

FOOD PRICE INQUIRY
FARGE SAYS WOMEN

Committeemen Said to Be "Big Business" Agents.

PRODUCERS ARE ORGANIZED

Effort Will Be Made by Women and Dealers to Work Out Some Sort of Self-Pricing System.

Attack on the fair price committee, recently revived by W. K. Newell as head of the food administration in Oregon, as the best means of combating unfair prices on foodstuffs, was made Saturday by leaders of the housewives' committee of Portland.

Spokesmen of the organized housewives were Mrs. J. P. Chapman, chairman of the general organization, Mrs. F. O. Northrup, chairman of the special housewives' investigating committee.

Old Law May Be Invoked. Dissatisfaction of the housewives with price-reducing results thus far achieved has resulted in a movement for abolition of the daily maximum price-list of the marketmaster and reversion to the normal law of supply and demand. They declare they are now out for a self-pricing system.

A development along a similar line is the declaration that producers selling through the municipal market have organized with the avowed purpose of stopping the fixing of prices. Nominally, it is said, the stall renters have banded themselves together "for the promotion of community interests."

The fact that the housewives and producer-marketmen have started working for almost the identical objects gives promise of enlivening developments in the cost-of-living crusade here.

Self-Pricing Recommended. Inauguration of the self-pricing system for the public market in place of the present method by which a maximum price is fixed daily by the marketmaster will be recommended by the housewives' committee as a result of the investigation which the women carried on at the market last week, they report. Plans for setting the matter before the city commission in an effort to get the present system changed are being drawn.

A canvass of the dealers along Yamhill street made by the women showed, they said, that the self-pricing system by a large majority. The present system, they contend, results in a virtual combine, all the dealers charging the maximum price. It stifles competition, they declare, and results in much of the best class of produce being kept off the public market.

Results Held Unsatisfactory. That the fair price committee is only traveling around in a circle and has accomplished virtually nothing toward solving the problem of the high cost of living was the declaration of Mrs. J. P. Chapman, chairman of the women's organization, and Mrs. F. O. Northrup, chairman of the housewives' committee. Both women urged further investigation of the food situation and declared that if the present fair price committee could not effect further hearings another organization should be set up to take up the work.

"We have reason to believe that the people are not getting fair representation at the hands of the committee," they declared, "and we believe that if this committee cannot carry out an investigation properly then a committee should be appointed that can do so."

Inquiry Declared Force. The investigation which the fair price committee has been conducting was characterized as a farce by Mrs. Northrup, while Mrs. Chapman criticized the personnel of the committee, charging there are two representatives of big business on the committee, and but two members on it that could be characterized as having the interest of the public at heart.

The next mass meeting of women to discuss the high cost of living has been called for 2:30 o'clock Tuesday at the public library. The public is invited to attend and a large gathering is expected. The housewives' committee, appointed at the last meeting to investigate the public market, will present an exhaustive report, the principal feature of which will be the recommendation to introduce the self-pricing system.

Producers Also Organize. Preliminary steps for the organization of the Market Producers' association, to be composed of the producers and authorized agents of producers for the public market on Yamhill street, were taken last week, when a group of 28 producers met, elected temporary officers and named a committee to draw up a constitution. The meeting was held Wednesday and by Saturday more than 50 producers for the market, representing a large percentage of those who sell goods at the municipal stalls, had signed up as members of the proposed organization.

The purposes of the organization, as outlined by a number of leaders in the movement last night, are as follows: To aid the producers to more effectively co-operate in the handling and selling of produce at the Portland public market; to have the marketmaster, the authorities and join with the public collectively in erasing proper conditions and equitable prices in the disposal of market produce; to assist in forming and maintaining proper relations between seller and buyer; to aid in the grading of produce, and to take up and carry on any line of enterprise that, in the opinion of the members, may be conducive to these aims.

Temporary Officers Named. At the preliminary meeting Wednesday J. W. LaFollette was elected temporary chairman and A. K. Mickey was temporary secretary. A committee on organization was named as follows: C. S. Howard, C. H. Organ, W. I. Spencer, W. R. Olney and G. W. Hutchins. This committee is working on the draft of a constitution. A committee on membership was named as follows: S. C. Brasswell, A. S. Hughes and G. H. Kesterson. A committee to plan for the next meeting is composed of C. S. Howard, R. C. Organ and W. I. Spencer. The next meeting of the organization is planned for the latter part of this week, probably Friday, at which time the constitution being drafted by the organization committee will be presented. Permanent officers will be elected and the organization perfected.

Co-operation Held Keynote. Co-operation will be the keynote of the organization, declare those interested in its formation; not only co-operation among producers, but with the public and with the city authorities in the effort to make the public market a success in every way. The membership will be limited to producers for the market and their duly authorized agents. It is expected that at least 100 American producers or their representatives will have joined by the time the permanent organization is effected this week.

EUGENE J. FARRELL DIES

DEATH OF COMMISSION MAN FOLLOWS OPERATION.

Member of Brokerage House Widely Known Among Business Men and Lovers of Sport.

Eugene J. Farrell, widely known through his years' connection with the commission firm of Everding & Farrell, died at 5:50 P. M. Saturday at the Good Samaritan hospital, succumbing after a major operation to which he submitted August 11. Mr. Farrell was ill at the family home, 352 Keroy street, for six



Eugene J. Farrell, 28 years with Everding & Farrell, who died yesterday.

weeks prior to his being moved to the hospital. He was 52 years of age. Mr. Farrell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Orpha Farrell; a son, Howard G. Farrell; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Kingston, and Mrs. Harlan Pearson, and two sisters, Mrs. David Dupes and Mrs. S. P. Cota, all of whom reside here.

Mr. Farrell was a member of Portland lodge No. 142 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, who will have charge of the funeral, which will be held at 2:30 P. M. today at J. P. Finley & Sons. Rev. W. W. Youngson will hold special services.

"Gene" Farrell was an active worker with the Portland Lodge of Elks. His friends were countless and he was known all through the northwest as a lover of clear sport. "Gene" Farrell was a landmark on Front street where he dealt with farmers, brokers and merchants alike. He was known far and wide for his fair dealings. Mr. Farrell was interested in the Pillar Rock Packing company and in various fishing companies operating near in the lower Columbia river.

CHOLERA HITS SHANGHAI

500 CASES, 50 DEATHS, IN TEN DAYS REPORTED.

Measure Taken by Oregon State Board of Health to Prevent Admission of Disease Here.

The state board of health has been officially informed by letters to Dr. P. M. Brooks and Dr. David N. Roberg, president and secretary, respectively, of that organization, that cholera has broken out in violent form among the Chinese and Japanese population of Shanghai. The report came through Dr. S. H. Ransom, assistant surgeon, United States public health service, and says in part: "Owing to the advent of the mason season and as a result of 19 days' rioting in Shanghai, a severe epidemic of choleraic diarrhea, has made its appearance. The disease is communicable and there have been some 500 cases, with 50 deaths within 19 days."

"This office has taken measures to protect shipping destined to American or Philippine ports, and to this end has prohibited the taking on board of fresh fruits, vegetables, milk, butter, etc., and of Asiatic steamer passengers who do not submit to five days' detention and observation. "I have notified Portland, Manila, Honolulu, San Pedro, San Francisco and Seattle of existing conditions. "To forestall any possibility of the disease being introduced into this state, the board of health has issued the following order to immigration and health authorities: "To prevent the admission of cholera carriers in this state, we are asking you to keep a record of all passengers from Chinese ports. This record must be kept in such a manner that passenger lists and destinations shall always be up to date. "The chances for its introduction here are very slight," said Dr. Brooks, "but it is possible and the order was issued as a precautionary measure."

DRY LAW OFFENDER FINED

Bartender Fined \$10 for Selling Glass of Whisky.

NEW YORK—The first conviction in the district for violation of the wartime prohibition act was imposed on Harry Deed, bartender, who pleaded guilty, in the federal district court, to indictment charging him with having sold a glass of whisky to a department of justice agent and was fined \$10, with the understanding that a repetition of the offense would place him in jail. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7970. A 6995.

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SHOPMEN SEEKING TIEUP

SENATOR THOMAS HAS CIRCULAR SHOWING PLANS.

Situation Called Result of 1914 Exemption of Unions From Anti-Trust Laws.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Success of the strike on which the railway shopmen of the country now are voting will "depend entirely upon how we can stop the transportation service of the country," said a circular presented in the senate Saturday by Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado. The senator said the statement had been sent out by the railway employees, department of the American Federation of Labor. The circular said if it came to a strike "we want to make the tieup complete and keep it in that condition until we get proper recognition."

Senator Thomas said this situation was a "perfectly legitimate development of the action of congress in 1914 in exempting organizations of laboring men from the operation of the anti-trust laws."

"Demands of railroad employees now are being considered by Director-General Hines of the railroad administration."

ADVERTISING NEEDS AID

Goods Must Back Written Statements, Experts Assert.

NEW YORK—Addressing the National Lumber Manufacturers' association's first American lumber congress and seventeenth annual meeting, William D. Nesbit, of W. H. Rankin & Co., presented the subject of advertising in periodicals in a very attractive form. "A great many people think that advertising is something that you can rub on," he said. "You can rub advertising onto a proposition, and you can apply it from the outside, but real advertising is the advertising that digs out from the inside of anything. "As a matter of fact any commodity that is advertised has to sell itself. Advertising is the personality of one man, or the combined personality of many men that counts for whatever it accomplishes. It is the personality of Marshall Field of whom people think when they read the advertisement of that great store. "The lumber business will have to advertise pretty well and pretty hard this year," he said. "People have an antagonistic mood toward the lumbermen. You know it and I know it. How are you going to overcome that? How are you going to convince the people that the lumberman is not getting any more than his just dues when he makes a sale? Of course, you can go around and talk to them individually, do missionary work, but you can talk to them collectively at a great deal less expense in time and in money. It costs you 5 cents to put up a poster anywhere, whether you put it up or whether you pay someone to put it up. The government last year, in advertising the fourth liberty loan, spent either in money or donated labor \$500,000 to put up liberty loan posters. If they had taken that \$500,000 and spent it in the newspapers of the United States, it would have done the fourth liberty loan and the United States itself a great deal more good. "You may gather from that that I am in favor of newspaper advertising, and I certainly am. I believe that page space in a newspaper has more influence upon its readers than even the editorial does. An advertisement signed by a reputable house carries more conviction to the mind of the reader for the simple reason that he or she reasons that if you do not believe in it you would not pay good money to tell your story to the people."

PROFESSIONAL MET MEET

Plans for Raising \$10,000,000 Endowment for Harvard Discussed.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—About 100 Harvard graduates, including many prominent business and professional men, met here recently to work out plans for the raising of a \$10,000,000 endowment for the university to enable it to pay larger salaries for professors and to expand certain departments. Professor Clifford H. Moore advised making the minimum salary for any member of the teaching force \$1500 and recommended paying professors \$7500 a year.

BABY STRANGLES IN CRIB

Parents Hear No Outcry and Are Not Aware of Accident.

HAMBURG, Ia.—The 4-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McSpadden was killed by strangulation. The babe rolled out of its crib, its head catching on the bars. It hung suspended in mid-air until life was extinct. The parents heard no outcry and were not aware of the terribly accident until the child was dead.

Cabins to Be Built on Trails.

NENANA, Alaska.—Relief cabins along the winter trails, where in the past travelers have perished for lack of refuge in storms, are to be constructed this season by the territorial road commission. Plans already have been announced for a cabin on the Koyukok trail and one on the trail between Cripple creek and Lone mountain.

U. S. Trade With Italy Grows.

ROME.—From present indications, American trade with Italy this year may reach the billion-dollar mark, says the Popolo Romano. During the first three months of 1919 American imports into Italy amounted to approximately \$200,000,000, while Italy's exports to America reached \$3,000,000. The statement shows that if the present rate of trade be maintained a record of commerce between the two countries will be attained. America is by far the greatest seller to Italy. A year second is Great Britain, with a total of \$70,000,000 for the first three months and Argentine next with \$65,000,000.

LICENSE FALLS INTO SEA

Sailor Weds Despite Ship Wreck. Nine Months' Fight Won.

NEW YORK.—T. J. Scully, marriage license clerk in the Municipal building, said King Neptune had tried to interfere with his business, but Cupid came to the rescue and two hearts were made happy. Antonio Vetri is the bridegroom and Miss Margaret Looney of Jersey City, N. J., the bride. Vetri is a sailor. He obtained a marriage license eight months ago. He was called back to his ship. The ship was wrecked and the marriage license fell into the possession of Neptune, who still holds it. Vetri explained the situation to Scully and was told Cupid would not be baffled. An affidavit of loss of license was sworn to by Vetri and a duplicate issued. The couple were married in St. Paul's chapel, Broadway and Fulton street.

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