.

Wholesale drug dealers just now are not even quoting prices for a longer period than one day or longer. One large Portland wholesale drug firm has sent out a list to the trade showing how war advances have caused dealers to declare their stocks, but at the bottom of the list is distinctly printed: "The above prices are not quotations and are subject to change without notice."

**War Not Entirely to Blame.**  
Imported foodstuffs generally have gone up. There has been a rise in domestic foodstuffs, though dealers declare that in most cases this is due to what might be termed natural home conditions, irrespective of the war.

"This advance in the price of butter in the last week is attributed to the present unusual dry spell, which has lessened the flow of milk and consequently increased the value of butter," declared a dealer, but it is pointed out that they are always high at this season, and that they may be expected to remain high through the summer, laying aside the September or October advance.

Probably the most notable advance has been in sugar, both raw and refined. The market for sugar is so tight that a hundredweight in the last two weeks, until it is selling at \$7.55. Forty days ago it was selling at \$4.40 a hundredweight. Another fact is pointed out, that the \$3 mark is expected this morning, and it is predicted that it may even reach \$9 before the advance ceases to be large as it is, declared by dealers to be justified by conditions.

They point out that Austria, Germany, Russia and France are great producers of beet sugar. With their production now cut off, Great Britain and other countries, formerly largely dependent on the European yield, have had to turn to their own resources.

**War Foods Affected.**  
Rice, most of which comes from Japan, though a considerable quantity is raised in the Southern United States, has risen 30 per cent. Beans are up 25 per cent. Canned goods, such as condensed milk, which there is always a greatly increased demand in war time. Lower prices on beans and coffee may have to be expected in October. However, this may be offset by the fact that Austria is one of the largest bean exporters and that her exports are cut off, much, an advance of 25 cents a barrel being noted.

When shipping conditions become more steady and it is possible to ship flour to England, the demand is expected to stiffen the price somewhat.

weeks ago the exchange rate on one pound sterling was \$4.85, but the other day it was \$5.15. Somebody has to pay that difference, and that is what brings up prices."

**Meat Changes Slight.**  
The advance in prices of dressed meat, according to dealers, is nothing unexpected at this time of the year. They have not gone up any higher than is usual at this season and dressed pork is about half a cent lower.

Dressed pork can now be obtained for 13 1/2 cents, while a year ago it was 14 cents. An increase of one cent for veal has occurred since the beginning of the war, but the advance was expected. Relief is looked for within the next few weeks. Mutton and veal have remained the same, 10 and 11 cents, respectively.

"Invariably at this season prices of meats go up," said William Constantine, proprietor of the Alder Market. "Coming coincidentally with the outbreak of war it naturally causes the general public to believe that it is due to the war. Such is not the case, in my opinion. As proof of this, the prices at this time last year show even a greater increase in some of the dressed meats."

The increase in prices each year at this time is due largely to scarcity of meat, because the farmers do not supply the markets, as they are too busy harvesting. It is my opinion that no one should become alarmed at the present price of meat and that it is a mistake to blame the advance on the war."

**Drugs Hit Hardest.**  
Probably in no one line has the war influenced conditions as in the drug business. The advance is largely due to the fact that Europe is the largest producer of chemicals, drugs and toilet articles. Germany is an especially large producer of drugs, and this source is now entirely closed.

The increases on these articles already has reached in some cases 200 and even 300 per cent. Prices are still going skyward. Among the articles affected may be mentioned oxalic acid, much used by builders, which has gone from 10 cents to 20 cents a pound; morphine, which has gone up 15 cents; citric acid, formerly 75 cents, now \$1.35 a pound; morphia, epson salts, which has risen a cent a pound, and are likely to go higher because of the European shortage, and menthol, which comes from Japan. In the Russo-Japanese war, menthol was one time sold as high as \$14 a pound. Normally it is about \$4 a pound, but it has risen to \$6.75.

**Face Powder.**  
Face powder, a French face preparation, ordinarily retailing at 50 cents, has gone up 50 per cent. French perfumes have risen at least 25 per cent. Harmonics, which are still available, have advanced 25 per cent, and jobbers say that if the war continues long will be out of the market entirely.

**Drug Predictions Not Vented.**  
All toilet goods, such as hair brushes, manicure sets, Russian brushes, have increased 25 per cent. Some brushes are produced in Japan, but the bulk of the supply comes from Russia. Tooth brushes probably will go up 50 per cent. "Practically 50 per cent, perhaps even more, of the goods in the drug business are affected directly or indirectly by the war," said Edgar Franke, proprietor of the Blumauer-Franke Company, yesterday. "If the war continues long, it would be impossible to predict how high prices will go."

Rubber goods generally have been advanced. This is due partly to the fact that Liverpool and Hamburg are the principal shipping ports for rubber. Automobile tires have gone up from 10 to 30 per cent. Rubber water bottles have advanced 10 per cent. Rubber bands are 50 per cent higher than a year ago. Rubber is shipped from South America, its price is controlled by the European market.

Aluminum cooking utensils, for which Austria is the largest manufacturing point, are responding to war prices. The same is true of enamelware. Though much of this material is made in the United States, the German manufacturers control the price, and with their competition eliminated the American makers have announced a 10 per cent advance.

**Toy Market Entirely German.**  
Ninety-five per cent of all toys are said by dealers to come from Germany. As long as the war lasts no more toys can be shipped from there, and the toys which have to do without his Teddy bear this Christmas, or else papa will have to pay four times the usual price, and for war the toys may have to do without a doll, for the bulk of the supply also comes from Germany. It may have to be a rag doll for her, or nothing.

Germany is the source of supply for the best camera lenses, and also for most of the optical glassware used, and an increase in price may be expected.

George Borgfeldt & Co., the great New York toy importing house, has notified dealers here that the supply of the highly popular "Kewpie" dolls is limited to the stock now in this country. When that is exhausted, no more can be obtained. This firm had 150,000 of the German manufacturing Kewpie dolls alone.

**Proprietary Articles Higher.**  
Among the drug products not previously named which have advanced from 20 to 300 per cent in price may be mentioned alum, castile soap, camphor, saltpeter, cocaine, quick silver, Russian bismuth oil and apralin.

All petroleum salts have advanced 20 per cent. The price of kerosene is 20 cents a gallon, and all lithium salts from 40 to 50 cents a pound.

All crude drugs, herbs, seed, bark, roots, gums, balsams, spices, etc., that are imported have advanced from 25 per cent up, according to the country they come from. Pharmaceuticals into which these items enter probably will be advanced in proportion.

**FREE TICKETS  
To Marcus Loew's  
Empress Theater**

To every woman over 18 years of age who makes personal application at the Accommodation Desk, First Floor, Temporary Annex, or Stationery Department, First Floor, Sixth-Street Building—one FREE TICKET, admitting to matinee or evening performances today at the "Empress," will be given. These Free Tickets entitle the holders to the best seats in the theater and carry no obligations whatever. Only one woman admitted on each ticket.

2000 admissions to the afternoon and 1500 admissions to the evening performances to be issued in all.

**Our Advertisement  
IN YESTERDAY'S PAPER  
Tells the Shopping News of Today**



**OAKS LEADER CHEERED**

**W. E. McElroy, Band Director, is Given Long Ovation.**

**American Orchestra, Pictures and Vaudeville to Be Programme for Remainder of Season.**

W. E. McElroy laid down his baton as leader of McElroy's band at the Oaks Amusement Park last night after being accorded an ovation few men ever get. It was the close of the last regular band concert at the Oaks.

From now on McElroy's band will play concerts every Sunday afternoon and night, but on week days there will be the American orchestra, augmented by vaudeville and motion pictures.

The auditorium was packed for both performances when McElroy led his men through the various National anthems of the "seven nations." They were impartially cheered, some more strenuously than others, but the bars of "The Star-Spangled Banner" brought everyone simultaneously to his feet.

The new numbers of the vaudeville bill were excellent in quality, the musical numbers by the Oaks orchestra, by the Capelli Duo being harmonious in the extreme. Excerpts from various operas were well rendered, a classic of unusual tone blending well with the soprano of the woman member of the duo.

Athos and Johnson, a couple well known in Portland, were well received in a number of new songs and catchy patterns.

Two reels of motion pictures closed the bill.

The vaudeville numbers, motion picture and orchestra will be repeated daily during the week, weather permitting.

rates soon after this and the owners of livery automobiles followed their example. One automobile with a down-torn stand was operating for \$1.50 an hour as a result of the rate fix.

Two taxicab companies cut their rates 50 per cent in one day. The taxicab rates formerly were 50 cents for the first one-half mile and 10 cents for each additional quarter mile, one or two passengers. The present rates are 25 cents for the first mile and 10 cents for the first mile, one or four passengers, and 10 cents for each additional quarter mile.

These companies are staying out of the fight.

**YOUNGSTERS ARE GREETED**

**Tillamook Welcomes Fresh Air Party and Others Are Planned.**

Tillamook outdid itself in welcoming the party of fresh air children that went with the United Artisans to that city Saturday, according to the report sent back by Mrs. Margaret Thorsman, who with Mrs. H. E. Boudurant, accompanied the party as a chaperon. All organizations of the city appointed committees and united in the work of preparing to receive the children, and providing two weeks of solid happiness for them at the seashore.

This party was the largest of the season and brought the total of children who have enjoyed the benefits of the fresh air movement this year up to 434. Parties will go to Nehalem and Tule River, and the children's party will consist of seven and will leave tomorrow, being the third that has been entertained by the people of that place. The children are to go Thursday in the party to Turner.

Children who are to go to Nehalem will be outfitted at the Associated Charities today and the Turner party will be outfitted Wednesday.

Donations of money for the fresh air fund continue to be received in spite of the fact that the children's party of the Red Cross organizations have made since the beginning of the war upon the generosity of the people, and in proportions sufficient not only to care for all the fresh air parties this season, but to give a substantial beginning at least to the fund that is sought for the purchase of a fresh air farm for next season.

**TWO DEBATE AT NEWBERG**

**Dr. C. T. Wilson and E. Hofer Discuss Prohibition Issue.**

NEWBERG, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Before hundreds of men and women, many of whom came in autos from neighboring towns, Rev. Clarence T. Wilson and Colonel E. Hofer debated the liquor issue today.

The argument lasted two and one-half hours. Colonel Hofer argued that prohibition would entail loss of revenue, and contended that prohibition is ineffective. Dr. Wilson maintained that the issue is a moral one, that liquor weakens the citizenship and damages the state.

**LAD ADMITS ROBBERIES**

**Otto Nagle, Operating From Vacant House, Terrorizes Neighborhood.**

**A Familiar Scene**

Nightly the chugging of motors and the gay laughter of pleasure-loving folks is heard at the entrance of "Ye Oregon." It is Portland's center of good fellowship and good cheer! See Mr. L. F. Cowen—New York's most popular Tenor, in all the latest-sung successes. Miss Veta Florenz, in new songs and dances. Miss Blanche Barrett just up from Frisco in new song hits. Join the gay throngs at De Oregon Grill Broadway at Stark.

