# STATE AGENCY FOR FOODSTUFFS PLAN

Grant Kellogg Proposes Series of Warehouses for Direct Distribution to Public.

COST IS ANALYZED

Few Women at Meeting of House wives' League, in Which Much of Alleged Excessive Prices Are Laid to Middlemen.

Before the Housewives' League at Library Hall yesterday Grant Kellogg outlined the tentative plan of a state agency, that shall purchase commodi ties direct from the producer and sell to the consumer at minimum cost, thus defeating the high cost of living.

Mr. Kellogg went into the plan in Mr. Kellogs went into the plan in detail and declared it is feasible and can be put into effect. The audience was small yesterday, indicating that the housewives have despaired of getting practical relief from the activities of the league or else a lack of interest in further pursuit of the subject.

Mr. Kellogg opened the discussion with the statement that 55 cents out of every dollar spent by the consumer for food and provisions goes into the pockets of the middleman. He said this was disclosed by a study of the subject by the New York food and markets officials.

kets officials.

State-Wide Move Advocated. Mr. Kellogg said he had made a long Mr. Kellogg said he had made a long study of co-operative marketing and that he believed it entirely practicable to bring it about. The three causes that have brought failures chiefly in the past he declared to be incompetence in management, lack of harmony and small size of the unit. The city, he declared, he believed to be too small to form a unit that would be most successful in the operation of a co-operative agency, and for that reason he tive agency, and for that reason he proposed that the state be urged to es-tablish warehouses, cold storage plants, stores and all necessary facilities for buying direct from the farmer, the factory, the mine and the mill and re-tailing to the people at cost.

"There have been many seasons of sgitation of this subject," said Mr. Kellegg, "and the time is now ripe for us to do something. We are going to propose that the state undertake the service now performed by the middleman and sell products at cost, plus only the cost of handling."

The speaker cited many instances that he said pointed to the existence of a food trust. He told of apples bought a lood trust. He told of apples bought from the grower for 50 cents a box, but which were sold to the consumer for no less than \$4. He spoke of potatoes that were sold for 30 cents a sack and which brought \$1.25 when disposed of at retail. Instances were mentioned of injustice to California fruit growers, who were compelled to sell their product for little or nothing. uct for little or nothing.

Portland Unit First Is Plan.

Mr. Kellogg proposes that a co-operative buying agency be started in Portland as the first of the state-wide system and in advance of the general vote upon the subject by the people. He believes that when people see how well it works they will be favorable to a state agency with branches. state agency, with branches at every point where needed. He says all who want to use the services of this first agency to buy supplies at low cost may do so by contributing \$10 to the cam-paign fund for the work of education that will have to be carried on throughout Oregon preliminary to the inauguration of the central agency by the state.

He said the first agency would be managed by an expert who understands the business. He will be put under bond, so there will be no chance of loss, and a committee composed of the following prominent women has been named to hold the bond: Mrs. A. C. Newill, Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden and Mrs. Spencer Vehr.

### GOOD THINGS IN THE MARKET

N THE streets and in the markets L everything focuses toward Christmas. It seemed as if everything that could be thought of had already been procured for Portland festivities. But a trip around revealer an entirely newcomer — "'possum," direct from Nashville, Tenn. The body of the crea-ture resembling a small daschund in shape, averages from three to four pounds, and retails from \$1.50 to \$2 This Southern dainty is certainly a

surprise to those who have enjoyed "'possum and taters" at first hand. And among other preparations, a housekeeper of renown offers a short list of "appetizers" for the Christmas dinner: Tuna fish, raw oysters, iced caviar, lobster and cress canape, pine-



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apple cocktall, anchovy and pimento and sardine canape.

A consignment of fat geese, averaging 15 pounds each, at 28 cents a pound; ducks, sold entire, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, and choice turkeys, from 32 to 35 cents a pound, are receiving more than a passing giance.

Belgian hares, 20 cents a pound, and jackrabbits, 25 cents each.

Cheese, just lately come, includes Eastern sage, 40 cents a pound; Camembert, imported from France, in round boxes, 50 cents each.

Edam, direct from Holland, \$2.50 each; Gjedost—goats' milk cheese—from Norway, 80 cents; cream brick, 30 cents a pound.

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Best butter, 45 cents; fresh cream-ery, 40 to 38 cents, 75 cents a roll; dairy butter, 35 cents a pound. Best fresh eggs, 50 to 45 cents a dozen. Storage eggs, 40 cents—good. Eggs at 35 cents, also storage, are guaranteed to fry, poach or boil and have all been candled.

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In the fish market steelhead salmon and halibut are each 20 cents a pound, or two pounds 35 cents.

Sand-dabs, silver smelt, perch and tomcod are 15 cents a pound.

Rock and black cod and California white fish, 12½ cents a pound.

Ling cod, herring and flounders, 10 cents a pound.

German carp, 5 cents a pound.

Columbia River smelt, which have dropped to 35 cents a pound, are still scarce, but expected with a rush any day now.

Navel oranges, bright and clean, 35 and 40 cents a dozen.
Lemons, 15, 20, 30 and 40 cents a dozen: limes, 20 cents.
Florida grapefruit, 10 cents each; California, 5 cents each and 30 cents

Sweet oranges, 20 cents a dozen;

sweet oranges, 20 cents a dozen; tangerines, two dozen, 25 cents.
Comice pears, 40 cents; Winter Nellis, 35 cents a dozen, extra large.
Bananas, 15 to 30 cents a dozen.
Pineapples, 10 cents a pound; casabas, 15 cents each.
Japanese Chestnuts, 20 cents a pound;

Tigard has some good apples in mar-ket. Spitzenberg. \$1.10; Northern Spy. \$1, and Baldwin, 90 cents a box. Northern Spy of other stock are also offered at 85 cents a box.

Lady apples for Christmas decora-tions, 80 cents a dozen. Boxes of Hood River Spitzenbergs, selected for gifts, are selling at 60 cents each.

The newest vegetable to make its appearance is endive, 55 cents a pound.

Mushrooms, 75 and 85 cents a pound. Green beans 30 cents and green 25 cents; other stock of peas, 15 cents New potatoes, from Texas, two pounds 15 cents; of local growth, 5 cents a pound, and four pounds 15 cents.

Brussels sprouts, 15 cents a pound. Rhubarb, three pounds, 25 cents. Eggplant, 25 cents a pound; arti-hokes, two for a quarter. Burbank potatoes, \$1.50 to \$2 for 100

Sweet potatoes, two pounds 15 cents. Tomatoes, 20 cents a pound; cucumers, 10 cents each. Field lettuce, 15 cents a pound. Cauliflower and milk cabbage, 10

Celery hearts, 25 cents a bunche

Wreaths of holly, Oregon grape and cedar abound, 50, 35 and 20 cents each. Mistletce, of which everyone seems to be wearing a sprig, can be had from 5 cents to 50 cents, bunches under which a number could be herded.

Boxes, for posting, holly, mistletce. Boxos, for posting, holly, mistletoe, cedar and grape, 59 cents each.
A charming novelty is an automobile barnacled with wreaths and greenery, at prices "within the reach of all."

MUSIC AND FUN-MAKING, BOTH GOOD, FEATURE NEW BILL.

Pretty Girls, Excellent Singers and Trick Animals Are Among Offerings That Please Audlence.

Loud pedaling on the comedy, which s the principal ingredient in good vaudeville, is the new bill which went on

Another happy spot on the bill is the smart animal act presented by a joyous personage called Happy Harrison.

Happy has a comedy circus, featuring a cunning and shrewd little fox terrier, who runs through a series of clever tricks quite as if he enjoyed it as much as his audience. There's a huge ape also in the act, a feroclous-looking creature who avidences.

reature, who evidences almost human ntelligence in his capers. As for the riot hit in Happy's act, it's a trick nule, Dynamite, who is of the absorately unridable and unconquerable variety. The efforts of various volunteers to ride him occasion gales of nilarity.

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An artistic touch is given the bill by the musicianly quality in the work of Madeline Stack, violinist, Miss Stack plays with temperament and understanding of her art, and the audience senses the fact immediately that her playing is from the heart and retained. her playing is from the heart, and not merely a display of bowing and violin pyrotechnics. Basil and North offer a pert and pertinent little skit entiled "Recruit-

A trio of beauties, who dazzle with their pulchritude quite as they amaze with their dexterity as globe equilib-rists, are the Latona Sistera. Ingalls and Duffield are a clever pair, who have a corner in the laugh-getting with their bright natter. They size with their bright patter. They sing, too, and offer new dance steps. The picture is another, and one of the few remaining, of the "Shielding Shadow" series. Besides all these there is a comedy picture and a travel with the Pathe News.

### GIFTS TO POOR RETURNED

Report of Battery Family in Need Seems to Be Fictitious.

The Oregonian has received a num-The Oregonian has received a number of cash contributions from persons whose addresses were not obtained, for the assistance of a reported needy family of a member of Battery A. Since the item was published telling of the needy family it has become apparent that the communication was sent to the paper possibly with a view to arousing sentiment for the return of the paper possibly with a view to arousing sentiment for the return of the
Battery and that the case was an entirely fictitious one. At least the address given was incorrect,
Contributors may Contributors may get their money back by applying at The Oregonian.

Charge Made That Farmers Are Asking Prices Greater Than Do Retail Stores.

SECRET INQUIRY ORDERED

Session Goes on Record Condemning Shipbuilders' Strike and Further Urges Speedy Trial in Alleged Cement Combine Cases.

day now.

Olympia oysters, in bottle, 60 cents an important phase of the cost of living pint; sealshipt, 50 cents; Eastern oysters, 45 cents a pint.

Eastern oysters in shell, 30 cents a feet a short time by a special committee representing the Multnomah district, Pomona Grange. Members of the cost of living question will be conducted within a short time by a special committee representing the Multnomah district, Pomona Grange. Salmon roe, 15 cents a pound,
Prawns, 25 cents; small, 15 cents;
shrimp meat, 50 cents a pound.
Mussels, two pounds 15 cents; hardshell clams, 5 cents a pound; crabs, 15, 25 and 30 cents each.
Spanish Malaga grapes, of heavy clusters, imported, 35 cents a pound.
Emperor grapes, from California, 15 cents a pound.
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I representing the Multnomah district, Pomona Grange. Members of the Wednesday, in adopting a set of resolutions on subjects of interest to farmers in Multnomah County, were confronted with the statement that many farmers are asking prices in the public market above those of retail salesmen, and to the detriment of the market.

The resolution adopted by the Grange authorizes the appointment of a com-mittee which will make an examination of market conditions. The duty of the of market conditions. The duty of the committee shall be to report its findings to City Commissioner Bigelow and Market Master Eastmen. It was also decided, in view of the beneficial results which the committee is expected to bring about, that the committee should be permanent. The members whom J. J. Johnson, master of the Grange, will appoint this week, are to hold office for two years. It is said that, in case the results are found satisfactory, the committee will be retained nuts, for Christmas, three factory, the committee will be retained as an adjunct of the Grange.

Identity of Investigators Secret. The membership of the committee is not to be immediately announced, ac-cording to a statement made by Mr. Johnson yesterday. It is thought that the best results, would be obtained by private investigation, and for this rea-son the identity of the investigators is not to be known.

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Grange is expressed in part of the resolution, which reads:
"Be it Resolved, That we should feel a deep regret that any movement for a strike should be encouraged at this time when a new industry of so much value to a state is beginning in its struggle for existence, especially in view of the fact that these industries have been paying good wages and have made voluntary increase of wages paid."

The attitude of Grange members on

The attitude of Grange members on the indictments of the alleged cement combine is also expressed in a resolution adopted by the meeting. In con-sidering a rumor that the cases against these men would never come to trial, the Grange advocated a continuation of the investigations, with the object of bringing the cases to a speedy and thorough trial. A copy of the resolution to this effect is to be forwarded to the President and to the Attorney-General of the United States.

Right to Use Forests Maintained.

The question of allowing stock to graze in the Cascade National Forest is brought to an issue in a resolution protesting the recent abolition of grazers from this fract. The reason for this attitude is explained in the state-

to decrease the production of meat is a blow to the people of this country in general, and a loss of this range will be injurious in a marked degree to the citizens of this Northwest, therefore be it resolved that Pomona Grange, of Multnomah County, Oregon, at its regular session, after serious consideration, hereby registers its protest against any move which will change the character of the Cascade Forest Reserve in Oregon as it is constituted at the present time, whether such a change would the such as the country and road expenditures will follow a taypayer's meeting tomorrow morning at the Courthouse. Arguments for and against items on the tentative budget will be given by taxpayers, at the conclusion of which County Commissioners Lightner, Holman and Holbrook will go into executive session and emerge with an announcement of the budget decided upon and the tax ievy.

Indications point to a tax levy of 4.9 mills for general county and road ent time, whether such a change would be to a National park or to some other form, as any such change would be merely for the purpose of pleasure and deville, is the new bill which went on at the Hippodrome yesterday. There's plenty of music, too—and, altogether, it's one of those rare combination bills that win praise on all sides.

The top-line attraction is "A Night in Dixie Land," in which seven of the famous 20 blackbirds are set before the King—the King being the audience. These are white blackbirds, however, and the black rubs off.

The seven are all dance flends, and comedy predominates in their chatter and song. The act is pretentiously staged and is a big, bright hit.

Another happy spot on the bill is the smart animal act presented by a joyous toward legislative enactment. toward legislative enactment.

New Officers Elected. A new set of officers was elected at the session of the Grange, J. J. John-son being re-elected master. Others placed in office are as follows: Overplaced in office are as follows: Overseer, John Welbes; steward, Jacob Nelson; treasurer, E. L. Thorp; chaplain,
Mrs. Jennie Miller; lecturer, Mrs. Mary
Palmer; assistant steward, Sayler
Smith; lady assistant steward, Mrs.
Duke; Ceres, Miss Julia Mickleson; Pomona, Mfs. J. Frost; Flora, Miss Smith.
A number of important transactions
were disposed of in the miscellaneous
business of the meeting. Condolences
occasioned by the death of L. H. Wells,
recently East Side correspondent of
The Oregonian, were read before the
organization. All members having personal acquaintance with Mr. Wells resonal acquaintance with Mr. Wells re-garded his death as a considerable loss.

### BRYAN IS ASKED TO SPEAK Nebraskan May Give Address at An-

nual Jackson Club Banquet.

William J. Bryan has been invited to deliver the principal address at the annual banquet of the Jackson Club, a Democratic political organization, in the Portland Hotel on Monday evening.

the Portland Hotel on Monday evening. January 8.

Other Democrats of National prominence, including President Wilson, have been invited to attend. The banquet this year will serve the double purpose of commemorating Andrew Jackson's birthday and celebrating the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

Dr. Elof T. Hedlund, the newly-elected president of the club, and appointed a committee to arrange a suitable programme. Music as well as oratory and feasting will be an attraction. The committee in charge follows:
W. T. Vaughn, Mrs. E. R. Roberts, A. H. Harms, Miss Leona Larrabee and Dr. Harms, Miss Leona Larrabee and Dr. Catherine Myers.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET TAXPAYERS TOMORROW.

Executive Session Will Follow and Tax Levy Will Then Be Fixed. 4.9 Mills Seems Likely.

"Whereas, We feel that every move to decrease the production of meat is eral county and road expenditures will follow a taypayer's meeting to-

the transport to a tax levy of 4.9 mills for general county and road purposes, instead of 4.4 mills, recommended by the advisory budget committee. This is because of an extra \$100,000 said to be necessary to prevent a repetition of a warrant basis for the county after the early part of 1917. A levy of 4.9 mills would include \$100,000 for the erection of the first unit of a new county hospital and

would still be about \$65,000 under the limit imposed by the new tax limitation As the road department has been

The heavily curtailed in the recommenda-tions of the advisory committee, heavy con-steps ers and urged that the limit levy be made this year, so not to embarrass road building operations under Roadmaster Yeon. The hnal word rests with the Commissioners. The taxpayers' meeting is called for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in room. 201 of the Courthouse. Should the quar-

ters not be large enough to accommo

date the taxpayers appearing on the scene, there will be an adjournment to room 320 of the Courthouse. CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OUT Progressive Business Men's Club

Hears of Work Done for Many. The Christmas spirit in its true sense was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Progressive Business Men's Club. Sheriff Huriburt spoke of the kind of Sheriff Huriburt spoke of the kind of Christmas the man in jall spends; A. R. Gephart, of the Public Welfare Bureau, told of the methods used by his agency in dispensing Christmas cheer, and Dean McCollister, of the Pro-Cathedrai, spoke on "What Kind of a Christmas Will the Other Fellow Have?"

Mr. Euwar, of Hood River, recited a number of the humorous poems which have brought him fame.

A committee under Chairman F. T. Richards was appointed to investigate the threatened strike in the shipbuilding industries.

H. C. Jones told of the huge holly wreaths which the civic clubs of the city are placing on the trans-continental trains and which are carrying Portland's greetings to Eastern friends.

STUDENTS TO ENTERTAIN High School of Commerce Will Ob-

The student body of the High School The student body of the High School of Commerce plans to initiate the Christmas vacation with an entertainment to be given in the school auditorium tenight at \$ o'clock. Those who attend are assured of a jolly time. The evening is to be divided between "stunts," of which there are six on the programme, and dancing. Refreshments will be served.

Students of other high schools and

their parents who have been unable to secure tickets in advance may procure them at the door. The tickets are 15 cents. The High School of Commerce is at Fifth and Harrison streets. Parents of the youthful "keypounders" are especially urged to be present.

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ARTISANS WILL HAVE TREE Columbia Assembly No. 4 to

The lodge held its semi-annual election of officers on Tuesday night of ast week, resulting in the following selections: Mrs. Fred Behrens, master

artisan; C. E. Stansbery, superintendent; Mrs. M. Albright, inspector; H. J. Fleckenstein, secretary; E. V. Gott-

Columbia Assembly No. 4 to Give Fleckenstein, secretary: E. V. Gott-friedtz, treasurer; William Holmes, senior conductor; Mrs. E. Klauseff, master of ceremonies; Effic Stansbery, full full friedtz, treasurer; William Holmes, senior conductor; Mrs. E. Klauseff, master of ceremonies; Effic Stansbery, full full full friedtz, treasurer; William Holmes, senior conductor; Mrs. E. Klauseff, master of ceremonies; Effic Stansbery, full full full friedtz, treasurer; William Holmes, senior conductor; Mrs. E. Klauseff, master of ceremonies; Effic Stansbery, full full full friedtz, treasurer; William Holmes, senior conductor; Mrs. E. Klauseff, master of ceremonies; Effic Stansberg, mas



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