

CANNING INDUSTRY IS UNDER INQUIRY

Woman Investigator Says Conditions of Employment Are Wretchedly Poor.

TOTS WORK LONG HOURS

Employees Profess to Believe Little Children Are Only Accompanying Parents—Heavy Work Is Put on Women.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A pitiable picture of men, women and children of 5 and 6 years old, working under filthy conditions and living in squalid canning camps of the New York Fruit & Vegetable Canning Company was presented to the House rules committee today by Miss O'Reilly, social worker, and Frank C. Praete, investigator for the New York Labor Department. They supported a resolution introduced by Representative Allen, of Ohio, for investigation of conditions in the canning industry throughout the country.

Frank Gorrell, secretary of the National Canners Association, declared that his organization, representing from 70 to 75 per cent of the canning output of the country, invited the fullest investigation of conditions in the industry and would assist in the inquiry. The committee took the resolution under advisement.

Woman Investigator Works. Miss O'Reilly and Mr. Praete, from personal investigation of the canning camps in New York, gave the committee descriptions of horrible working conditions, filthy housing conditions and lack of sanitary equipment. Miss O'Reilly spent a month in the camp as a woman laborer. She shook with emotion as she described to the committee the plight of the little children sent into the camps to earn a few pennies a day.

"There are children in the camps 4 and 5 years old," she said, "and there are children of 10 and 11. There is no record of child labor and the employers maintain that the children go to the factories with their parents. I know of a camp where three children working together earned 50 cents a day. Working in the stripping shed, under the New York law, is not considered factory labor. Women in the camp are paid 1 cent a pound for stripping peaches. A strong, vigorous woman can strip about 50 or 60 pounds a day. A woman is paid \$1 a day for husking corn, but the work is heavy."

Children Work Long Hours. "I know two little Italian girls who are steady workers. They are sisters, 5 and 6 years old. In one cannery I visited five Italian boys from 15 to 17 years old worked 115 hours in one week. They ended the week by working from 7 o'clock Saturday morning until Sunday, never leaving the factory. One of the boys, Tommy Saccaro, refused to go back to the factory Monday morning."

"When his mother called him he waved her away, saying, 'I'm going to cut it out. There ain't no use, because there ain't no good.'"

"Did you say he worked 115 hours a week?" demanded one of the committee.

"Why, yes," returned Miss O'Reilly. "I know of women who have worked 120 hours a week, and girls of 15 and 18 who worked 20 hours a day."

Homes Not Fit for Pigs. Mr. Praete presented the report of his investigation of nearly 50 canning camps in New York State, including those at Webster, Lyons, Clyde, Marion, Rome and other places throughout the truck garden sections. His descriptions of housing and factory conditions, filthy shacks where the workers lived and of conditions of water and sanitation moved Representative Denver, of Ohio, to ask:

"Did you see these things yourself?"

"All of the statements made here are the result of my own investigation," returned Mr. Praete. "I could not find words to describe the conditions truly. Some of the places are so filthy that no pig would have been at home there."

WINTER COURSE POPULAR

Attendance of 304 Shown in Short Term Work at O. A. C.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, JAN. 11.—(Special.)

At the close of the first week of the winter short courses at Oregon Agricultural College, the registration shows an attendance of 304 winter students, 26 of whom were also in college during the summer. The faculty and demonstrators so arranged that one may take advantage of the work without entrance requirements, a large number of transients are expected during the remaining three weeks of the courses, which close Saturday, February 1.

A feature of the short-course work, which is attracting considerable attention, is the announcement of a two weeks' course in beekeeping, to begin January 20. The work is outlined for the specialist benefit of the general farmer and orchardist. The aim of the course will be to teach the people handling of bees with a view to securing the greatest return in honey and in rendering the service of the bees more effective in aiding the pollination of fruit blossoms.

SENIORS DEFEAT JUNIORS

Recall of Judges Is Question Debated at Corvallis School.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, JAN. 11.—(Special.)

The second preliminary debate in the Oregon Agricultural College inter-class championship series resulted in the seniors outgunning the juniors and establishing the proposition: "That the recall of the judiciary should be adopted by the several states of the Union."

On the senior team are: John E. Coater, Forest Grove; J. C. Gibbs, Grace, Idaho; and Arthur Chase, Corvallis. The junior debaters were Charles L. Hill, Berre, Ky.; Frank Keith, Hillsdale, and Henry O'Deen, of Portland. To decide the college championship the seniors will debate the freshmen some time next month on a question to be chosen in the near future.

COURT FLEES FROM OATHS

Vancouver Temple of Justice Made Blue by Woman.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Adeline Hutchinson

has been put under a bond of \$1000 to keep the peace for one year, because she threatened to shoot her former husband with a revolver, she pointed her finger at George Hutchinson, and with a volley of oaths, expressed her opinion of him. Judge, attorneys and spectators hurriedly left the room, leaving George Johnson, Deputy Sheriff, to battle with the woman with the uncontrollable tongue.

"I am compelled to inform you that this is in court, and that you must cease your boisterous talk," informed the officer.

"I don't care if it is," she quickly yelled back, with numerous adjectives. After threats and persuasion, she was finally quieted, and as she had no money, and no one to go her bonds, she was taken to the county jail, where she will be kept one year, unless she furnishes the required bail.

Recently Mrs. Hutchinson, thinking to get a settlement with her former husband, smashed his rig and stole a set of harness, for which she was fined \$50.

The woman first married a man named Gibson, but she learned that the man performing the ceremony was not a minister, nor was he authorized to perform a marriage ceremony. Later she was married to Hutchinson without the formality of a divorce from Gibson, and Hutchinson had the marriage

M'MINNVILLE COUPLE WHO CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Gortner.

set aside. Mrs. Hutchinson lives at Yacolt.

GOLDEN WEDDING HELD

M'MINNVILLE COUPLE CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Affair in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Gortner Takes Place at Home on January 8.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Gortner, celebrated their golden wedding at their home in McMinnville Wednesday, January 8, 1913. The home was decorated in yellow and white narcissus and Oregon grape. At 2 P. M. dinner was served. When all were seated around the table a French glass dish, burnt in gold, containing \$50 in gold coin was presented to the honored couple. At 5 P. M. the hour in which they were married 50 years ago, a "musical" was given.

M. U. Gortner and Miss Ella B. Webster were married in Muncy, Pa., January 8, 1863, and came west as far as Marysville, Ia., in 1865, where they lived nine years. They then moved to Oregon and settled in McMinnville, where they now reside.

Their children are: Mrs. Carrie Turner, of Portland, Or.; Mrs. Joseph A. Clark, of Glenn's Ferry, Idaho; Mrs. Nellie Rogers and Miss Sadie Gortner, of McMinnville, Or. The grand children are: Roy G. Chester and Horace E. Turner, of Portland, Or.; Leslie L. G. Clark, of Glenn's Ferry, Idaho; and Zouless Rogers, of McMinnville, Or. Those present at the golden wedding besides the children and grandchildren were: P. E. Rogers, Mrs. M. E. Derr, Miss Blanche Derr, Mr. and Mrs. Thighman Derr. These are all residents of McMinnville.

Piedmont Church Shows Growth.

Piedmont Presbyterian Church increased its membership last Sunday by the addition of 25 new members. The church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Snyder, is prospering most satisfactorily, and a new church building seems more than a possibility. The Sunday school, under the efficient superintendence of Christopher McRae, shows a good attendance.

Lane County Tax Levy 12 Mills.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The County Court today levied a tax of 12 mills for the use of the county for the coming year. This includes the state and general school taxes. In addition, will pay 15 mills for city purposes and 6 1/2 for schools, making a total of 33 1/2 mills.

Luther Warren, free lecture today 3 P. M. Woodcraft Hall, Tenth and Taylor.

CHEHALIS COUNTY PIONEER, BLIND FOR YEAR, RECOVERS SIGHT ON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



MR. AND MRS. F. M. WILSON.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Regaining his sight, which had been lost for more than a year, on the fifteenth anniversary of his wedding was the good fortune which befell F. M. Wilson, pioneer of Chehalis County, when a large number of citizens met with the family to celebrate the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married in Chico 50 years ago, both coming across the plains in 1860, driving ox teams.

Thirty years ago they came to Chehalis County, where they have since resided. More than a year ago Mr. Wilson's sight failed him. Two months ago his son, C. N. Wilson, took his aged parent to Portland to consult a specialist, and treatment given him brought back his sight. Mr. Wilson is 74 years old, and Mrs. Wilson 68. Five children, only two living, were born to the couple. The children both reside here, they being Mrs. Lydia Tuttle and C. N. Wilson, present County Commissioner and Councilman of Montesano.

CENTRAL PACIFIC BECOMES FACTOR

Tentative Harriman Settlement Proposes Transfer of Coast Outlet.

PROBLEM DEEPLY INVOLVED

Disposition of \$128,000,000 Southern Pacific Stock Now Held by Union Pacific Remains to Be Adjusted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Steps will be taken immediately by the Southern

Pacific Railroad to elect a board of directors, distinctly allied with that road, to represent it in the negotiations with Attorney-General Wickham for the formulation of a plan dissolving the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, in accordance with the decree of the Supreme Court.

This fact developed today after a conference of the Attorney-General and the protective committee of the Southern Pacific appointed to look after the road's interest in connection with the dissolution.

Because of the present large holdings of Southern Pacific stock by the Union Pacific, the board of directors of the Southern Pacific is regarded as largely representative of the Union Pacific interests. The Attorney-General desires to deal with men closely representing both roads, in order that he may have the benefit of the points of view of each interest concerned.

Tentative Solution Offered.

Today's conference between the Attorney-General, James N. Wallace, Albert H. Wiggin, Frederick Strauss, J. Horace Harding and Henry Evans, all of New York, was the first discussion the Attorney-General has had with representatives of the Southern Pacific since the decree of dissolution, the negotiations previously having been entirely with the Union Pacific interests.

Only the general phases of a tentative dissolution plan were considered today. Its principal feature, which the Attorney-General is understood to approve, is that the Southern Pacific turn over to the Union Pacific the Central Pacific line, which runs from Ogden to San Francisco. This line, the \$7,750,000 common and \$17,400,000 preferred stock, which is owned exclusively by the Southern Pacific, would give the Union Pacific an extension to the Pacific Coast. By the tentative proposition the transfer would be accomplished by the Union Pacific's surrendering to the Southern Pacific a part of the \$128,000,000 Southern Pacific stock now held by the Union Pacific and ordered relinquished by the Supreme Court.

A complication in this connection is the fact that the Central Pacific stock is now reserved as collateral for the Southern Pacific 4 per cent bonds.

Problem Much Involved.

If this exchange is agreed upon an involved problem faces the negotiators in reaching an agreement as to the disposition of the remainder of the \$128,000,000 of Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific. Officials of the Department of Justice concede that the Supreme Court's decision does not forbid the Union Pacific from distributing or selling a small part of these holdings to its stockholders. The Attorney-General maintains, however, that no substantial proportion can go to Union Pacific shareholders.

Conferees of the last few days have encouraged the Attorney-General to believe, it is said, that all the interested parties are disposed to make a serious effort to reach an agreement of dissolution for presentation to the courts for ratification. The Southern Pacific committee which presented no particular plan, but announced an attitude of study of the situation, returned to New York this afternoon for further conference.

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WIFE SOUGHT AS WITNESS

Portland Police Hesitate About Bringing Marsh Back.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The wife of R. H. Marsh, who is held in the county jail on request of Portland, Or., authorities, who declare Marsh has defrauded his wife of nearly \$10,000, is being sought in Los Angeles by the police of Portland. Marsh was arrested in Los Angeles on a telegraphic description from Portland several days ago. According to C. E. Baty, captain of Portland detectives, who arrived here today, Mrs. Marsh swore to a complaint charging Marsh with grand larceny and then left for Los Angeles. Baty followed as soon as announcement of arrest was made, but has been unable to find Mrs. Marsh, the complaining witness.

Inasmuch as conviction of Marsh in Oregon hangs entirely upon the testimony of his wife, the Northern detective feels doubt as to the wisdom of taking Marsh back until he has had an interview with Mrs. Marsh.

The Marshes were married in December in San Francisco, and a honeymoon trip took the pair to Portland. Mrs. Marsh said she gave him \$7000 and some jewelry. He was to rejoin her on December 21 but failed to appear and the warrant followed.

NEW RAILROAD PROJECTED

Northern Pacific's Map Shows Line From Kelso to Grays Harbor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—On the new map of the Northern Pacific Railroad, filed with the Washington Public Service Commission, is a projected line from Kelso, on the Columbia River, to Grays Harbor, by way of Willapa Harbor.

The road as outlined passes through Cathlamet, Skamokawa and Brookfield and along the east side of Willapa Harbor to a junction point just west of South Bend, where it will join the Central-South Bend branch. The line then proceeds from the junction point almost due north up the banks of North River, meeting the Olympia-Grays Harbor line at Comopols. This line if built as projected will mean the opening up of a vast territory now practically inaccessible, and will witness the first railroad construction in Wahkiakum County. The map gives the route, but no explanation is made in regard to the company's plans.

The map also shows the much-discussed Elsieburg-Cutville cutoff across the state, which if built means the Northern Pacific will have a shorter mileage from Puget Sound to Spokane than is now enjoyed by the Milwaukee line. The railroad also has sketched into the map an extension of the Sunnyside branch from Grand View to Gibbon, which would result in double tracking between Gibbon and Sunnyside Junction.

STEVENSON IS RENDEZVOUS

Elks Will Have Reunion and Dance Tomorrow Night.

STEVENSON, Wash., Jan. 11.—Arrangements have been completed by the Kamama County Elks' Club for the annual reunion and dance to be held here on Monday evening, and near-by cities and towns promise to send large delegations of Elks to attend the function. From Portland 25 Elks and their ladies have promised to attend, and about 40 couples will come from Vancouver. The Dailies Lodge is coming down by special steamer with 75 or 80 people.

The members of the local Elks' Club have secured the best and largest hall in the city for their reunion and this has been decorated for the event in the colors of the order, flowers and greenery. Refreshments will be served in rooms adjoining the ballroom and no guests of the club will be allowed to spend any money in the town, for the invitations state plainly:

"Leave your dress suits and money at home. We do not want the money, and dress suits will not be worn on this occasion."

Forest Grove Woman Supported.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—What was supposed to be a joke may turn out to be a concerted plan to defeat the mass-meeting candidate for Mayor, O. M. Sanford, at the city election to be held Monday. Considerable work is being done toward the securing of a large complimentary vote for Mrs. E. H. Coleman for Mayor. Active workers are distributing pledge cards, and the Elks have been given out, and from all reports a large number of promises of support have been secured. Mrs. Coleman has been an active worker for the cause of woman suffrage.

Forest Grove Contest Warm.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A lively contest for the office of City Recorder is expected at the city election to be held Monday. Considerable opposition has sprung up from the friends of the incumbent, M. R. Markham, against the nominee of the People's Ticket, Professor G. W. Harrington, of Pacific University. Markham's name appears on the ballot as an independent candidate, and he is making a strenuous campaign for the office.

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WOMAN MAKES CHARGE

SECRETARY FISHER AND SENATOR DIXON ACCUSED.

Mrs. Gray Says Indians Have Been Slain to Get Them Out of Way and Theft Perpetrated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Helen Pierce Gray, who as an investigator of Crow Indian affairs has been the center of more than one storm, created a tumultuous scene before the Senate Indian affairs committee today when she charged that Indians had been murdered to get them out of the way; that Secretary Fisher and Senator Dixon had made statements "deliberately untrue," and that if she had opportunity to produce all her evidence "Secretary Fisher would be connected up with one of the most gigantic steals going on in the United States today."

The Secretary and the Senator objected vigorously to her being permitted to make such general charges. Members of the committee demanded that Mrs. Gray produce her proofs, and Secretary Fisher agreed readily to produce any evidence in his possession. The hearing, which was on Senator Townsend's resolution to send the Crow records to the Department of Justice for investigation, went over to next week.

College Staff Increased.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The College of Music of Willamette University has increased its teaching corps by the addition of Miss Thelma Waters, of New York City, who will assist Mrs. Myrtle Long Mendenhall, head of the department of vocal instruction. Miss Waters is a contralto and in addition to a good preparation in this country studied for two years in Berlin.

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