

"PASSING THE BUCK" S OFFICIAL PASTIME

Washington Authorities Weary Those Who Have Business Dealings in Hand.

PUBLIC DRIVEN IN CIRCLES

Business Visitors Are Chased From One Department to Another and Their Time and Patience Wasted by Job Holders.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(Special.)—The great game of "passing the buck" is notoriously popular here in Washington but it is often that the public gets a detailed story of the manner in which it is played. Individuals—business men and others—who come to Washington to transact business with the Government, often relate to each other, sub rosa, the difficulties they have in locating the particular officer who is charged with assisting them upon their affairs.

The stories are pretty much alike—the seeker for authority is referred from one bureau to another, from one division to another, and from one department to another, until he is referred, through an almost endless labyrinth of office buildings.

Men tell their experiences to each other in confidence, for they dislike to run the risk of incurring the displeasure of some one with whom they may be compelled to deal in the future.

Middlemen Hog Hide Profits. But on the floor of the Senate the other day, Senator Curtis, of Kansas, gave an account of the manner in which the different departments and bureaus and commissions "passed the buck," much to the amusement of the Senate. Senator Borah had been telling of the extremely low price of hides, notwithstanding the high price of shoes and the fact that the farmers are compelled to take prices that hardly pay for skinning the animal.

He characterized this low price for hides and high price for shoes as not merely playing both ends against the middle but playing the middle against both ends. He intimated that it was a pretty clear case of exploitation in restraint of trade, somewhere.

Farmers Are Molested. In continuation of the same topic—the raw deal the farmer is getting out of the price-fixing programme—Senator Curtis read a letter, dated June 1, from a farmer who is now paying \$250 for a harvest which in 1915 he could buy for \$125, f. o. b. Chicago. Said Senator Curtis:

"The gentleman who sent me this letter and gave me the cost of farm machinery brought that question to the attention of the Federal Trade Commission. The Federal Trade Commission asked that they be sent information. The gentleman secured the information, giving the cost price of various articles of farm machinery in 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918. Then the matter was referred to the Food Commission. The Food Commission unanimously declared that the agricultural department, and the agricultural department in turn referred it back to Congress. It is a matter of fact, the Food Administration had jurisdiction, and the Federal Trade Commission could have proceeded to investigate and verify the figures and found true they could have caused the prosecution of the dealers under the Sherman anti-trust law. Instead of doing that, they sent this complaint around the circle and then brought it back to Congress."

Authority Hard to Find. The incident serves to illustrate the general rule which prevails in Washington, that a government official can find authority for the things he wants to do and can't find any authority for the things he would prefer to leave to some one else. The Food Administration had no express authority to fix the price of wheat—its only authority being to regulate the distribution of wheat for the benefit of the army and navy.

But under its system of licensing, the administration fixes the price of wheat and other commodities, and the wheat growers, licensees of offenders it is able to enforce observance of its orders.

Wheat Hit, Cotton Favored. In the course of the debate over the price of wheat, Senator Curtis, in a discussion of prices of hides and farm machinery was interrupted, Senator Norris, of Nebraska, commented on the fact that the three members of the conference committee who presented an agreement for an increase in the price of wheat to a basis of \$2.50 were from South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi, none of them wheat producing states.

"But they produce cotton," interrupted Polk, of Oregon. "And a smile went over the Senate, for it has become a standing joke that the administration is unable to find any authority or reason for a limitation of the price of cotton, though the price of wheat can be limited and changed at will."

LEGAL ASPECTS TALKED

OREGON CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES STATE LAWS.

Decision Reached to Introduce in Next Legislature Bills Concerning the Work of Society's Practitioners.

The legal aspects of practicing chiropractic were discussed at the meeting of the Oregon Chiropractic Association yesterday in the assembly room of the Portland Hotel. Just what chiropractic practitioners are allowed to do under the state law was decided and questions of legislation were discussed in detail.

The association decided to introduce new bills concerning the work of chiropractic practitioners in the next legislature. They wish to have the privilege of giving anesthetics, of using antiseptics and of continuing treatments of their patients who may be sent to county large state hospitals or asylums. They also wish specific authorization to sign death and birth certificates and to perform examinations for marriage certificates. They are not withheld from these acts at present, but they want authorization from the state.

There was much discussion of the meaning of the "chiropractic thrust," the adjustive manipulation, which is said to be distinctively a part of the chiropractic treatments. Dr. W. E. Slater defined the meaning of various chiropractic terms in his paper, "Chiropractic—What It Is, What It Is Not." Dr. W. B. Chandler spoke on "Chiropractic Technique"; Dr. C. W. Burr on "Differential Diagnosis"; Dr. J. B. Smith on "Diagnosis in Relation to Other Diag-

nosis Methods." Senator D. C. Lewis spoke on "Legislation"; B. F. Mulkey outlined the legal aspects of chiropractic.

Officers were elected at the business meeting yesterday afternoon as follows: President, Dr. J. E. LaValley; vice-president, Dr. Augustus Wehoffer; secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. L. Holloway; auditor, Dr. S. F. Grover. At 6:30 the annual banquet was held at the Portland Hotel.

Peter Stanovich Hoards Flour. ASTORIA, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The first prosecution locally by the Federal authorities for violating the food regulations came to light today when Peter Stanovich, of Clifton, was arrested on an indictment returned by the Federal grand jury at Portland, and charging him with hoarding flour.

The authorities state that 16 sacks of wheat flour were found at the Stanovich home. The defendant was arraigned before United States Commissioner Carney this afternoon and released under \$500 bonds to appear for trial.

Fat Purse Not Sufficient to Secure Divorce. Finlander Protests When Told He Must File Formal Complaint.

A MIDDLE-AGED Finlander walked into County Clerk Beveridge's office yesterday afternoon, carrying a well-laden purse from his pocket and calmly announced: "I want a divorce."

"But a deputy explained that it would be necessary to file a formal complaint in court and then proceed with the case in legal order."

"But the old man had agreed to quit living together and she's willing for me to get the divorce," he insisted.

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voice," the Finlander persisted. "We thought we could come up here and get it without having to pay these attorneys a lot of money."

"They don't do things that way in this country," the deputy told him. "Well," exclaimed the old man, "that's the way we got our divorce in the old country. If we agree to get a divorce we go tell the judge about it and he gives us the papers."

The Finlander just as carefully put his purse back in his pocket and shuffled back to the room, vowing that he would live with "the old woman" rather than pay some lawyer a fee for taking the necessary legal steps toward procuring a divorce decree.

Only three of the original 13 states ratified the Constitution of the United States unanimously: Delaware (the first to accept the Constitution), New Jersey and Georgia.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. WILL exchange for clear improved city property, 1/2 acre on Oregon Electric at 7th. Close to track; 6 acres in cultivation; no house. This is the piece of property for suburban home. 215 Washington Bldg.

SHEAFFER & BARON, late with Eilers & Co., have removed to 409 E. Main. All work guaranteed. Phone Main 507.

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6-ROOM house, concrete basement, 2 lots in fruit, berries and garden, walking distance to school. Call 1919. 6004 55th ave. S. E. Taylor 3469.

10-ROOM house, good condition. South Portland. Make offer. Owner, BC 274, Oregonian.

1017 MITCHELL, little six, run few thousand miles. In good condition. Call 1919. 6004 55th ave. S. E. Taylor 3469.

WANTED—A single driving harness; must be cheap car. Hater, Dayton, and Taylor. C. Underwood. Telephone before 1 P. M. Marshall 2474.

Small 4-room house, corner lot, 30 minutes out. Mount Steno. Owner, 6004 55th ave. S. E. Taylor 3469.

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JUST west of Laurelhurst, on Flinders, five-room bungalow. Terms. 285 Alder St.

ST. BERNARD, 1 year old, 150 lbs., a fine animal. 50th and E. E. Mount Scott car. Taylor 3469.

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2 MILES from Vancouver; 20 acres; 10 cleared, 5 acres clover, 1 acre potatoes, some water, ton has in barn, about 40 fruit trees; 7-room plastered house, good well; some machinery; for sale or trade. Price \$4000. AS 430, Oregonian.

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COMPETENT man and wife wanted; wife as manager of apartments, husband to assist working and cleaning; salary to assist. 730 Hoyt street.

NEWTON STATION, Long Beach—Very desirable 6-room house, white finish upstairs; cement basement, furnace and fireplace; Irvington, \$3500; all improvements paid for by owner. Call 1919. 6004 55th ave. S. E. Taylor 3469.

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ONE large front bedroom, furnished or unfurnished; could be used for office or keeping; in Rose City. Price \$100. Phone Taylor 3469.

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AN experienced woman or girl in sewing machine factory; 1000-11000 Broadway, E. 6823.

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TEAM and wagon, first-class condition, for sale or trade for good cow. Call 1112 E. 25th.

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FUNERAL NOTICES. MARSHALL—July 6, at his late residence, 1900 W. 10th, William B. Marshall, aged 77 years, beloved husband of Dorothy, son of Mrs. Anna Meyer, Baker City, Or.; Mr. Marshall, of the late firm of Marshall and Ralph Marshall, of this city.

Funeral services tomorrow (Monday), July 8, at 2 P. M., from Pearson Undertaking Co., 12th and Davis streets, to the cemetery. Interment Mount Scott Park Cemetery.

COLLINS—In this city, July 6, at his late residence, 611 E. 5th st. N. Harry E. Collins, aged 58 years, beloved husband of Mrs. Edith S. Collins, father of Robert E. Collins, of this city; son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Collins, of this city; brother of Mrs. Anna Meyer, Baker City, Or.; Mr. Collins, of the late firm of Marshall and Ralph Marshall, of this city.

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