

STATE-OWNED MILL LOSES FOR FARMERS

Flour Is Sold at Figures Above Standard Grade.

PRICE FOR GRAIN IS LOW

Socialized Industry Costs Heavily
An Fancy Salaries to Officers
and Unnecessary Expenses.

BY GEORGE K. AIKEN.
BISMARCK, N. D., July 7.—(Special.)—One of the stock arguments of the Non-Partisan league speakers in the campaign that just closed was the effect of the state-owned mill at Drake upon the price of wheat paid the farmer and the cost of flour to the consumer. The speakers were delightfully vague as to exact figures, that is, league speakers were. The opposition, however, was not.

In this connection, and just to prove that the league speakers were somewhat inaccurate, to put it mildly, I have investigated the experience of Will A. Campbell of Helena, Mont., who bought wheat from ranches and sold it to the Drake mill, did the same thing to a Russell Miller mill and then purchased Russell Miller flour and state-made flour at two stores in Bismarck. The results indicate the nature of the advantage given the farmers of this state.

To cinch his facts further, Mr. Campbell on the day he bought the two sacks of flour in Bismarck obtained quotations from the state-owned mill at Drake on the price of No. 1 northern, also from the Russell Miller company, and these are the figures: State mill, \$2.08; Russell Miller company, \$2.21 per bushel.

State Flour Costs Most
And while the state-owned mill was buying its wheat at 15 cents a bushel less than the Russell Miller company was buying the same wheat, a Russell Miller standard patent flour was purchased for \$3.75 for a 49-pound sack and 50 pounds of state flour was purchased in bulk for \$4. It was purchased in bulk because the stockkeeper said they had no sacks for state flour.

On the same day that these transactions were taking place in Bismarck, the Fargo Courier-News, a Non-Partisan paper, carried an advertisement of a nationally advertised fancy patent flour at \$7.15 per hundred pounds.

This little state-owned mill at Drake also serves to illustrate the system of state control of manufacturing properties.

It was purchased by the state for \$20,000 after it had been run for years by a miller and his son. Now it is operated for the state by a man named McGovern, whose salary is \$5,000 a year, who has a secretary, an assistant manager and a host of assistants. From June 30, 1919, when the mill was taken over by the state, to March 3, 1920, a statement of payments made from the terminal elevator fund, from which it is financed, shows a total distribution of \$124,322.47.

Expenditures Noted.
Included in this are items of \$13,396, \$123.96 and \$505.95 to Tola King & Vay, a St. Paul, Minn., concern, which is the state miller for the state, and also one item of \$100,000 to J. A. McGovern, manager of the mill. The latter item is for the purpose of which is not set forth, but is probably to be used in financing the construction of the Grand Forks mill and elevator until the state bonds are paid.

Deducting this, however, the management of the little mill at Drake is a luxury, which if indulged in many times by the state would spell disaster, for the following authorized appraisal of the mill made February 21, 1920, indicates its size:

Real property.....	\$ 350.00
Land.....	14,622.45
Machinery and equip.....	19,570.00
Miscellaneous equip.....	1,423.00
Inventory.....	355,927.43
Personal property.....	
Wheat on hand.....	117,438.25
Flour on hand.....	24,792.75
Shorts and bran on hand.....	25,720.75
Coal on hand.....	117.50
Grain.....	25,900.00
Tools.....	300.00
Oil, bolts and miscel.....	150.00
Lanterns.....	150.00
Flour in storage.....	115,000.00
Accounts receivable.....	4,000.00
Total of all personal property.....	\$84,000.00
Total of all property.....	35,827.45
	\$120,351.45

Sack Item Counts Up.
It will be noted in this appraisal that this little mill has on hand \$19,000 worth of sacks, or more than the value of its stock of wheat. This sack item, too, was much discussed during the campaign as evidence of the unbusinesslike methods followed by the management of the mill. But while this might be an error of judgment, the fact that the mill paid less for the wheat it milled and sold its flour at a higher price than the flour of the commercial millers



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Officers Elected for Year and Astoria Is Selected for Convention in 1921.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Sixty Marshfield and North Bend automobiles made the closing day of the Spanish-American War Veterans and department of Oregon auxiliary of the United Spanish-American War Veterans a pleasant finish to several days of business and enjoyment for the 125 visitors from various sections of the state.

The afternoon's pilgrimage took the guests to Shoreacres and the numerous beaches and down the coast road for miles. They left for their homes tonight at 8 o'clock.

The only business today was installation of officers of both organizations, held in the armory building. The new officers of the veterans are: Clarence R. Hotchkiss, department commander; L. W. Hyde, Hillsboro, secretary; E. S. Hawker, Albany, treasurer. The officers of the auxiliary include: Sara S. Bodley, Portland, department president; Gertrude Wilson, Salem, vice-president; Eva Hyde, Hillsboro, junior vice-president; Helen M. Mahone, Portland, chaplain; Ruth Brandt, Salem, judge-advocate; Ida Klungensmith, Portland, historian; Nell Rekdahl, Portland, patriotic instructor; Florence Kumrow, Salem, conductor; Mrs. Manning, Portland, assistant conductor; Gertrude Wilson, Salem; Mayme Love, Portland, and Nell K. Rekdahl, Portland, were elected delegates to the national convention.

Astoria was selected for the 1921 session of the two orders. Mrs. Helen M. Mahone, retiring secretary, was

EDUCATOR IS DROWNED

Oakville Teacher Steps in Deep Hole While Wading.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 7.—(Special.)—William Spuler of Uniontown, Wash., was drowned yesterday afternoon while wading in the Chehalis river. Mr. and Mrs. Spuler and small son were spending the day in picnicking near the river. Mr. Spuler was wading when he stepped into a hole in the river bed. He was unable to swim and drowned before aid could reach him. The body was recovered, Mr. and Mrs. Spuler were spending the summer at the home of Mrs. Spuler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paul, at Oakville. Mr. Spuler was for four years a teacher in the Oakville schools.

Wahkiakum County Celebrates.

CATHLAMET, Wash., July 7.—(Special.)—Shamkawa played host for the eastern part of Wahkiakum county with a Fourth of July celebration. Good weather, a good crowd and unqualified hospitality made it a successful day. A parade was followed by patriotic exercises, an occasion by Rev. W. W. Head and a picnic dinner. Races and water sports and a dance in the evening completed the festivities.

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MAN 25, GIRL 15, ELOPE

Police Seek Williams on Contributing to Delinquency Charge.

EUGENE, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Aif Williams, logger, aged 25, and Bettie Ward, aged 15, both of Cottage Grove, eloped from that city Monday, in an automobile, and now the officers are seeking Williams on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

It is said that Williams asked the girl's parents for their consent to wed her, but upon refusal he declared he would marry her anyway, and that day the two disappeared.

Milk War at Standstill.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 7.—(Special.)—The milk war started late last week by the Grays Harbor Dairymen's association against the Satsop Farmers' Dairy association is at a standstill, the price remaining at 12 cents,

SERPENT ORDER ELECTS

Clarence Hotchkiss to Head State Branch of Organization.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—A meeting of the Military Order of the Serpent, a national organization which accepts only Spanish war veterans, was held here Monday. About 50 candidates were initiated. A street parade preceded the initiation ceremonies held in the armory.

A large number of veterans took part in the parade and some of the special features were a large serpent,

Cosmopolis to Be Paved.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 7.—(Special.)—Cosmopolis, adjoining Aberdeen on the south, has undertaken a large paving project and one that will place that town well in the forefront of communities of the state for amount of paved streets in proportion to total mileage. Contracts have already been signed for a total of five miles of walks and two miles of paved streets, according to a statement by Mayor W. J. Fadden. The paving will be started immediately and will be finished by the end of

Tacoma Legion Puts on Show.

TACOMA, Wash., July 7.—(Special.)—Between 28,000 and 40,000 persons were attracted to the Tacoma stadium last night by a patriotic entertainment staged by the American Legion. Paid admissions totaled \$11,337.29. Irving Ziegler, chairman of the legion committee, reported today.

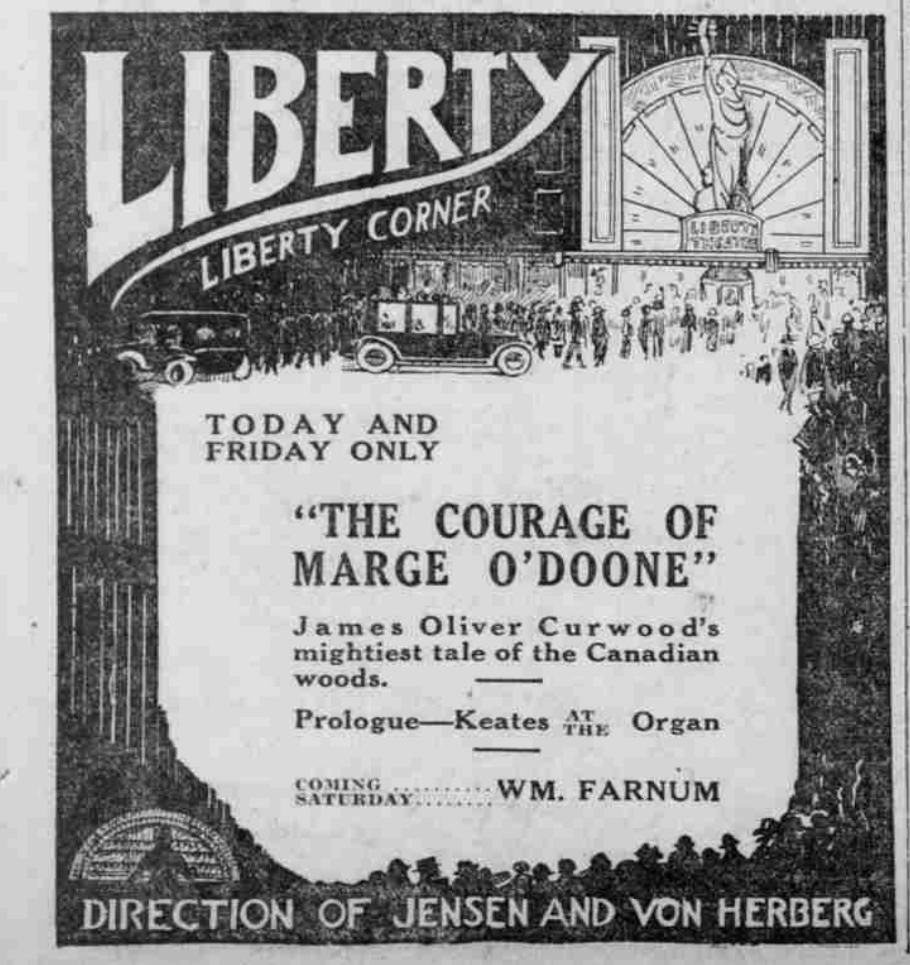
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