

FUEL OIL SHORTAGE STRUCK COUNTY BOARD

Commissioners Instruct District Attorney to Appeal for Federal Aid.

SLABWOOD PRICE RISES

Unless Oil Can Be Had, Courthouse Furnaces Must Be Remodeled at Great Cost to Burn Coal or Wood.

The urgent necessity of remodeling the \$100,000 heating plant at the Courthouse through threatened curtailment of the fuel oil supply impelled the County Commissioners yesterday to instruct District Attorney Evans to seek Federal aid in insuring a sufficient supply of oil for the county's needs.

This action followed the receipt of a notice from the Union Oil Company that it could not continue the sale of fuel oil to the county more than a day or two longer. As in the notice sent to the city several days ago, the oil concern stated that the lack of transportation facilities, as well as the greatly reduced oil supply, made this action imperative.

Appeal to Washington to Be Made. Because of the seriousness of the situation, the Commissioners announced that they would make an appeal direct to Washington in an effort to secure an adequate fuel oil supply.

"We will exhaust every means before we will give up our fight for oil," said Chairman Holman yesterday, "and a mighty serious matter for Multnomah County, and will mean a loss of a considerable sum of money if we are completely shut off from a possible fuel oil supply."

If the board finds that it will be absolutely impossible to secure fuel oil for the Courthouse heating plant, it will mean that immediate steps must be taken to remodel the plant, which was constructed only for the burning of oil as fuel. That it would mean a loss would amount to a considerable sum.

System Must Be Remodeled. Not only will it mean the remodeling of the Courthouse plant, but the heating systems at the County farm and County Hospital must also undergo repairs before they can be used for the burning of coal or wood.

W. A. Eatchel, superintendent of county properties, said last night that the county farm and county hospital heating plants could be converted into wood and coal burning plants with and without any delay. The Courthouse plant, however, must have considerable remodeling.

In addition, he said there is no convenient place at the Courthouse for the storing of wood or coal, and if this change is made necessary he predicts that it would mean the employment of a larger force.

Slabwood Price Rises. In connection with the probable necessity of using coal and wood as fuel, the board yesterday learned that the price of green slabwood has risen 25 cents a cord during the past two weeks, July 31 the county invited proposals for furnishing slabwood for two ferries. At that time the board was assured by the Albion Fuel Company that it would furnish all wood needed by these two vessels for a period of two years at \$3.25 a cord.

When the bid proposals were received yesterday the bid was \$3.50 a cord. No other concern submitted bids and the Albion Fuel Company stipulated that the deckhands of the boats should help handle the wood at the docks.

County Will Suffer Loss. The board believes the complete curtailment of the fuel supply will mean a considerable loss to the county, inasmuch as it has made no effort to contract for fuel oil.

Although no definite action toward remodeling the Courthouse heating plant will be taken until after District Attorney Evans has completed his consultation with Federal officials, Superintendent Eatchel is making an examination to determine what alterations and repairs will be needed.

Fireboats Are Safeguard of Ships. Whether or not the oil companies will be able to furnish fuel oil for the city's fireboats will be made known this morning, when it is expected an answer will be received from the headquarters of the Standard, Union and Associated concerns. Their local agents are expected to be in the city this afternoon before their chiefs the situation as presented to them by Commissioners Bigelow and Eatchel at a special session held at the City Hall Thursday afternoon.

The situation is serious from the standpoint of fire protection, it is pointed out by Commissioner Bigelow, who has charge of the bureau of fire, owing to the large number of boats being constructed along the waterfront. He argues that it is just as much the concern of the Federal officials as of the city that the fire-class protection be given at this time, and he is prepared to show the Government agents.

Much Concern Created. Announcement of the oil companies here that they would be unable longer to provide fuel oil even for fireboats created much concern in business circles, and organizations have notified Commissioner Bigelow that they will stand back of him in his fight for oil to operate the fireboats.

Executive Secretary Dodson, of the Chamber of Commerce, says he will take up the situation with the Government officials with Mr. Bigelow, and throw the strength of the organization behind the effort.

WHEAT PRICE PUT AT \$2.40

Dealing in Futures in Canada Will Cease August 31.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 17.—Trading in wheat for future delivery will cease on all grain exchanges in Canada on August 31. Official notice to this effect was posted today by the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on orders from the Board of Grain Supervisors for Canada.

The board of grain supervisors late today issued an order fixing the price of wheat, basis No. 1 Northern, in store at public terminals, elevators at Port William and Port Arthur, at \$2.40 until August 31, inclusive.

The order is applicable to all wheat, whether of the old or new crop, stored in public terminal elevators at Port William and Port Arthur.

HIGH WHEAT PRICE ASKED

Farmers Object to Rate Below That of August 11, \$3.06.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Aug. 17.—As a result of action taken by the Grand Forks Commercial Club, farmers and

commercial organizations of the Northwest will be asked to protest to the food control board against the lowering of the wheat price below that of the open market of August 11, when Herbert Hoover announced his plans. The price on that day was \$3.06. In telegrams to North Dakota Congressional delegates, the club contends that a price below the market value is an injustice to the farmer and states that cities and organizations throughout the Northwest have been asked to take similar steps. They declare that the "competitive market is destroyed by the Government."

MOOSE WOMEN ORGANIZE

Chapter Is Formed at Corvallis and Officers Installed.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.) Corvallis Chapter No. 136, Women of Mooseheart Legion, was organized in this city tonight. Vance Taylor, the dictator of the Local Order of Moose, assisted by Attorney Charles H. Glos, performed the ceremony of installation. The following officers were elected: Past regent, Mrs. Nettie W. Glos; senior regent, Mrs. Anna M. Black; junior regent, Mrs. Nellie B. Anderson; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Graham; recorder, Mrs. Catharine Norton; guide, Mrs. Nanie

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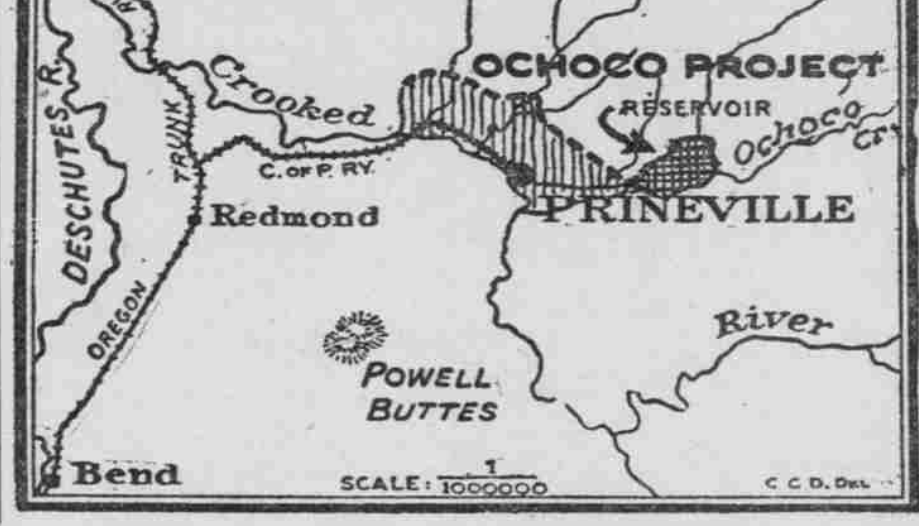
Water to Be Supplied for 22,000 Acres of Rich Land.

CATTLE INDUSTRY HELPED

Huge Earth-Filled Dam, 1000 Feet Across at Top and 125 Feet High, Will Impound Flood Waters for Summer Use.

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Fighting the Kaiser in the Kitchen

(From the Saturday Evening Post.)

In spite of any temporary poison poured from Dame Nature's cupola this Summer, food is scarce. Whenever you see a single pound of fruit, vegetable, or grain going to waste you may properly mourn, for the world will need that food this Winter and need it bitterly. All you women who are knitting for the soldiers get busy and put up canned goods for your families, your neighbors, your grocery stores. Every pound so preserved will either go to the front of the eating line or will liberate other food to go there. Think of the warehouses that might be filled, the trains and ships that might be loaded, if every woman and girl and class in school in America would only put up 25 or a dozen or even ten pounds of food, canned, preserved or dried. If the cherries, strawberries, gooseberries, huckleberries and currants are gone, remember that they make up a very small part of the cannable produce—and if you prepare yourself now and work until the frost you will be fully equipped to help strike the last blow at the German Famine in 1918.

Our Weekly Extra Specials

- 2 packages Teko Pancake Flour 25c
1 package Olympic Pancake Flour 25c
1 pkg. Peacock Flour 35c
1 pkg. Peacock Buckwheat Flour 35c
2-lb. sack Pancake Flour 70c

SUGAR IS LOWER

- 12 lbs. Dry Granulated Sugar \$1.00
3 1/2 lbs. Cube Sugar 25c
2 1/2 lbs. Powdered Sugar 25c
100-lb. Sack Dry Granulated Sugar \$8.50
100-lb. Sack Pure Cane Sugar \$8.50

FINE FRESH MEATS

- BEEF: Boiling Beef, lb. 10c, 12 1/2c; Pot Roast Beef, lb. 15c; Shank Soup Bone, lb. 8c; Round Steak, lb. 17 1/2c; Shoulder Steak 15c.
VEAL: Veal Stew 12 1/2c; Shoulder Veal Roast 15c; Leg or Loin Roast Veal, lb. 17 1/2c; Fresh Dressed Chickens.

Worth Noting

- 4 doz. Jar Rubbers 25c
6 bars Swift's Pride Soap 25c
1 lb. Cocoanut 20c
1 bottle Snider's Catsup 20c
1 pkg. Minute Meat 25c
Split Beans, per lb. 10c

Many Needed Articles

- 1 pkg. Dates 15c
2 pkgs. Creamettes 25c
1 pkg. Minute Tapioca 25c
3 bottles Vanilla Extract 25c
2 bottles Lemon Extract 25c
all trust funds, insurance companies, etc., and may be used as security by any contractor to guarantee the performance of any public contract.

RAIN DRENCHES BEND

CLOUDBURST AT TERREBONNE CAUSES SEVEN-INCH FALL.

Tract Three Miles Wide and Six Miles Long Deluged, and Crops in Storm's Path Ruined.

BEND, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Sixteenths of an inch of rain fell here this afternoon in 30 minutes, breaking the drought of more than a month. A severe lightning and hail storm preceded the downpour. At this season the rain is generally held to be a little benefit to crops, but may help the second alfalfa cutting on the dry farms in this vicinity. It is feared that much grain ready for heading may be shattered.

The storm was separated by 24 hours from a cloudburst and hail storm in the Terrebonne vicinity, where a tract three miles wide and at least six miles long was deluged. The cloudburst precipitated seven inches of rain in one hour, with more than an inch of hail, many of the stones larger than pigeon eggs.

The territory covered by yesterday's storm is in a rich irrigated district and the grain crop will be an absolute failure. The first cutting of hay is spoiled, and the potato yield will be greatly reduced. Roads were badly washed by the storm.

RAILROADS MUST REPORT TWICE DAILY.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 17.—

Advertisement for Sunnyside Store, 994-996 Belmont, featuring various goods and services.

Advertisement for 1st and Taylor Peoples Store, featuring various goods and services.

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Advertisement for 'For the Hot Cakes in the Morning' featuring various breakfast items.

Advertisement for 'Stock the Pantry Now' featuring various pantry staples.

Advertisement for 'SMOKED MEATS' featuring various meat products.

Advertisement for 'For Cooking and Frying' featuring various cooking products.

Advertisement for Horlick's Malted Milk, highlighting its nutritional benefits.

Advertisement for Skinner's Macaroni, featuring a portrait of a woman and product details.

Advertisement for Simon's Pure Cane Sugar, featuring a large illustration of a sugar sack and promotional text.

Large advertisement for Armour's Vegetole, a vegetable product for frying and shortening, including a detailed illustration of the product.

Advertisement for Simon's Salvage Store, featuring various goods and services at a special price.