

## DAIRYMEN ORGANIZE TO INCREASE PRICES

Producers in Portland District Must Take Action to Save Industry, Is View.

### LEAGUE IS INCORPORATED

Meeting Is Called for September 22, When New Members Will Be Admitted—Co-operative Buying and Selling Planned.

Milk and butterfat producers in the territory adjacent to Portland have organized to obtain better prices for their products. Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Dairymen's League were filed at Salem yesterday. Officers of the organization will be elected at a meeting of producers September 22, at the Public Library in Portland, to which meeting all persons actually engaged in producing milk and butterfat are invited.

The organization is the outgrowth of a mass meeting of producers held recently at the Imperial Hotel, at which the reasons for so many dairymen quitting business and so many others reducing their herds, were gone into and a committee appointed to investigate and recommend remedies.

It is this committee, comprising Alma Katz, Whitney L. Boise, H. Thiesen, J. W. Pomroy and W. K. Newell, that has brought about the new organization, which is intended to correct many evils, according to Mr. Katz, who is spokesman for the committee. Mr. Newell, who is a member of the committee, is assistant to W. B. Ayer, local representative of Food Administrator Hoover.

Higher Prices Declared Needed. Mr. Katz declared last night that the purposes of the organization are entirely altruistic, being to rescue the dairy industry and not being for the purpose of boosting prices unnecessarily.

"Of course," said Mr. Katz, "the dairymen will have to get better prices for their milk and butterfat. If they were getting prices commensurate with the cost of production there would be no occasion to organize at this time."

Mr. Katz says the organization will take in all actual producers who wish to join. "We hope," he says, "to do a good deal of the trouble and expense by all buying our supplies of various kinds together through one buying manager and by marketing together. This should cut out a great deal of waste which will lessen the present burdens."

"We expect to improve conditions for dairymen by educating them to produce better milk, which will enable them to get better prices for the amount of money expended in the production. Education along improved methods is to be one of the essentials of the organization."

### Feed Price Is Factor.

"We have no fight with the buyers of milk and butterfat. The only thing is the dairymen are not getting a living price for their product and the prices must be increased to them. Otherwise Portland and vicinity will have no dairy industry. With the producers organized they will be in position to protect themselves."

"The first thing for the organization is to ascertain what the cost of production is or should be on the basis of the price of feed and other things entering into milk production. When this is determined the price to be paid for the milk can be fixed. The price of course will depend on many conditions which may differ in different localities. Quality will be the main consideration, the same as it is at present."

The organization will have a board of directors of 25 members so selected that each dairymen district will have one or two representatives. This board will select an executive committee of five members who will run the affairs of the organization.

## GAS CHANGE OPPOSED

COMMISSIONER MANN WANTS CITY TO PROTEST DETERIORATION.

Mr. La Roche, After Hurdled Investigation, Declares Plan of Company Equivalent to Higher Rate.

The city probably will interpose objections to the request of the Portland Gas & Coke Company for permission from the Public Service Commission to reduce the standard of oil gas supplied by the company to consumers in Portland. City Commissioner Mann will ask the City Council this morning for the appointment of himself and City Attorney LaRoche to appear in the hearing. City Attorney LaRoche completed a quick investigation yesterday and gave Commissioner Mann a report in which he says the proposed oil gas company to reduce the quality of the gas is equivalent to increasing the price. Mr. LaRoche urges the council to interpose objections to the proposal. He says in part:

"As the time fixed for the filing of objections, if any, there shall be, to the modification of the above stated rules is short we have consulted with the Bureau of Standards and report as follows: A British thermal unit is that quantity of heat which is sufficient to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit."

"City Chemist Dulin informs us that a reduction in the B. T. U. can only be compensated for by a reduction in price, as the consumer who is using gas for fuel pays for the heat units, and when they are reduced and the price maintained he is receiving less for the price."

## I. W. W. COMMITS SUICIDE

Mysterious, Unopened Letter Found on Man at Carlton, Wash.

CARLTON, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—J. J. Fricker, an I. W. W. of this city, committed suicide at 6:40 P. M. here Wednesday by diving head first from a bridge.

Among his belongings were found \$4.50, an Elgin watch and an unopened letter. The letter was addressed to McMinville, Ore., from a friend named Harold Hubert at Newport, Wash. It was written last February.

Fricker carried an I. W. W. card No. 215,298, issued at 27 North First street, Portland, showing a transfer record of June 25, 1917, from local No. 29 to No. 600, signed by Harry Lloyd. The card showed due stamp payments to January 1, and 50 cents assessment for Everett defense.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO FITTING MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S CORSETS TODAY IN OUR CORSET SHOP, THIRD FLOOR.

### 50c Choc. Mint Wafers 39c

40c Cocoa nut 29c Ice Cream, full  
Rolls, pound... 23c brick, 35c  
30c Iced Car. 23c Ice Cream, half  
amels, pound... 19c brick, 20c  
25c Chewing Mints, pound...  
—Main, Ninth Floors; Basement Balcony.

### "The Halfback"

Special Children's Matinee Today at 2:30, also at 7:30 P. M.—Municipal Auditorium  
—Tickets 15c and 25c—Benefit Oregon Regimental Expense Fund.

**The Quality Store of Portland**  
Established 1897  
THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND  
1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, 1329, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1339, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1347, 1349, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1363, 1365, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1373, 1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1391, 1393, 1395, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1423, 1425, 1427, 1429, 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