

PRODUCERS VOTE TO RAISE MILK PRICES

Advance in Wholesale Figure July 1 Ordered.

RETAIL LIFT INEVITABLE

Product Now Selling at \$3 Per Hundred to Go to \$3.50—Dairymen Hold Change Necessary.

Milk prices will be advanced in Portland July 1, as the result of action taken by the Oregon Dairymen's league yesterday, at a meeting in the Central library. Nearly 500 dairymen who ship milk to the Portland market were present and unanimously voted to increase the wholesale price from \$3 to \$3.50 per hundred.

What result the action of the dairymen will have on the retail market Portland distributors were unprepared to say last night, but there seems little doubt that the retail figure will go up with the wholesale price. An advance of at least one cent per quart and perhaps two cents is counted probable.

Action Taken No Surprise.
The action of the dairymen was not unexpected, as figures had been presented at a meeting a week earlier tending to show that the dairymen were not making expenses with the wholesale price at \$2. Yesterday's meeting was held under the joint auspices of the Dairymen's league and the Oregon Milk Producers, Inc. At the meeting yesterday several hours were spent discussing milk production and going over cost figures, before a new price was agreed upon.

A resolution was adopted setting \$2.50 as the minimum figure which the milk producers will accept from Portland distributors. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Prices Cut in February.
In February milk was reduced in price from \$2.85 to \$2.29 and was later cut to \$2. The retail price was reduced 1 cent, bringing the price to 15 1/2 cents per quart on the contract basis. The average price per bottle at the stores has been 15 cents. The new wholesale figure, it is predicted will increase the retail price at least 1 cent per quart.

Dairymen Report Losses.
Two dairymen gave cost figures which they had made out, Ed Cary of Carlton showing on his record a loss of \$100 per month on his herd of 16 Holsteins, and William M. Howell of Cape Horn reporting a loss of 29 cents per day per cow during the winter months.

Mr. Katz touched upon the excess situation, showing the loss that the dairyman must take into consideration because of the fact that an excess supply of milk must be taken care of during certain seasons.

A publicity campaign to advertise the value of milk as a health drink was decided upon, and it was voted by the dairymen to give 1 per cent of their milk checks each month to a publicity fund. Milk distributors will contribute a like sum, and a fund of \$25,000 is expected from this source for the campaign.

Capital Stock Increased.
At a meeting of the stockholders of the Portland Milk Producers, Incorporated, held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to increase the capital stock of the organization from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The company already has a plant at Fifth and Couch streets valued at \$20,000, and it takes care of the surplus milk of the producers, which otherwise might be sacrificed. Half of the \$20,000 additional which it is planned to raise through the sale of stock will go into a reserve fund and the other half will be used for running expenses.

SOCIAL SERVICE WORK TOLD

DR. EDWARD T. DEVINE SPEAKS BEFORE CONFERENCE.

Bishop Walter T. Sumner Recounts Care of Dependent Families.

Amelia Feary Talks.

Practical application of social service work in this city was discussed yesterday at the Oregon conference for social work meeting in the central library. Today's session is to conclude the meetings, which are intended to form a background for a number of resolutions which will be submitted today. Election of a board of trustees is also to take place.

Dr. Edward T. Devine, editor of the Survey and professor of social economy at Columbia university, was the principal afternoon speaker, giving the history of the social welfare movements and dwelling upon the work of the charity societies of London.

Standards of income were taken up, the meeting seeming unanimous in the opinion that \$100 a month is the least salary the average American family can live on.

Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, who presided, told of the care of dependant families in Portland, explaining the relationship of the public welfare bureau and the county commissioners.

Miss Amelia Feary, secretary of the bureau, gave an account of her work. Her office is trying to put into operation the principles of social work as outlined by Dr. Devine by getting acquainted with the needs of dependants and planning for their self-support. She pointed out that if relief is needed at all it is needed adequately.

Professor E. C. Robbins, of the University of Oregon, closed the meeting by recounting some of his experiences in training Red Cross home service workers.

WETS PLAN FINAL FIGHT

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Strong effort to raise the percentage from one-half of one per cent, they expressed every confidence that in this respect the bill would be passed as drawn by the committee and as endorsed by all of the anti-liquor organizations.

The real battle will be for 2 1/2 per cent beer. Refusal of the house majority leaders to give the bill a special rule for immediate consideration was due, they ex-

plained, to failure of the committee to send in a war-time prohibition enforcement bill by itself. Had this been done, they said, it could have been passed in a day. It is not at all unlikely an effort will be made to separate the war-time and constitutional measures and endeavor to pass the former measure, for which there is pressing demand, and let the other wait. Even as the joint measure stands, it contains one part or title which would take effect after its approval, and two that would not become effective until January 15, 1920.

There will be ample time for members to outline their plan of attack and defense for the house plans to adjourn early next week after disposing of the last of the supply bills early next week until July 2.

Chairman Volstead will send his report on the enforcement bill to the house tomorrow, but the minority report may not get in quite so early.

House Members Confused.
The latter will be signed by Representatives Gard, Ohio; Igoe, Missouri; and Steele, Missouri, and possibly others. While voting with the majority, Mr. Gard announced he would prepare a minority report attacking principally the proposition that a citizen "shall not possess" liquor and other features.

There has been no attempt to disguise the fact that members of the house are very undecided as to the whole prohibition situation. There are so many angles to it that they frankly admit their confusion, much of which has been due, they declare, to reiterated reports that the president would lift the wartime ban before the law takes effect Monday night. Chairman Volstead and members of the judiciary committee were kept busy all day explaining to persons here and elsewhere that the failure of congress to enact additional wartime enforcement legislation immediately did not mean that the government was without authority to deal with persons who sell liquor after Monday.

Warning Is Renewed.
Both advocates and opponents of drastic prohibition laws said sentiment in the house will be swayed, to a considerable extent, by the attitude of the public and particularly liquor dealers in the period beginning next Tuesday. Reports that saloons in some of the larger cities would remain open for the sale of 2 1/2 per cent beer brought renewed warning of the members to predict wholesale violations might result in President Wilson delaying his demobilization proclamation until almost the time when constitutional prohibition is to begin.

WILSON'S POWER DISCUSSED

Moral and Legal Right to Repeal

War-time Dry Measure Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The question of whether the president would have the power to repeal war-time prohibition by declaring demobilization complete, was discussed in the house today by Representative Hoch, republican, of Kansas.

"There seems to be a general belief," Mr. Hoch said, "that the president not only has the power to repeal the act, but intends to do so. The liquor interests in many sections of the country are openly defying the law and are taking out licenses for the next fiscal year and newspapers are devoting much space to the publication of stories forecasting a repeal."

"Nevertheless, it is certain that the president has no moral or legal right to repeal the act. He lacks the moral right because both branches of congress and the country at large expressed in no uncertain terms opposition to his request that the act should



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