

MILK PRICE PROBERS STARTING INQUIRY

Commission Is Reduced to Three Members.

WORK WILL BE HASTENED

Producers and Distributors Both Ask Report to Be Made as Soon as Possible.

The first step toward investigating and settling the controversy between milk producers and milk distributors of this city was taken yesterday, when the milk commission appointed by Mayor Baker effected organization at a meeting in the mayor's office.

Inability of directors of the Oregon Dairyman's league to procure a representative willing to serve on the commission led A. M. Work, president of the Portland Damascus Milk company and distributor's representative on the commission to volunteer his resignation, leaving a commission of three, Dr. E. H. Pence, William Cornsfoot and J. J. Richardson.

Data to Be Presented.
Representatives of both producers and distributors were instructed to prepare and present all data appertaining to the controversy to the commission at 1 o'clock today, when the commission will meet in the city hall. The commission also instructed both factions to name representatives on whom the commission could call if desirous of obtaining information not contained in the presentation to be made today.

Dr. Pence was elected chairman. Prior to the organization meeting, Mayor Baker explained that the producers and distributors after numerous conferences could not agree upon the future price of milk and because of the unsettled condition of the industry the consumers were the heavy losers.

"In appointing this commission," explained the mayor, "it should be understood that both sides are ready to present their claims. The consideration of the matter should not be a long-drawn-out affair, but should be speedy. Both sides are willing to adhere to the findings of the commission and the members of the commission as representing the people of the city of Portland should aim to bring report and recommendations for an equitable settlement, which will not tend to ruin the industry and which will be fair to the public."

Distributors Write to Mayor.
In a letter received by the mayor yesterday from the distributors, it was agreed that any reduction gained in the price of milk from the producers would be transferred to the consumer. This letter was referred to the commission.

The meeting was of short duration, but with facts presented today it is expected the commission will begin active work. Both the producers and distributors are anxious to have a report prior to April 1, when it is hoped to put a new price of milk into effect. If the commission finds it impossible to report by this date, it is probable that the recommended price, if a decrease, will be retroactive to April 1.

HERRING ARE PLENTIFUL

ICE PLANTS PROVE UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF CATCH.

Fishermen at Newport Work in Pairs and Sometimes Get Ten Tons in One Night.

NEWPORT, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—The run of herring in Yaquina Bay this month has been so great that the fishermen have been fishing only two or three days a week. The herring are frozen and stored to be used later in the year for halibut bait and are not canned or pickled for eating purposes.

The capacity of the two ice plants on Yaquina bay totals about 100 tons, but it is possible to freeze only nine tons a day. The fishermen work in pairs and receive 1 1/2 cents a pound for their catch. The halibut fishermen buy these fish later for 3 cents, the plants doing the work only to protect the halibut industry later.

George Harvig, a lifelong fisherman of two continents, states that Yaquina bay herring are known as the flat variety, having less fat than the Norway herring, which cannot be frozen. He says that Yaquina bay herring could be pickled or canned and that when he was at San Pedro, Cal., he watched them canning small herring and labeling them sardines.

The largest catch by any pair of fishermen in one night has been ten tons, netting \$300 to them. Catches of five tons are common.

Women's Activities

CLUBWOMEN all over the state are asked by the federation to be sure to register. Those who are interested in the measures to come before the voters May 21 are discovering that scores of women who have moved recently have not registered. The clubs have all endorsed the educational measures for the maintenance of the university, Oregon Agricultural college and the normal schools, but an endorsement is of no value if the women do not vote.

Mrs. Chester Deppenning will entertain the Corriente club this afternoon at her home, 332 San Rafael street. At 1 o'clock luncheon will be served.

The Laurelhurst club, ladies' progressive unit will meet in the clubhouse this afternoon.

Fernwood Pardon-Teacher circle will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting will be a reunion of former presidents and members and a special invitation is extended to all.

The Portland Heights mission study class of the First Presbyterian church met yesterday at 12:30 o'clock with Mrs. W. A. Evans, 744 Montgomery drive. Fidelity chapter of Westminster guild met at 2:30 with Mrs. Fletcher Linn, 474 Laurel avenue. Mrs. Helen Miller Senn's class met at 7:45 P. M. in room E of the First Presbyterian church house.

The Woman's association of the First Presbyterian church has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. L. K. Moore, president; Mrs. I. M. Walker, first vice-president; Mrs. Frederick Hiram Strong, second vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Morrow, treasurer; Mrs. H. N.

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There will be an all-day meeting of the association at the church house, room A, Friday from 10 to 5 o'clock.

Miss Virginia Mackenzie, a member of the First Presbyterian church, who is a missionary at Shimonaki, Japan, where she is studying the language and teaching in the girls' school, has written a most interesting letter of her life in that country, which is published in the March number of the Westminster Guild Bulletin.

The first of a series of get-together suppers for the members of the Community Service Girls' club and their mothers will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 in the crystal room of the Hotel Benson. Mayor Baker will give an address of welcome and short speeches will be made by Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity Episcopal church and William F. Woodward, president of Community Service, and Mrs. Norman Christie, secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Walter Jenkins will lead a community sing. As reservations will be limited to 250, they should

be made at once by calling Main 654 or Main 7424.

The Community Service Girls' club class in military drill and physical training will meet this evening at 7:45 o'clock in the armory. The class is open to all girls over 15 years of age and no charge is made for the instruction. Lieutenant D. D. Hall is in charge of the class.

There will be a meeting of the business women's art class tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the art museum. Topics for discussion will be Winslow Homer and Childé Hassam.

by Miss Martha Goldapp; Dwight W. Tryon and John H. Thwaitsman, by Miss Charlotte Harris, and John White Alexander, by Miss Jessie E. Elliott.

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