

FOOD PRICE INQUIRY FARCE 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 combatting unfair prices on foodstuffs, was made Saturday by leaders of the housewives' committee of Portland. The women do not stop with the charge that work of the price-setting committee has proved a "farce," but add objection to the personnel of the body, alleging that two of the members represent "big business."

Spokesmen of the organized housewives were Mrs. J. F. Chapman, chairman of the general organization, and 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 move even 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 communia interests."

The fact that the housewives and producer-marketers have started working for almost the identical objectives 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 dealers, too, are in favor of 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 Unatisfactory.

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. F. 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 conduct 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 Farce.

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 20 producers met in the office of Dr. S. H. Ransom, assistant surgeon, United States public health service, and says in part:

"Owing to the advent of the melon season and as a result of 19 days rioting in Shanghai, a severe epidemic of cholera has broken out in the Chinese and Japanese population of the city, and there have been some 500 cases, with 50 deaths within 10 days."

This office has taken measures to protect shipping destined to American or Philippine ports, and to this end has prohibited the landing on board of fruit, vegetables, milk, butter, etc., and of Asiatic steerage passengers who do not submit to five days' detention and observation.

"I have notified Portland, Manila, Honolulu, San Pedro, San Francisco and Seattle of this condition."

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 into this state, it is ordered that 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."

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Bartender Fined \$10 for Selling Glass of Whisky.

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tion is planned for the latter part of this week, probably Friday, at which time the constitution will be 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 authority, 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 28 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, 852 Keroy street, for six



Eugene J. Farrell, 28 years old, who died yesterday.

weeks prior to his being moved to the hospital. He was 52 years of age.

Mr. Farrell was survived by his widow, Mrs. Orpha Farrell; a son, Howard G. Farrell; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Kingston, and Mrs. Harlan Pearson, and three sisters, Mrs. David Dupee 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 & Son, 206 W. Youngson will hold special services.

The deceased had lived in Portland for the past 28 years, coming from Lawrenceville, N. Y. Immediately upon his arrival he entered the service of Everding & Farrell. Practically every wholesale and small grocer and merchant of that kind in the northwest knew "Gene" Farrell.

"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 clean sports.

"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 nets 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. F. M. Brooks and Dr. David N. Roberg, president and secretary, that organization, that cholera has broken out in virulent form among the Chinese and Japanese population of Shanghai, and a large gathering is expected.

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NEW YORK.—The first conviction in this district for violation of the wartime prohibition act was imposed on Harry Deed, bartender, who pleaded guilty in the federal district court to and admitted drinking whisky with buying 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.

Temporary Officers Named.

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PLAYING TODAY
WILLIAM FARNUM
IN
"The Lone Star Ranger"
Zane Grey's Famous Romantic Drama.
MACK SENNETT'S
"Treating 'Em Rough"
Featuring TEDDY, the Dog Actor
KINOGRAMS
Coming Saturday:
"THE WHITE HEATHER"
An Unusual Attraction.

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 "perfectly legitimate development of an action taken in 1914 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 C. Thompson, president, who presented the subject of advertising in periodicals in a very attractive form.

"A great many people think that advertising is something that you can run over on," he said. "You can run advertising onto a proposition, and you can run it from one side of the page to the other. The advertising that is dug out from the inside of anything."

"As a matter of fact any commodity that is advertised has to sell itself after the first sale," he said. "Advertising will bring the customer into your store or office, but will not bring him back again unless you make change for him, give him a cigar and ask him how the children are. You have to do that yourself."

Mr. Nesbit said that in successful advertising it is the personality of one man, the combination personality of many men that counts for whatever is accomplished.

It is the personalty of Marshall Field of whom people think when they read the advertisement of that great store.

"The lumber business will have to do advertising, but it must be good and 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 it? How are we going to convince the people that the lumbermen is not getting any more than he is getting?"

"Of course, you can't say 'he's a scoundrel,' or 'he's a swindler.'

It costs you 5 cents to put up a poster whether you pay someone to put it up or the government last year, in adver-

tising the fourth liberty loan, spent either more or less than \$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 she remembers that if you do not believe in it you would not pay good money to tell your story to the people."

PANAMA BILL REPORTED

CANAL TOLLS HEASURE EXPECTED TO ADD \$100,000,000 TO REVENUE.

WASHINGTON.—The Panama canal tolls bill sponsored by the war department, which is designed to increase revenues to the government \$100,000,000 annually, has been reported favorably by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The bill has been opposed by some shipping interests, particularly by lumbermen of the north.

The measure legalizes the rules for measurement of ships and collection of tolls which were laid down originally for use at the Panama canal, but which were not intended to be in conflict with existing international conventions.

The rate of toll on merchant vessels was fixed by these rules at \$1.20 per net vessel ton or 10 cubic feet of actual earning capacity.

The Panama canal act limited the tolls to maximum of \$1.25 per net registered ton.

It was recognized from the start that the rate of tolls as established at \$1.20 per net vessel ton of actual earning capacity as determined by Panama canal rules of measurement was higher than a rate of \$1.25 per ton net capacity as determined by United States rules.

It was agreed that the tolls established at \$1.25 per ton multiplied by the number of ships passing the Panama canal exceeds the amount produced by multiplying the net registered tonnage as measured by the rules prescribed in the United States statutes by \$1.25, the excess thus produced is uncollectible.

Therefore the rules either as to deckloads or otherwise will not be applied.

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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 con-

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